



Notice from Morden Mennonite Church Leadership: March 31, 2020

As a precaution against the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), and in accordance with Manitoba Health guidelines and directives:

The church building is closed to public access until further notice. If you need access to the building for a necessary purpose, please contact the church office or one of the pastors.

All in-person worship services, events, and meetings are suspended until further notice. In lieu of in-person Sunday morning services, we are providing “virtual worship services” online at “Blog/Sermons/Services.” Those without internet access can get these on CD—please contact the church office to receive these.

Church staff continue to serve, working from home or, as necessary, the office. If you have a question or need assistance, please contact the church office at (204) 822-7450 or mordenmennonite@outlook.com. The pastors are available directly by cell or email.

Church committees, care groups, and other church groups which need to communicate collaboratively are encouraged to use alternatives to in-person meetings. If an email conversation is not ideal, online platforms such as Zoom can provide free video or audio communication for multiple persons.

We encourage you to continue to worship God in faith and hope and serve one another in love.

Participate in our online worship services and Zoom prayer meetings and Bible studies. Check in with others, especially those with mental health concerns, compromised immunity, ongoing health conditions, and the most elderly. The Church Ministries Committee (including the pastors) has noted those among us who are most at risk of severe symptoms from this virus. They will be checking in with these people periodically to see how they are doing, what they might need, and so on. If you would like this regular contact from the church but are not receiving it, please contact the church office.

We encourage you to continue your regular giving to the church. Staff and bills still need to be paid, and many programs and services continue as always or are being adapted to changing needs. You can mail a cheque to the church. You can contact the church office if you would like to have someone pick up your offering. There is also the option of giving electronically if you have an Access Credit Union account. Check the church website under “Online giving through Access Credit Union” or contact the church office for more information.

These decisions are being made collaboratively by Lisa B. (Church Council Chair) and Michael P. (Lead Pastor), in consultation with Church Council and the Church Ministries Committee (including Associate Pastors). They are monitoring Manitoba Health guidelines on a regular basis, consulting with other local church leaders and church leaders at other Mennonite Church Manitoba churches, and paying attention to how other local groups are responding to this pandemic.

****Contact Health Links at 1-888-315-9257 if you have flu-like symptoms.****

****Check out www.gov.mb.ca/covid19 for updates from Manitoba Health.****

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