

A PASTORAL LETTER

Friends of Bridge Street United Church,

Grace and Peace be with you!

For some 5 months now, BSUC has been deliberate in doing its part to curtail the spread of COVID-19.

Back on June 19th, I wrote, via this publication, to advise of the then status of in-person worship. I also noted that an update would be forthcoming today. This is it!

The decision respecting when BSUC “can” return to in-person worship is a relatively easy one to make; according to the provincial government anytime now is acceptable, provided that certain disease mitigation precautions are observed.

The more difficult decision regards when it will be “safe”, or better put “safer”, for us to be in one another’s closer company.

Having reviewed all manner of information and opinion (not the least of which was input from the latest congregational survey); being aware of the generally recognized potential for a second wave of COVID-19 infections; recognizing that a tremendous amount of preparation must still be done to allow us to be together on Sunday mornings safely and practicably (with regard to cleaning requirements, seating plans, space navigation, screening protocols, etc.); and, knowing that detailed plans to re-open BSUC must be filed with our denomination’s Regional Council in advance of taking effect; I have come to conclude that ***Thanksgiving Sunday (October 11th) is the earliest date for the resumption of in-person worship.***

More information will be provided as we move closer to the date.

Until then, please continue to join us for worship online at www.youtube.com. Sign in information is provided weekly in this publication.

Should you have questions or concerns, do be certain to reach out to me at interim.clergy@gmail.com .

Sincerely,

David +

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