

March 13, 2020

Dear members and guests of Sunnyside,

I write this and pray that these words from Psalm 62 may settle into your hearts: "For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken...Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us."

In view of the evolving COVID-19 situation and since, according to the Public Health Agency of Canada, social distancing may help slow the spread of the virus, we will take the following actions within our church, effective immediately:

- On-site Sunday worship gatherings are being moved online for March 15 and 22. (There will be no on-site gathering, only online gatherings at the usual Sunday service times.) **We will conduct two Zoom tests, this evening (March 13) at 7:30 p.m. and tomorrow (March 14) at 3 p.m. to trouble-shoot the technology.** Please check in for up to 15 minutes either this evening or tomorrow, or both!

To receive a link to join a Zoom test meeting, contact seniorpastor@sunnysidechurch.ca.

Matt Bellefeuille will host these trial runs, up to 15 minutes each, and would love to see you there.

- After working out bugs (we hope) during test runs this evening and tomorrow, Zoom links will be sent in a Saturday evening email to help you connect with **9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday services**. Please contact seniorpastor@sunnysidechurch.ca to ask for a link, indicating your preferred service time. We will meet for up to an hour for scripture reading, worship music, prayer and a talk relevant to our times (this week by Kerry Kronberg, next week by Paul Racine). Families, please gather around one computer. We have a Zoom license for 100 to join this meeting. Families around one computer count as one.
- Miranda Valentini will post some "church at home" resources Saturday afternoon on the Sunnyside Parents' Facebook and the general Sunnyside Facebook pages.
- **Youth group (March 17 and 24) and girls' club (March 25)** are also cancelled. This decision will be revisited by March 27. Matt Bellefeuille will be in touch with the youth and their families in his usual way.
- **For those in need and for those who'd like to help:** You may need help. And others may need your help. *Please reach out to familypastor@sunnysidechurch.ca to request a form through which you may indicate your need, specifically for a phone or internet check-in, for food, or for Zoom support. And please indicate your willingness to serve through phone or internet contact, food drop-offs, or Zoom support.* Miranda Valentini will facilitate these connections.
- It is good and important to **keep praying for and with each other**. Please direct your specific prayer requests to familypastor@sunnysidechurch.ca. Please indicate whether your request is for staff only or for wider circulation to our prayer team and church community.

- Decisions about **other small and mid-size group gatherings** in this two-week period will be made by each group leader and will be communicated directly to the group.

Please be in touch, with the church office@sunnysidechurch.ca, and with any one of us as needed. Thank you for your patience with glitches as we find our way forward during this time!

Let's allow this season to grow us in relationship with God and with each other. You are not alone!

Peace of Christ,

Pastor Kerry Kronberg with Pastor Miranda Valentini and Pastor Matt Bellefeuille (for the Sunnyside staff team)