

April 17, 2020

Dear Friends.

In response to the emergency measures in place for Covid-19, our churches continue to remain closed at this time. We will re-open when it is safe to do so.

In the village of Delta, on Sundays starting at NOON, we will continue to ring the Bells at St. Paul's Anglican Church and the Delta United Church each 20 times. You are welcome to come and listen outside the churches, blow your horns and then sing "O Canada" if you would like. This is being done to show our gratitude to all the Front Line workers.

We also give thanks to all the Ministers who are posting their services on FB so we can follow along and continue as church. Thanks to **Pastor Brian Wheaton from the Delta Baptist Church, Rev Don Stiles from Seeleys Bay Pastoral Charge** and **Rev Takouhi from the Elgin-Portland Pastoral Charge**, to name a few.

We know that church is not a building and have realized that now more than ever since having to close our doors; but we also realize that being church is so much more. It is a place where we can gather together with our families and friends to worship God, to visit with each other over a cup of coffee or a meal and where we come to pray together.

We also thank the volunteers who are safely running the Food Bank out of the United Church Hall on the 2nd Tuesday of the month and then every other Tuesday thereafter. Thanks to Ada-Lyn and Karsyn and Mom Kaleigh for gathering food supplies and \$360 in donations, the shelves are now well stocked. Thanks to all who donated.

Something else that is our practise is to add people's names to our special prayer list; those who are having health issues, or perhaps someone they love is, or mourning the loss of a loved one or anything they would like special prayers for. We also celebrate good things that are happening as well. Your name will not be included without your consent so if you would like to be included or a loved one, please send a message to this page. We don't need to know why, just a name. In our prayers this week is Arvin Riskie.

So this week as the province starts to slowly open certain businesses let us pray that we will continue to follow the rules of self-distancing and pray that this virus shall soon pass. Amen!

Take care, stay home if you can, be safe! -- Cathy Livingston