

Fri 2020-03-13

Dear Members of Emmanuel United Church,

You are in my thoughts and prayers today as we try to be faithful : limiting risk and being proactive in face of CoVid 19. I ask that if you have flu symptoms, a respiratory condition or are in a high risk group, please do not attend worship on Sunday. Our regional council is planning to make an online service available.

At this time, we are still planning to have a shorter worship service this Sunday (March 15th) followed by an emergency council meeting, members of the congregation can choose to attend to discuss our plans as news evolves about this pandemic. I learned through the news today, that we have two possible cases of CoVid 19 in North Bay Regional Hospital, as part of a statement offered by the Chief of Staff.

If you plan to attend church this Sunday, note that we are taking steps for your safety:

- Greeters will not be shaking hands or hugging.
- We will not be holding hands during the sung blessing.
- Bulletins should be picked up , not handed out.
- Offering plates will be at the back of the sanctuary, please place your offering in the plate before the service starts.
- Try to leave space between yourself and others where possible (about 3 meters)
- No Coffee Hour.

Following the service, we will be having an emergency council meeting to discuss further planning for social distancing and containment. Members of the congregation are invited to stay for that meeting, if you wish.

Be well!

Blessings,

Roni