

Life and Work – March 20, 2022

St. James' Public Health Notice: March 17, 2022

Office - Now that Public Health restrictions have been lifted, St. James will be taking a cautious approach toward our "new normal". Public Health is still strongly recommending wearing masks, so we ask people to wear masks when entering or exiting the building and visiting the office or any part of the building for any purpose.

Groups - In addition to wearing masks, until further notice, groups or committees who use the building are asked to continue to sanitize the room's items touched, following their meetings. Each group will decide their own protocols for participation in their activities and events according to their participants' comfort level and agreement.

Worship - For worship, we strongly recommend wearing masks while entering, exiting, or moving around the building and while singing. Masks can be removed while seated. The choir/soloists can remove masks for singing as has been the practice. Social distancing is encouraged. Registration and assigned seating are no longer required for Sunday Service, with the exception of the upcoming Annual Congregation Meeting that will be held on Sunday, March 27.

Registration Info: Call 700-6064 Monday - Friday from 11am-4pm to register for the Annual Congregation Meeting. You can leave a message with your name, number of guests, and contact number and you will be registered to attend the meeting.

These provisions are in place as "an abundance of caution" and will be reviewed in 30 days. Thank you for your usual co-operation and understanding.

Marilyn Adams, Council Chair

Minister News

Weekly Lenten Practice: Each Wednesday, join in a spiritual practice with communion. This week we will be experiencing centering prayer.

Easter Vigil: This year we are introducing an Easter Vigil service on Holy Saturday evening at 7:30pm. Join us for a service of reflection and light. We will take time to mourn with the disciples of Jesus and listen to our ancient story of faith. The service includes a gathering around fire, renewing of baptismal promises and sharing in communion. This service is new to many of us, but it is the church's oldest Easter celebration, extending back to the earliest centuries of Christianity.

Did you know you can attend General Council 44 as a visitor?

With this year's General Council all online and spread out between now and August, you can get involved in a number of ways.

Please visit this website if you would like to register as a visitor: <https://pheedloop.com/register/UCGC44/attendee/>

You can also watch online through the United Church's YouTube channel and follow the news via the website: <https://generalcouncil44.ca/>

St. James Diversity Committee is looking for new members!

If you are interested in promoting diversity and inclusion within the church then this is the committee for you. The diversity committee is the organizing body behind such events as the diversity fair and the affirming process. If you would like to join or would just like some more info email Hannah at hdcshppard@mun.ca