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| |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Q: How do you find communities of faith near you? How do you contact people in a neighbouring charge? A: Go to the [About HFRC](https://hfrcucc.ca/about-hfrc/) page and [click on the map](https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1Py6q1hNETgyUhB8Em1ugqxesPTyVJ2kD&ll=43.11883626130213%2C-80.0704158546875&z=9)! | | | |
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Gradually**  Consult the [Stage 2: New Provincial Guidelines](https://mailchi.mp/bb609910d1fb/stage-2-new-provincial-guidelines?e=92e2d72e80) newsletter which went out June 9 and includes guidelines on the following community of faith concerns: | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Is your building ready? Are your worship plans in place? Is the congregation ready? Celebrating Communion |  |  | | --- | | Providing Pastoral Care Rethinking Church Welcoming Tenants Staff Expectations | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Regularly check the Province of Ontario guidelines, the official source at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/reopening-ontario>. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [https://mcusercontent.com/f61273749cb51631850ac8b12/images/5670e27b-9d9e-458e-ba46-e60d1bcb49c2.jpg](https://www.ontario.ca/page/reopening-ontario) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | In Stage 2, this means that places of worship will be able to open to 30% capacity and gatherings can increase to ten people - with social distancing. You may be aware of these recent changes but there will probably be questions of clarification regarding those whom we serve.  Resources can also be found on the regional council website COVID-19 Pandemic page at <https://hfrcucc.ca/covid-19-pandemic-resources/>.   * [Caring for Our Community - A Return To The Workplace Roadmap](https://mcusercontent.com/f61273749cb51631850ac8b12/files/674f987f-d6f4-4c17-b5bc-19f6073c7449/Caring_for_Our_Community_A_Return_To_The_Workplace_Roadmap.pdf) * [WHO Getting Workplace Ready for COVID-19](https://mcusercontent.com/f61273749cb51631850ac8b12/files/4d2355c7-2649-421a-bb9d-23c115cfbdab/WHO_getting_workplace_ready_for_covid_19_WHO.pdf) * [Hand Washing Poster](https://mcusercontent.com/f61273749cb51631850ac8b12/files/73a3c252-76eb-4510-a92e-c77fd315867f/Hand_Washing_Poster.pdf) * [CBC Health News](https://www.cbc.ca/news/health) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **A Prayer for the Helpers** | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/f61273749cb51631850ac8b12/images/c70ca268-f797-409f-b315-bcab80be8510.jpg |  |  | | --- | | During our weekly team meeting at the end of May, regional staff prayed the following [Prayer for the Helpers](https://mcusercontent.com/f61273749cb51631850ac8b12/files/5ca81c54-a50e-40d7-aa4f-50f7ee7ac5ea/A_Prayer_for_the_Helpers.docx). We invite you to use this in private times of prayer, and in public worship, as is meaningful to you. You may wish to pray it all at once or break it up for use over a few days/weeks. Perhaps you will think of helpers to add and keep the prayer going! | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Canada Emergency Rent Relief** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Any congregation with tenants who have extensive and primarily exclusive use of certain space as set out in a lease or rental agreement may be eligible for the rental support program. Please note this does not apply to occasional users.  This covers situations where space may be rented to a not-for-profit organization or a day care or preschool. The renter must demonstrate a 30% reduction in income and the landlord (congregation) must forgive 25% of the rent. Check out the [government website for more details](https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/finance-and-investing/covid19-cecra-small-business). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Funding Ministry in a Covid-19 World** | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/f61273749cb51631850ac8b12/images/db181e13-c4bf-491f-a957-5dc59bee3cd0.jpg |  |  | | --- | | What happens when the church dinner is cancelled? How do we inspire and invite people outside the congregation to support ministry? Where can we get information and share fundraising ideas? | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | We gathered ideas, questions and wonderings in a webinar and brainstorming session that was hosted by [Dave Jagger](mailto:DJagger@united-church.ca), Stewardship and Gifts Officer and [Lynne Allin](mailto:LAllin@united-church.ca), Minister for Congregational Support & Mission. This offering was recorded and you can share [**Funding Ministry in a Covid-19 World**](https://hfrcucc.ca/covid-19-pandemic-resources/) here: | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [https://mcusercontent.com/f61273749cb51631850ac8b12/video_thumbnails_new/04e9204bb2b5dd1d82876aa000780821.png](https://youtu.be/hyxQa3hQkao) | | **Funding Ministry in a Covid 19 World** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Congregational Programming During a Pandemic Webinars** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | The Congregational Programming During a Pandemic webinars at [United in Learning](https://www.united-in-learning.com/) held on May 28 and June 4 have been very informative. These webinars were recorded and are available if you would like to [view them](https://www.united-in-learning.com/index.php/webinars/recordings).  Keep checking the [United in Learning](https://www.united-in-learning.com/) page to stay up to date on upcoming webinars. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Note from Nora Sanders on Re-Opening** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | General Secretary Nora Sanders offers some wisdom on returning to the office. Read the [entire letter](https://mcusercontent.com/f61273749cb51631850ac8b12/files/f03da23c-aa1e-4e22-a879-34c6223a2925/Note_about_Returning_to_the_Office.pdf) here. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Offering Recommendations for In-Person Worship** | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/f61273749cb51631850ac8b12/images/7cc80dd5-b120-47a4-bfce-f54f7f0ca866.jpg |  |  | | --- | | These [recommendations](https://mcusercontent.com/f61273749cb51631850ac8b12/files/4e175293-796e-4099-8d89-32365716ba58/Offering_Recommendations.pdf) are from the Philanthropy Unit about the offering as congregations plan to return to in-person worship. As in-person worship resumes, the challenges of controlling personal contact in order to limit possible disease sharing is critical.  ***“Business as usual” will not be possible.***  Some practices can be modified. Some practices will need to end. Some new practices will need to be created. This is a good time to review your entire worship experience, from curb to curb. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Staying Healthy** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | To prevent exposure to a range of illnesses, including coronaviruses, the World Health Organization and other public health organizations suggest these best practices to limit exposure to germs and viruses: | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | * Wash hands often with soap and water (for at least 15-20 seconds); use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer when handwashing isn’t possible. * Avoid touching the eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands. * Avoid close contact with people who are ill. * Cover coughs or sneezes with a tissue, then immediately throw the tissue in the garbage and wash hands. |  |  | | --- | | * If there is no tissue available, sneeze or cough into one's sleeve or arm, not one's hand. * Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects/surfaces at work and home, including phones, keyboards, remote controls, door knobs, and handles. Wash hand towels more frequently. * Stay home when ill. * For public transit users—wear gloves on transit and wash those gloves if you can! | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **The Government of Ontario** has recently launched this website with [up-to-date information about coronavirus](https://www.ontario.ca/page/how-ontario-is-responding-covid-19) in the province. **The World Health Organization** offers advice for the public about the [coronavirus](https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public). See also the **Canadian Red Cross'**tips for [flu prevention](https://www.redcross.ca/training-and-certification/first-aid-tips-and-resources/first-aid-tips/flu-prevention).  This Message Brought to You By Aimee Gavin, Editor/Project Coordinator and Your friendly neighbourhood Health & Safety Committee. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **We made the UCC news!** | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/f61273749cb51631850ac8b12/images/b5025fdc-28bd-4a82-81b8-201ab445a72b.jpg |  |  | | --- | | Find out [what we did that made the news](https://www.united-church.ca/stories/generosity-takes-flight-during-pandemic) on the United Church website. Positive changes caused by the pandemic supported others at risk.  We made a difference! | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Pre-Authorized Remittance Update** | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/f61273749cb51631850ac8b12/images/30311b64-1f7a-4d05-ab0e-b7c84f024261.jpg |  |  | | --- | | Stewardship & Gifts Officer, Dave Jagger, says, "[The numbers prove it!](https://mcusercontent.com/f61273749cb51631850ac8b12/files/024e1ea9-3a2d-4d74-a5b8-125bf31ade92/PAR_update_June_2020_HF.pdf)" The total number of PAR donors in our regional council has increased by 38 from January to May of this year! That means your efforts have produced an increase of $6,627.72 to enable God’s mission across your region and $236.10 for the wider Mission & Service we can only do together! | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | In follow-up to a helpful question from a community of faith, we checked with an insurance company concerning re-opening. Insurance coverage is in place provided provincial and public health guidelines are being met. The people entrusted with developing the re-opening plan are encouraged to track provincial and public health regulations and to document the steps being taken to meet them. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Discernment Volunteer Opportunity** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | The SW Ontario Candidacy Board is [looking for volunteers](https://mcusercontent.com/f61273749cb51631850ac8b12/files/e39d37b3-745f-4653-8e77-7ace2f2b2665/Discernment_Help_Wanted_May_2020.pdf) (lay members and ministry personnel – variety is key!) to be members of ad hoc discernment committees. The skills we are seeking include:   * secure in their faith and willing to discuss faith issues * tolerant and sensitive to other faith perspectives * good listeners * able to ask questions in an inviting way * knowledgeable about the United Church and the role of ministry * able to express support & yet have the ability to evaluate & make decisions   If this is of interest to you, read the entire description, and send an [email](mailto:TCameron@united-church.ca). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Books on Anti-Racism** | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/f61273749cb51631850ac8b12/images/2afb87c6-03f6-4498-9c3d-3ae77628e29a.jpg |  |  | | --- | | Many of us have been seeking out books and resources to better educate ourselves on how to be anti-racist and become better allies. The United Church Bookstore carries a variety of volumes that you may find useful in doing this work. Go to the [UCRD Bookstore](https://ucrdstore.ca/) to find resources for this topic as well as for Indigenous subjects. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **On June 21, Indigenous Day of Prayer**, please remember the 5th anniversary of the [TRC Calls to Action](https://www.united-church.ca/social-action/justice-initiatives/truth-and-reconciliation-commission) and commit to the ongoing work of reconciliation in one of our two new orders of service, [Seven Grandfather Teachings](https://www.united-church.ca/worship-special-days/indigenous-day-prayer)by Indigenous writer Deb Anderson-Pratt, or [Covenant of Reconciliation](https://www.united-church.ca/worship-special-days/indigenous-day-prayer) by non-Indigenous writer Carolyn Wilson Wynne. Additional information about Indigenous Day of Prayer and its significance in the United Church can be found at [Why an Indigenous Day of Prayer?](https://www.united-church.ca/blogs/round-table/why-indigenous-day-prayer) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Black Lives Matter and the Kitchener Protest** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | In a new blog post, [Rev. Dr. Paul Douglas Walfall calls on White people](https://mcusercontent.com/f61273749cb51631850ac8b12/files/ad85f921-f397-4af7-abcb-4a81ac9bd2ee/Dear_White_People.docx) in the church to put their love into action to counteract racism. "Confronting racism is an act of love," writes Walfall, "When you love, you treat every person with dignity, as all people are created in the image of God." | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/f61273749cb51631850ac8b12/images/342e67c9-efb2-4622-9aeb-03096829d8e4.jpg | | This week Moderator Richard Bott made a statement of commitment naming the reality of anti-Black racism, along with the Primate of the Anglican Church and the Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Scaffolded Anti-Racist Resources:](https://mcusercontent.com/f61273749cb51631850ac8b12/files/31fe7fc1-130e-4ca7-9e56-cdc97365ebf8/Scaffolded_Anti_Racist_Resources.docx)The goal of this comprehensive resource is to facilitate growth for white folks to become allies, and eventually accomplices for anti-racist work. These resources have been ordered in an attempt to make them more accessible. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **United Action for Justice** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | This issue of [United Action for Justice](https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/files/d3f9eaba-d45b-4b12-b5b4-134427d232e1/United_Action_for_Justice.docx) covers Racism in Their Midst, Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action, Peace on the Korean Peninsula and Corporate Accountability.  **Get your own!** Sign up for these [United Church newsletters](https://united-church.us3.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=ff2087d5fde243a770ed893a8&id=53a49c9e28) and don't miss an issue: E-ssentials, Note from Nora, God's Mission, Our Gifts: Philanthropy e-News, United Action for Justice, Faith in Action, Living into Right Relations, Embracing the Spirit and others.  [Affirm United/ S'affirmer Ensemble](https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/files/62e001cf-e90c-464b-9223-84af210206bd/Affirm_United_S_affirmer_Ensemble.docx):  Catch up on the work being done across the country. Did you know that June is Pride Month? | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Children & Youth Ministry Updates** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Children and youth ministry leadership have been gathering via zoom over the past few weeks with Kathy Douglas, Regional Faith Formation Minister. There has been rich discussion and wonderful community building in sharing connection. For a summary of [this information](https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/files/ef50cb1a-123f-4e3e-b1fa-60ff420c5d52/Children_and_Youth_Ministry_Resource_Summary_and_Contact_Help.docx), download it here or contact [Kdouglas@united-church.ca](mailto:Kdouglas@united-church.ca).  Program Ideas: Virtual Church School. Zoom Youth Groups. Faith Formation in a Box mailed to homes. Technology Help. Curriculum Ideas. Summer Programming options, Duty of Care during a Pandemic times: Boundaries. Safety ‘on-line’. Pastoral Care for self and how to offer it to others. Children and Youth Ministry Vitality: Advocacy for this ministry. Reality of funding and energy to maintain these ministries. And [The Go Project](https://thegoproject.ca/). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Wesley Urban Ministries** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Wesley Urban Ministries](https://wesley.ca/covid-19-update/) has continued to provide support during COVID-19 in Hamilton, Halton Region and Brantford. From providing 5,000 meals a week, to helping 1,500 children, youth and families, learn more through our website.  Instead of the usual Case for Kids Walk, Run, Ride, Wesley is inviting churches and groups to get creative and inspired to carry on the spirit of Case for Kids during the month of June! You can register as an individual or part a team and choose a fitness challenge, virtual baking, crafting, book club, relaxation or any other idea. Donations can be made online, by mail or over the phone. [More information](https://wesley.ca/caseforkids).  UPDATED May 6, 2020: The outbreak of COVID-19 at Wesley Supportive Housing has now ended. More details on the current status of cases in Hamilton can be found in the [Hamilton Spectator article](https://www.thespec.com/news/hamilton-region/2020/05/05/covid-19-coronavirus-latest-news-hamilton.html). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Mask Making Project** | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/f61273749cb51631850ac8b12/images/df7d721b-3874-47dd-bb16-970fad84d23b.jpg |  |  | | --- | | We at St. James United Church Waterdown started making masks for the community in early April. A message was posted on our community Facebook site and it really took off. After a day and a half of recording names and orders, we started making masks. Friends and community members asked if they could help and soon, we were a cottage industry of nine individuals. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Four people cut squares of fabric and four did the sewing. Sewing materials were purchased and dispersed, fabric squares were received, and finished masks taken in and bundled into orders. It took us four weeks to complete the first set of orders. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | All packages of masks were labeled. An insert includes mask care instructions, with information about our church, on-line worship services and a bookmark, “We are not alone”. with the verses from Philippians 4: 6,7. Several individuals have mentioned how helpful and reassuring they found the bookmark. That is rewarding to hear. | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/f61273749cb51631850ac8b12/images/49046d5b-4591-4d98-a619-c18ed6e7253c.jpg |  |  | | --- | | We are now 8 weeks into this project and have sewn and distributed over 2,200 masks and over 65 surgical caps. Most masks have gone to families and front-line workers. We are now sewing larger orders for businesses that expect to start up. We will be taking a needed break for six weeks during the summer. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | The resulting donated funds have gone back to our community and to our church. Through the St. James Outreach we have purchased grocery cards for needy families.  Beyond supplying masks, we have made new connections to our community. We have been a shoulder to lean on, a connection to make someone's day a bit sunnier and a back and forth conversation with someone who is afraid or lonely. This has been a very rewarding experience for both – those who give and those who receive.  Ruth Nicholson, Mask Manager St. James United Church, Waterdown [ruth.nicholson.ue@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.nicholson.ue@gmail.com) 905 689 7554 | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Grace United Church, Burlington** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | We are excited to announce that Nelson, St. Stephen and Tansley United Churches have officially amalgamated to form the new Grace United Church. Grace is operated out of the former Tansley building located at: 2111 Walkers Line, Burlington. Look us up at [GraceUnitedChurchBurlington.com](https://graceunitedchurchburlington.com/) or call 905-335-0090. We hope you will join us virtually now and in person in the future once we are able to come together. In the meantime, please contact us! | | | |
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