

## April Council Report 2021

Our April St. Paul's United Church Council met on Tuesday April 20, 2021 via Zoom meeting.

As promised to our congregation we would review any possibility of reopening our church for live services once again. As most are aware our Provincial Government has limited the number of people allowed in any church to a maximum of 10 persons. In addition to the provincial directive, and reports from the South Western Public Health Authorities at the time of writing this report Tillsonburg has 27 reported cases of Covid 19, and the variance province wide is on the increase.

In the end it was the decision of Church Council to postpone any church in house services until we review the Covid 19 situation at our SEPTEMBER Council meeting. Our overall decision was to ensure the safety of our congregation, and to give time for more people to receive their vaccination.

Tillsonburg now has 5 vaccination locations so from Council we urge everyone to get your vaccination in order to help lower covid numbers, and obviously to wear masks, and respect social distancing.

On a positive note we have been LIVE STREAMING our Sunday 10:30 a.m. Church services since March 21<sup>st</sup>. If you miss the live service you can watch the service on our YOUTUBE channel later that day.

If you wish we also upload our services on USB memory sticks that can be used on tablets, or any system that accepts USB sticks. Please advise our church office if you or anyone else would like to use one of these returnable USB systems. They are very easy to use.

Messy Church are still delivering craft packages to the door steps of our children and certainly is appreciated because it is a way of keeping in contact with our children.

Community Kitchen has been providing prepackaged hot meals all winter to the less fortunate people in our community as part of our community outreach program. As of April 24<sup>th</sup> this program will be halted until the fall.

Laurie Drew once again provides our financial statements for the month as well as our year to date statements. These profit and loss statements are thoroughly reviewed by all members of council with discussions on church giving's, investments, and detailed expenses. Again, Council wants to thank everyone for your weekly and monthly giving's during the difficult times when our church is not open for services. We encourage anyone who is not on PAR to consider making your donations to the church in this way. For those who deliver your church envelopes to the church we truly appreciate your dedication to St. Paul's.

Our UCW had a very successful chocolate drive, and have just completed their geranium sales. Thank you to everyone who supported the ladies of our church.

If you would like to provide flowers for Sunday services for Special occasions please contact the church office who will inform our Worship Committee, and a member of this committee will contact you as to the availability of a particular Sunday. Flowers are then donated, and delivered to shut in members of our congregation to enjoy.

Submitted respectfully,

Reg Butcher- Chair