

Lockdown Update

To the friends and family of Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church in Renfrew

April 1, 2021

Today the Ontario Government announced a province-wide "emergency brake" shutdown for the next four weeks. The TSA Council met shortly afterwards to discuss our response to these new restrictions. With the contagious nature of the new variants, and the fact only some people have been vaccinated, we were faced with several decisions and in each case the safety of our congregation and staff was our first priority. These measures will be in place until the government or the local Health Unit tells us otherwise.

1. Starting on Easter Sunday, April 4th, our worship will only be online on our Facebook page.
2. A recording of each service will be available on our Sermon By Phone line.
3. A mail out of the sermon and order of service is sent out each week to those who request it.
4. The Church Office will be closed to the public. Debbie McDermid will be working in the office and can be reached by phone or email.
5. To protect both the customers and volunteers, the Thrift Shop will be closed and donations will not be accepted.
6. Rentals by all outside groups or individuals that are considered non-essential will be suspended.
7. All Church committee meetings will be held by teleconference.
8. The TSA congregational meeting on April 18th will be held by teleconference.
9. Maintenance and repair work on the building can continue during the lockdown. Our custodian Merv Kusluski and the Property Committee will have lots to keep them busy.

Since this is a quickly developing situation, there will be more details to come in the days ahead.

Tonight's Maundy Thursday service is available at 7pm on our Facebook page.

The Good Friday service is at 10am and it is a live service on our Facebook page.

We ask for your prayers for our staff and leadership team as we pivot once again into uncharted territory. May God give us all patience and endurance for the facing of these difficult days.

Signed

Judy Ryan, Chair of TSA Council

Rev. James Murray, Minister