

“We are called to be the church.” Over the last few days, this line from our United Church Creed has been a guiding beacon in our decisions at BUC.

As you already know, based on the best scientific evidence available to us, your Council has decided to suspend worship services and mid week church related gatherings for the next three weeks.

We did so out of respect for our neighbors, friends and family as our country and province strives to contain the spread of this virus.

BUC is working on a variety of ways that we can stay connected as the situation evolves. I will have office hours at the church from Monday to Friday 10:00AM till 1:00PM if you wish to drop by to talk or you can make an appointment for another time by contacting the church office. Over the next weeks we will continue to use Life and Work, our church website, Facebook and email to keep you as up to date as possible. Our pastoral care team is also available should you wish to talk.

In the coming week our church ministries will be exploring how we can continue to enrich our spiritual lives through mediation, Bible study and activities geared specifically for children and perhaps videos of sermons.

As our United Church moderator the Right Rev. Dr. Richard Bott wrote, “The church does not close, it is lived 24/7,” meaning that where ever we find ourselves, we are the body of Christ in the world.

As the body, the church of Christ, we can model His teachings and love when we are present to our neighbor:  
when we call to check in on them,  
when we share our resources, including toilet paper  
when we shut out the news, even for a little while,  
and take a Sabbath time of rest for our bodies, minds and souls.

The creed of our church also proclaims “We are not alone, we live in God’s world.” May we be gentle with one another and ourselves during this time and know that you are not alone.

Yours in Christ,

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