

Message to Our McDougall Family

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“O for a world where love is lived”, familiar words from a very favorite hymn of mine. We are certainly living in a time in our world where love is living and needs to live. We are working to share that love in creative ways.

Worship at McDougall: We are working toward offering worship electronically for those who do technology and by Conference Call for those who do not.

This Sunday, March 22: Zoom and Conference call: We will be meeting by Zoom and telephone. Please see the message from the Council for more information.

Live Streaming: We will also work toward live streaming worship in the following weeks. We invite you as well to check out the United Church of Canada website (united-church.ca) where our Moderator, The Right Reverend Richard Bott, is offering prayer and worship.

Please rest assured that no one need be alone: We recognize too, that this is a frightening time, anxiety is elevated sometimes to the point of panic. We are arranging Pastoral Care by telephone for all those who are shut in and all those who may not use social media. Thank you to Dolores and Shauna for very quickly updating our Church Directory to enable calls to happen.

Volunteers will be helping: Along with the members of our Pastoral Care Team, we will be asking for volunteers to help with calling. We also invite you all to call the office if you are in need of pastoral care, a listening ear, someone to cry with, someone to laugh with, someone to pray with you, or someone to have coffee with over the phone. Messages will be monitored regularly.

Weekly Zoom meeting: We will also be making available a weekly, Zoom meeting for anyone to attend to have questions answered, share their concerns, share ideas that may be helpful for those who need to self-isolate, just some time for plain old everyday living, everyday loving. Again, please see the information provided by the Council for the meeting time.

Living through this and moving toward healing: My eyes are tear-filled, my heart is aching because I can't fix this. None of us can. But together, we can prevent the spread and together we can provide ways and means of living through this and move toward healing.

May we truly live and practice the ministry of all believers to create that world where love is lived for the good of all humanity. May we remember the words of our Creed: We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God, the God who made love known through the gift of Jesus, who came to show us how to live God's love. God is with us. We are with each other even when we aren't able to be together. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. ~ MaryAnn

