

June 12, 2020

Dear Friends,

**Good things take time.**

Sunnyside staff and board are aware of Premier Ford's announcement last Monday, allowing churches to begin holding on-site Sunday worship gatherings at 30% capacity.

We are thinking of you and all members of our Sunnyside community, as well as those we care about beyond our immediate circles. When the time comes for us to be together in person under one roof, we want it to happen in a context of safety and unfettered worship: an experience where people feel welcome and honoured, and where we honour God with few distractions. We do not want to be so busy reopening that we stop living the mission of God, which is never frantic. May we be patient as we aim to truly be the church in yet another time of transition.

A transition team is in place to guide us. If you have any questions or concerns about this unique "re-entry" process, please direct them to the [Transition Team](#). The team's first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday.

May we remember what we said from the beginning of Covid-19. The church has not closed because the church is a people, not a building. We *are* the church: a people centred on Jesus Christ, sent by God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – to live Christ's life of love wherever we are.

It is important for the church to gather. In person is best. It will come. We will keep you informed as we consider next steps in all our ministries. *In the meantime, we gather on foreseeable Sundays via Zoom at 10 a.m.*

**Sunday Online Worship Gathering at 10 a.m.**

Jesus didn't teach about Stage 2 reopening! But he did tell his followers how to move about in cities and villages with his compassionate, good news agenda in mind. Our Sunday sermon will focus on keeping Jesus' way of love and life our top priority as we move into new versions of change and uncertainty. If we move too fast, we risk losing his perspective.

Please [contact me](#) to join our 10 a.m. service, either by phone or Zoom online conferencing.

For this week's scripture readings and other announcements, go to [Sunday's bulletin](#).

**Tuesday Prayer Gathering: June 16**

You are welcome to [submit your requests for prayer](#) in advance of Tuesday's meeting (11:30 a.m.).

A life of prayer remains core to our existence. If you would like to spend this summer personally growing in your prayer life, please [contact me](#) and I will be happy to suggest some resources to guide you.

**Staying on Mission: A concrete way to help serve over 100 people per day**

A couple of Sunday's back we heard from Keltie Davidson about her work as executive director of Capital City Mission, serving homeless and at-risk people in downtown Ottawa. Our youth group spent time hanging out with people in Capital City's drop-in before the virus.

Since the beginning of Covid-19, Keltie has almost single-handedly continued to serve food through a little window from their space on Rideau St., always keeping current protocols in mind. As restrictions loosen, a few volunteers help her.

How can you help? They need: cases of bottled water and juice boxes, granola bars and mini zip-lock bags of trail mix, individually packaged cookies (e.g., Dad's cookies), apples, oranges, bananas, fruit cups, apple sauce, and plastic spoons.

Items may be dropped off at 521 Rideau St. on Mon-Fri, 9:30am to 12 pm. Contact [Keltie Davidson](#) or 613-241-2407 with any questions.

This is a concrete way to be the church right now.

You continue to be on my mind and in my heart as we negotiate challenging days.

With love and prayers,

Pastor Kerry Kronberg (with the whole team)