

Sharing Confinement

Caring & Sharing whilst Sheltering-In-Place

Issue #34

~ Canadian Foodgrains Chili Dinner Update ~

There is no possible way that we can hold a Foodgrains chili dinner this year. However we are encouraging our local churches to give. You can forward cheques to your treasurer making cheques out to the church, Burford United Church and direct it to Canadian Foodgrains in the memo line. We are grateful for your support to this most important and meaningful organization.

At present there are 821 million people facing hunger worldwide. The coronavirus with shutdowns etc. has created new challenges in getting food to where it is needed. The Canadian Foodgrains Bank has an enormous network of experienced people around the world ready to meet this challenge. For further information you can check out www.foodgrainsbank.ca — Karen and Art Tobey

Chairperson's Letter, *by Sandra James*

Hello Congregation;

I know these have been trying times for us all; not knowing is going to happen next.

On Friday, November 20th the members of the Re-opening Committee met as per requested by the board, to discuss our next steps. The Committee consists of the following individuals: Sandra James (Board Chair), Susan Riach (Board Vice-Chair), Jim Dick (Property), Karen Innes (Trustees), Ann Robinson (Pastoral Care), Ruth Storey (Music and Worship), and Karen Tobey (Ministry and Personnel) absent Rev. Cathy Dilts.

As provincial regulations and Public Health recommendations regarding COVID-19 have been changing and Brantford and Brant County number of cases has been increasing. The committee has some real concerns in regards to re-opening the church in December.

We have been asked to reduce our bubbles to just people in our household again. As we look at our congregation we have great concerns for their wellbeing.

We look forward to the day when we can all physically return to church, but under several new protocols. As a church we are called to care for one another spiritually a physically. We must ensure the safety for the most vulnerable within our congregation. It is our duty as a church to love one another and care for each other.

The committee has been looking at all things to consider at good lengths. The Congregation is our number one priority and with this in mind, the re-opening committee will be recommending to the Official Board that the church remain closed. Service's will still be held on Zoom Sunday Morning's starting again in December.

God Bless., Sandra James (Board Chair)

Burford United Church
2020 Advent Series
Beginning Sunday December 6, 2020

“Living Nativity”

- ♪ Approaching the Creche (Dec. 6 & 9)
- ♪ Feet on the Ground (Dec. 13 & 16)
- ♪ Is Everybody Here? (Dec. 20 & 23)

Sunday Worship – via ZOOM at 9:30 a.m.
Midweek Discussion – via ZOOM Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m.
(Bring your favourite nativity set with you to show and share)



**ZOOM link for all worship services and discussion sessions in this series:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86586461445?pwd=VVVFNmhxNlVadGtIV2xrTkIzbVZxZz09>
Meeting ID: 865 8646 1445
Passcode: 4S9Dxj

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T'was a Month Before Christmas 2020

T'was a month before Christmas,
And all through the town,
People wore masks,
That covered their frown.

The frown had begun
Way back in the Spring,
When a global pandemic
Changed everything.

They called it Corona,
But unlike the beer,
It didn't bring good times,
It didn't bring cheer.

Contagious and deadly,
This virus spread fast,
Like a wildfire that starts
When fueled by gas.

Airplanes were grounded,
Travel was banned.
Borders were closed
Across air, sea and land.

As the world entered lockdown
To flatten the curve,
The economy halted,
And folks lost their verve.

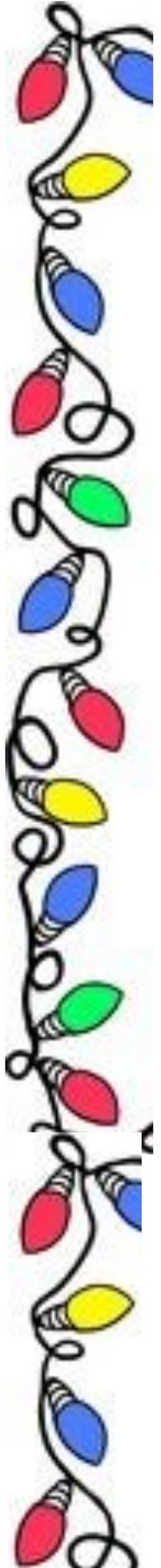
From March to July
We rode the first wave,
People stayed home,
They tried to behave.

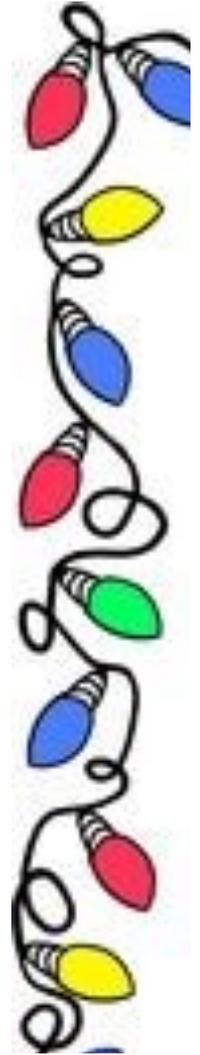
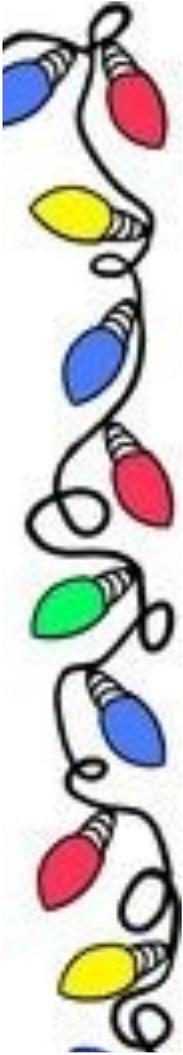
When summer emerged
The lockdown was lifted.
But away from caution,
Many folks drifted.

Now it's November
And cases are spiking,
Wave two has arrived,
Much to our disliking.

Frontline workers,
Doctors and nurses,
Try to save people,
From riding in hearses.

This virus is awful,
This COVID-19.
There isn't a cure.
There is no vaccine.





It's true that this year
Has had sadness a plenty,
We'll never forget
The year 2020.

And just 'round the corner -
The holiday season,
But why be merry?
Is there even one reason?

To decorate the house
And put up the tree,
When no one will see it,
No-one but me.

But outside my window
The snow gently falls,
And I think to myself,
Let's deck the halls!

So, I gather the ribbon,
The garland and bows,
As I play those old carols,
My happiness grows.

Christmas ain't cancelled
And neither is hope.
If we lean on each other,
I know we can cope.

LET'S TRY TO BE SAFE, HAPPY AND MERRY, AND FULL OF HOPE.



Do you have a special Christmas poem, photo, or message you would like to share? How about a special Christmas greeting? Send it to bucsecretaryis@gmail.com and it will be printed in a Christmas edition of the newsletter.

Deadline for copy is 18th December, 2020.

We would love to hear from YOU!

Write as much, or as little, as you wish. Let us know how you're doing, if you need anything.

How are you coping with your new normal? Got any cute/funny/thought provoking anecdotes to share? Any words of wisdom to impart? This newsletter isn't just for BUC, it's for anyone interested in reading/submitting to it! If you know someone who would like to join the conversation, give them my email. Send submissions to: bucsecretaryis@gmail.com.

Deadline for next issue: Wednesday. Emailed out Friday.