

February 18, 2018

Weekly WORDS FROM THE MINISTER

The Rev. Rose Ann Vita

I found this inspiration in an old *Gathering* magazine. *Gathering* is a worship resource of the United Church of Canada. It is written by David Lander.

A boy who was visually impaired was flying a kite one day. Another child asked why he would fly a kite when he couldn't see it in the sky. The boy responded, "I maybe can't see it but I can feel it tugging." So, too, in many of the ways that we express love, it isn't necessary to see the results. We touch someone on the shoulder. We offer encouragement. We speak to a stranger. We offer loving constructive criticism. We support a refugee. We go to a child's or friend's hockey game. We offer food to the food bank. We support a charitable organization. We often cannot see the results, but we can feel the tug in our hearts.

Let's be aware and grateful for that many ways that we love one another.

~ Rose Ann

THIS WEEK AT EMMANUEL

SUN FEB 18	11:00 am Worship Jesus ~ God's Beloved 12:00 pm Transition Team
TUES FEB 20	12:00 pm UCW #2
WED FEB 21	10:00 am Exercise Group 7:00 pm Official Board
THURS FEB 22	10:00 am Senior's Sip'n'Talk 7:30 pm Senior Choir practice
SUN FEB 25	10:00 am Membership Meeting 11:00 am Worship We are God's Beloved Monthly Outreach of coin and food offerings to support Regeneration and St. Andrew's Food Cupboard 12:00 pm Transition Team

LOOKING FORWARD

THIS WEEK WE ARE PRAYING FOR . . .

This week, let us hold in our prayers and good intentions those of our Emmanuel Circle whose last name begins with the letter **G** . . .

Laurie Gallant
Vi Gelsinger
John and Linda Gignac
Regina Gordon
Margrit Gould
Noreen Grimbleby
Audrey Guild
Seymour Gullage
Ross and Betty Gunning

Transition Team – Sunday, February 25 following worship. The TT is excited about an idea that may facilitate Emmanuel becoming the community hub of the neighbourhood. If you are curious, you are welcome to come on Sunday. If there is enough support for this idea from the Board, the TT will make a presentation at the March 4th Annual Meeting.

Interested in Becoming a Member of Emmanuel United Church? Come to an introductory meeting on Sunday, February 25 from 10:00 to 10:30. Membership meetings will take place on Sundays, March 11, 18, and 25 from 10:00 to 10:30 with reception of new members at the 11AM Easter Worship Service. Please let me know of your interest. The Rev. Rose Ann Vita (647-763-0101 / emunitedminister@primus.ca or ravita.euc@gmail.com)

World Day of Prayer- St. Paul's Presbyterian Church is hosting the World Day of Prayer on Friday March 2nd at 7pm. If you are interested in planning or being a reader please join me. Vilia Fera

Need a Ride to Church?

No longer driving?

Do not have a car on Sundays?

Please let Diane Aikman know if you would like a ride.

We are trying to match drivers with people who would like a ride to church.

2017 Tax Receipts

It has come to my attention that the Givings received and recorded on the Count Program for December 31st, 2017 were dropped off of the respective "Official receipt for Income Tax purposes" which you may have picked up after church on January 28th. My apologies this has been corrected and a new statement is now available for pick up in the file box which will again be located in the

narthex or after service in the Hall. Givings received during services on the night of December 24th and December 31st are combined and recorded on line 14 of the weekly offering to Dec. 31st column.

Thank you Jim Carruthers

United Church Women--Save the day! We are celebrating Women at our church on Saturday, March 3rd. Like last year it will be from 10am to 3pm with the theme "Everything Old is New Again". Still in the planning stages but expect a visit from the Peel Historical Society, games, door prizes and fellowship. A quiche lunch is planned with tea in antique tea cups. (some older than me?) 48 tickets are printed and are available from your unit leaders. Hopefully a splendid time will be had by all!
Vilia Fera

What do you think? Will you be able to make it this year?

Attention: registration forms are now available for the final AGM for the **UCW Toronto Conference** April 30 & May 1. It is a full 2 day schedule at Scarborough Bluffs United Church with the option of staying overnight at the Best Western Plus. All the info is on the form which is available from Vilia Fera at Sip'n'Talk after church. (We can work out carpooling as well.) Thanks Vilia

Brochures for the **Holy Land Tour October 2-15** are available on the table across from the library or talk to Marjorie or Keith Knill 905-230-5560 or revmarj@rogers.com.

This Sunday's Service

Theme: My Beloved

Scripture: Mark 1:9-15

Greeters: Carol MacMurchy, Muriel Kirkpatrick

Scripture: Doug Winter

Call to Worship: Lorraine Houston

Music Ministry: Senior Choir, Colin Persad

PowerPoint: Linda Alexander

Sound: Henk Schenk

Counters: Group 6

Sip'n Talk: Happy Hearts, Janice Ireland, Grace Baboolal, Cathy Knight

Children are part of our worship! Crafts, books and soft toys are provided for their enjoyment at the entrance to the sanctuary (narthex)! Tables are set up and rocking chairs are provided for parents!

We also provide

- A nursery space for parents to be with very young children
- Hearing devices and large print bulletins
- Hard copies of *Worship Services & Weekly Announcements*. Contact the office if you would like to receive electronic copies.
- Copies of **"Our Daily Bread"** (a daily devotional booklet); *Daily Bread* is also available online at www.odb.org.

We hold in prayers all who are a part of this community of faith and beyond our doors. A Prayer List is posted outside the office doors. If someone should be added (with their permission), please contact the church office!

We pray for: Heather Locke who has been diagnosed with cancer
