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Emmanuel Newsflash

SPECIAL EDITION

TOMORROW NOVEMBER 28:



The poster features a festive design with a red Santa hat, holly leaves, and red berries at the top. The background is a light grey with a subtle snowflake pattern. The text is centered and uses various colors and fonts to create a visually appealing layout.

11th ANNUAL

COOKIE WALK

Saturday, Nov.28/20

10:00 A.M. TO NOON
at
Emmanuel United Church
William Street Entrance

The most delicious cookies and squares, ready
just in time for Christmas gifting and enjoying.
Come join the fun !

Cookies & squares can be pre-ordered by the half-dozen for curbside
pickup during sale hours. Phone 705-474-2116 to leave message and
contact number.

cookies \$8/doz
squares \$10/doz

Covid safety regs in place

CHURCH SERVICE: 10:30am SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020.

Service Presider: Elizabeth Henderson

Sunday Services are also available online:

YouTube: [Emmanuel United YouTube Channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNorthBay/)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/EUCNorthBay/>

Website: <http://www.emmanuelunitednorthbay.ca/online-services.html>

Twitter: https://twitter.com/emmanuel_united

A Message From Rev. Roni



Friends,

We are indeed, entering into an Advent season like no other.

COVID19 looms over us like a dark cloud and will change the way we celebrate Christmas this year. We know that a vaccine is coming, and we live in this uncertain time, where we need to heed the advice of our government and health officials and stay close to home, wash our hands often and wear a mask when we are outside of our homes and in other indoor settings. A week ago, our Chief medical officer in North Bay, advised us to treat each person you encounter outside of your bubble, as someone who may have COVID19. Given that many people do not present symptoms, we need to be alert and cautious as we wait. A recent statement from Canada's chief medical officer offered great hope, "I believe that this pandemic will end." We feel unsettled now and we have hope. The Advent season nurtures hope, peace, joy and love.

We live in nebulous times and Advent hope is more relevant than ever. We grieve all that we have lost and had to give up and advent promises us comfort and deep peace. We daily manage our anxieties and fears, as we anticipate the fulfillment of joy; the joy of the lord is our strength. We look forward to love being born in the world.

More than the warm glow of Christmas lights, glittering ornaments on a decorated Christmas tree, and glistening snow; the world needs Good news of Great Joy to all.



A dear friend and former senior colleague, wrote me a beautiful letter updating me about how their Christmas plans have been turned on its head, with a family plans being interrupted by this second wave and lockdowns in specific cities. She ended her message this way, "nevertheless, Christ will be born anew in our world again and the gifts of peace, hope, love and joy will be offered for us to receive and to give.

Many of us have commented that we can't wait for 2020 to be over. Perhaps, the gift of 2020 is a deepened faith!

I pray that you will continue to keep the spiritual practice of worship during this advent season. It will help you, spirit-willing in the dark days ahead. Please make four candles available so you can participate in the advent candle-lighting liturgy from the comfort of your own home. You may also wish to reserve a fifth Christ candle for Christmas Eve.



May your faith be renewed during this advent season! May the blessings of hope, peace, joy and love be yours! We look toward the birth of our Saviour as comfort and joy in turbulent times. Let's keep the faith together!

**In Christ's Service,
Rev. Roni**



Do not be dismayed at the brokenness of the world. All things break, and all things can be mended. Not with time, as they say, but with intention. So go! Love intentionally, extravagantly, unconditionally! The broken world waits in darkness for the light that is you.

L.R. Knost

Order your Christmas Gift cards through Emmanuel United Church, gift safely and at the same time the church gets a financial benefit.



December deadline is Dec 6th.

Contact the church office or Greg Wilcox gtwilcox96@gmail.com, to learn more about this wonderful opportunity.

Advent and Christmas Services 2020

Our Advent services begin at 10:30 am, compliant with COVID19 protocols.

Advent 1 Sunday November 29th : Psalm 80, Isaiah 64: 1-9, Mark 13: 24-37

Elizabeth Henderson will be leading the service, while Rev. Roni attends to a health concern. If you wish to have communion, on the First Sunday of Advent, you may gather your own elements: bread and juice, or crackers and chardonnay, or bagels and tea-or whatever other elements you choose and view the online communion service of Trinity United Church.

Advent 2 Sunday December 6th : Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13; Isaiah 40: 1-11; Mark 1:1-8

We remember that God promises comfort and peace to all people. Your white gifts of personal care items, or grocery store gift cards are welcomed.

Advent 3 Sunday December 13th : Psalm 126, Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11; Luke 1: 47-55

We celebrate Mary's joy and her strength that is found in the Lord.

Advent 4 Sunday December 20th : Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-26; Luke 1-26-38; Romans 16: 25-27

We reflect on the angel's message of love and the power of God's love that makes all things possible.

Christmas Eve Service begins at 4: 30 pm.

Isaiah 9: 2-7; Luke 2: 1-14, 15-20

We are working on the possibility of a safe Christmas Eve surprise, with more information to follow.



Sunday December 27th : Joint service with Trinity United Church. You may attend the service by phoning ahead and booking your spot. The service is live-streamed and available for viewing on YouTube.

Great worship guaranteed!



One of Advent's most prominent symbols is the candles lit at the beginning of each week. There are 3 purple or blue candles and one pink or rose candle -four total with one for each week. A fifth white candle may be added to be lit on Christmas day. Purple is a color often used in Christian traditions to emphasize penitence, fasting, and preparation. It is also used during the season of Lent. The pink candle is most often used on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday; although, some traditions light it on the final Sunday of Advent. At the beginning of each weekly service, a special ceremony is performed to light that week's candle. The candles' fires burn during the service so that by the end of Advent, all of the candles' lights shine.

In 2020 we encourage you to light the Advent Candles in your own home.

Please remember: you must phone the Office at 705-472-1806, by 12noon on the Friday before the Sunday service, to be added to the list of those who intend to come to the Church Service.

If emailing or leaving a message please be sure to leave your name, phone number, and how many people are in your "seating bubble".



Stain-glass Calendars

We are working on the possibility of a sale of calendars featuring our stained-glass windows. Details will follow later.

AVENUES FOR FINANCIALLY SUPPORTING EMMANUEL'S MINISTRY AND MISSION.

*AVGEN GIFT CARDS: **Next Order December 6th** (Contact-gtwilcox96@gmail.com or 705-303-4204)

*PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance)

*ONLINE GIVING (CanadaHelps.org from our Website)

*E-TRANSFER (From your personal online bank account to Brenda at euctreasurer@gmail.com)

From the Chair of Emmanuel Church Council:

"2020 is going to be so much better than 2019".

A statement that was often heard and no one truly knew how odd 2020 would be. 2020 has brought its challenges for everyone. At Emmanuel it's been a trying year. With in-person services having to be abruptly stopped to support our health system, Rev. Roni and others had to quickly adjust to digital services. This was a change, but this change allowed for great access. Now people from across the globe can worship virtually with us.

My childhood at Emmanuel was amazing. Running around the hall, riding on the moving boards, learning about Christ's love and how to help others, building teddy bears, and playing a three wise man in the annual children's Christmas pageant. Growing up in Emmanuel greatly impacted me. Now as Chair

of Church Council, Emmanuel is continuing to impact me but in different ways. Our council and all our committees have a fire under us to ensure that Emmanuel is the best it possibly can be. What to expect for 2021? Change and the unexpected. 2020 proved that any plans we make for the future need to be flexible. As of writing this, North Bay & Area are lucky to be in the green zone, but we need to stay vigilant or cases will rise and the church may be required to close unexpectedly. I want to encourage everyone to be safe this holiday season and remember to look after your physical and mental health. I look forward to working with Council in 2021.

Respectfully,
Phil (Phillip) Carmichael,
Chair of Emmanuel Church Council

****ATTENTION ALL LOVERS OF GIFT CARDS****

Dropping you a friendly reminder about Christmas gift cards through the Avgen program. So gift cards arrive on time the December order date deadline is the first Sunday in December, **December 6**. Gift cards for Christmas are the perfect, socially distanced gift choice in the middle of a pandemic!

No wandering in and out of stores risking contact with the Coronavirus. They mail easily to out of town relatives you may not be able to be physically present with this year. It hardly takes any time at all out of your day to order them, and they're a great support to Emmanuel United Church at the same time. Win! Win! Orders can be submitted by filling in an order form and dropping it in the box in the church lobby, or by email at gtwilcox96@gmail.com

*If you know someone who could use
the services of the
FOOD CUPBOARD
Please let them know that it is
OPEN THURSDAY 10am-11am*



Rev. Roni is offering a lectionary-based bible study on zoom during the season of advent, Thursdays at 2:00 pm. Texts for December 2nd are: Isaiah 40: 1-11, Mark 1: 1-8 and Psalm 85

Merry Christmas!



Powassan Pastoral Charge

Part time Secretary Required Approximately 16-18hrs/wk

A job description will be provided upon request.

For more information, please contact Randy Brousseau
@ 705-477-5534 or the Church office @ 705-724-2815

This is a permanent position starting in January 2021.

Please submit a letter of interest indicating your qualifications to
the Ministry and Personnel Committee care of
Powassan United Church 462 Main St Powassan ON P0H 1Z0
Applications must be received by Sunday December 13, 2020

"Known by Our Love"

**Emmanuel United Church shall be a caring,
welcoming faith community, nurturing
spiritual life and sharing God's love and
grace as experienced in Jesus Christ.**

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