

Minister's Message, February 8, 2021

## **Good News!**

Today the Ontario Government announced that the Stay At Home order for Renfrew County will end on Tuesday night. On Wednesday we return to the Green/Prevent level, which we were in last fall. The TSA Council met by teleconference today and has approved the re-opening of our church starting on Wednesday, Feb. 10.

Under the Green level of restrictions, masks and physical distancing measures are still required by everyone entering the building. We are allowed to hold in-person worship, with up to 1/3 of the capacity of our sanctuary. We are allowed to have in-person meetings of up to 50 people. The Thrift Shop is also allowed to re-open. The Church office will be open as usual starting Wednesday morning.

This Sunday, February 14th will be an in-person worship. We will continue to livestream the worship services on our Facebook page. On the religious calendar it is Transfiguration Sunday, and on the calendar of saints it is Saint Valentine's Day. Our music for the day will celebrate the transforming power of love, featuring some well known romantic love songs. We do hope you will join us for this celebratory service. The following Sunday February 21st is the First Sunday of Lent and will be a Communion Service.

Given this change of what is possible, there will be some shifting of plans. Stay tuned for details about the Ash Wednesday service on Feb. 17th, and a possible Lenten Study program.

With thanks,  
Judy Ryan, Chair of TSA Council

Rev. James Murray