

Recently, you were informed about actions Parkminster is taking regarding the COVID-19 (coronavirus) situation. Since that time there have been significant new developments. Before getting into the specifics we would like to announce that **all activities for Sunday March 15th are cancelled, including worship, Sunday school and the Lenten discussion group.** We have come to this decision based in part on direction from the Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario to cancel gatherings of 250 people or more. Even though we do not meet the 250 threshold we are cognizant that we have a number of people who attend on Sundays who are most susceptible and vulnerable to the virus. In addition, we also have a fair number of people who travel outside the country regularly. Other churches (including local United Churches) have also cancelled worship and activities for the time being.

For this Sunday, the reflection will be posted on Facebook and on the website by 10 am Sunday morning. We encourage Parkminster folks to reach out to one another by telephone, text, e-mail or social media to stay connected and support and encourage one another. Both Rev. Joe and Rev. Heather are available for pastoral care. If the need is urgent and Heather and Joe are not in the office please call or text them on their cell phones. Joe's is 519-504-9835 and Heather's is 905-251-3565.

On Tuesday, Council will meet to consider the latest information on COVID-19 and plan for how we will be church in the midst of this situation. Council will keep you updated. This has not been an easy decision but we believe it is a pastoral one that keeps as many people safe as possible during this uncertain time in a situation that is changing rapidly.

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