

June 11, 2021

Dear Friends,

Change is on the horizon. At our recent Local Church Conference (aka annual general meeting) we talked about some of the dreams that are rising in our community. You asked to give input about gathering together. A survey has been circulated as we plan toward a mix of virtual and in-person times together through the summer. Please [email the church office](#) for a survey link. If all goes well, larger in-person Sunday gatherings will be possible in the fall. We also hope for growing flexibility to continue with community outreach and other weekday gatherings which are core to the life of our church.

We will never take time spent together for granted again, I hope. Since God is relational in essence, i.e., God is the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and since God created humans in God's image, it follows that we are beings-in-relation. No wonder this year has felt so bad; we're not meant to be alone. Though we've tried to maintain connection, there's nothing like in-the-flesh time together.

Sunday Online Worship Gathering at 10 a.m.

We look forward to hearing from Pastor Matt this week as he continues our sermon series based on the Apostle Paul's letter to the Galatians (3:1-18). Paul wants his listeners to get it: "the righteous will live by faith." (3:11) No amount of striving, being right, looking good or doing the right thing will get us ahead with God. Relationship is what God is after. God desires us. Fullness of life comes from connection with God, the source of life.

Please bring juice and bread to this meeting prepared to celebrate Communion. Through Christ, we are one with God, reconciled with one another, and at peace within ourselves. Our Communion gathering is an act of living remembrance and anticipation: "For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." (1 Cor. 11:26) In a sense, we raise a glass to what Christ has done, is doing, and will do. We believe Christ's death and resurrection has changed how we die and how we live.

Please [email me](#) for a link to the online service.

*Please join the Zoom meeting after 9:30 a.m. to avoid problems entering.

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

Sunday School for grades 4-6 (June 13 at 11:15 a.m.)

Please [email our pastor of family ministries](#) for a link to 'send' your child to Sunday School (grades 4-6) at 11:15 a.m.

Next Prayer Gathering

Our prayer team will meet next in just over a week on June 22.

Meet Nathan Huff: Pastor of Spiritual Formation (with a major in youth ministries)

I am pleased to announce that Nathan Huff will join us on July 5th as a new full-time member of our pastoral team. Here's [Nathan's picture and letter of introduction](#). Nathan and his wife, Sammantha, are in the middle of finding a place to live in Ottawa. They will be moving from Callander, Ontario.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13)

With love and prayers,

Pastor Kerry Kronberg (with the whole team)