

Westminster United Church

Weekly Newsletter March 26th, 2020

What a week it has been! Every day we seem to see more closures, higher numbers, and our world gets a little bit more restricted and scarier. It is a time when we could really use the comfort of our church community and yet we must stay a safe distance from each other. So I thought I would send out a weekly newsletter to keep you informed and encouraged until such time as we are able to be together in person.

Sanctuary worship has been canceled, but I am recording worship and posting a link on our church website, www.westminsteruc.com. Each week I hope the video gets better as I fine tune things; I know last week the sound was a bit echoey and I am hoping to remedy that for this Sunday. Because it is recorded, you don't have to be online at a certain time to watch; this way, you can do it on your own time when it best suits you.

It doesn't look like we will be in person for Easter service, so I am asking a favour of as many of you as can...I am attaching a pdf document that is a picture of an Easter egg. I would like as many people as are able to print it, colour it, cut it out and place it in your window. I have sent it also to other churches in Medicine Hat and I am hoping that they also take part and we can have a different type of egg hunt this year as people walk or drive around their neighbourhood looking for "eggs".

I was part of a town hall conference call today with the Premier, Minister of Health, and Dr. Hinshaw, and one of the things that I took away from that meeting was the request to offer accurate information to our church members. If you are looking for information on the Covid 19 virus, please check out the Alberta Health site; some other sites are posting misinformation that may just make people more confused and worried. The link to that site is:

<https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans>

This will give up to date, accurate information on the current status of the province regarding the virus.

I know this is also a difficult time for many families financially, but if members are still able to support the work of the church, they're encouraged to mail contributions or place envelopes in church drop slot. PAR is also an efficient delivery method; for more information on pre-arranged PAR payments, please contact Al Olson: carolaolson@shaw.ca

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