

**REACHING OUT to the St. Paul's Family**

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**Remember to:**

**SELF-ISOLATE – STAY HOME - STAY SAFE - STAY HEALTHY**

The Crisis Team met by Conference Call this afternoon and want to share the following updates with you.

1. We continue to monitor the directives from the Federal Government, the Provincial Government and the Health Officials. In addition, on Tuesday a very clear message was circulated from Rev. Cheryl-Ann Sampa – Executive Minister of Antler River Watershed Region.
2. To comply with these bodies – our building will remain closed indefinitely. We will continue to keep you informed when there are any changes. Please disregard the rumours - we are taking our direction and make decisions based on the facts from official sources.
3. With these changes there will be no services during Holy Week or on Easter Sunday.
4. Rev. Karlene will prepare some meditations for Easter and these will be sent by email.
5. There have been discussions about taping a service. We are continuing to explore this and other ways to “minister” to our church family and will update you.
6. Rev Karlene is working from home making Pastoral Care calls as necessary and contacting others as requested.
7. The Crisis Team decided St. Paul's will continue to pay the staff. We have an obligation to the staff and will continue to honour that.
8. In a message from Rev. Cheryl-Ann, yesterday she was very clear no one is to be in the building. The custodian can check the building. Her closing

sentence says *"It's time to be compliant not defiant"*. This sounds very harsh however drastic times require drastic action. St. Paul's must be compliant.

9. Remember that our expenses continue. Therefore, we ask you to remember your financial commitment to St. Paul's. We are a member of a non-profit company called CanadaHelps a company that collects money for charities. As an individual you can make donations by credit card. They will be credited to St. Paul's

Go to [www.canadahelps.ca](http://www.canadahelps.ca) Type in St. Paul's United Church Tillsonburg ON (no commas) and ENTER

Then scroll down and click on church name DONATE NOW and enter credit card info.

For further info/clarification about CanadaHelps contact the church treasurer Laurie Drew at 519-842-8786 or email [lauriedrew@rogers.com](mailto:lauriedrew@rogers.com)

Cheques may still be dropped in the secure box at the Bidwell St entrance. It is checked regularly by authorized staff.

10. Both Karlene and Mary Anne are attending regular information conference call meetings sponsored by Antler River Watershed Regional Council.
11. Remember to stay safe. Check on others, particularly the neighbour who is alone and lives near you. Make a list of some people who would be happy to chat. Make some phone calls to check in with others. Share this email. Stay connected with family and friends. Stay home practice self isolation in you have been out of country. Take care of yourself and others --- from a distance. Stay healthy.

God Bless each of you as you and your family move through these unprecedented times. God will take care of you!!!!

**Your Crisis Team,**

**Rev. Karlene, Reg, Mary Anne, Brian, Dave R, Laurie**

**Debbie sent her regrets today.**