

The Chimes



The Voice of Saint Andrew's



Keep in Touch!

Despite our building being closed, our communication tools are still in place—the phones have been forwarded, the email is monitored, and the mail and banking are being dealt with regularly. If you are not on PAR, and are able to at this time, please consider keeping up your regular givings.

You can etransfer to officestandrews@eastlink.ca, mail to 55 King St, B2N 3K8, or drop in the mailbox. Post-dated cheques would save some travel. For etransfers use “donations” as a password.

Virtual Worship

We are producing a worship service weekly—and a Children's Time segment—

Find us every week posted to the [Saint Andrews website](http://standrewstruro.ca) at standrewstruro.ca They are also all available on our YouTube channel Why not subscribe?

We will NOT be sending direct links via weekly email now that this is in place.

If YOU'D like to take part in a service as a reader, get in touch with Keith.

Many thanks to Keith & Merv for the care and thought they're putting into this.

A Word from Shannon!

Dear St Andrews Family,



I am so excited to be welcomed into your church family on July 1st! Although so much in the world has come to a halting stop... *some things* are still happening... like my move to Truro! Folks, there is no doubt that this is a very scary and anxious time we are all living through. There is so much loss that is being experienced. Yet, there are also moments of light that break through the darkness. It is easy to get overwhelmed with the negative, but Easter reminds us that even death does not have the last word; love wins.

I have chosen (*as best I can*) to focus on the moments of grace, peace and joy. So instead of focusing that my ordination was cancelled I am focusing on the fact the General Council will grant me all rights and responsibilities of ordination while I wait for a new time to celebrate. I could focus on all the uncertainties about HOW in the world my move to Truro is going to happen logistically... but instead I am focusing on how excited my whole family is about our new house! For any of you following real estate, you probably heard that the market has been slowed to a stand-still so you can imagine how blessed we feel that we were able to sell our house in Dartmouth and buy our new beautiful home on Queen Street right before the market died!

Pastoral Care Team CARES!

So here we all are talking to ourselves - or our significant other- or our slightly crazed bored kids- waiting for the virus to move on!

There are always two sides to every major event in life. One side can be dark - but if we look we can find light on the other side.

As a member of Saint Andrews I am blessed to see some light right now. I am privileged to be part of the group contacting various members of our congregation to do a check-in by phone. These conversations always lead to a chuckle or an outright laugh as I share a moment with these wonderful folks.

Would I have made these calls without the push from the virus? Not likely! Would I have missed a chance to get to know these people a little better? Yes I would have.

So - pick up the phone. Or text or email your friends you know well - and the people you can get to know better. Share the day. Share a thought. Share a moment of cheer. This is the way we can strengthen our community and feed our souls.

God bless. Stay well.

Diane MacLean

Missing Coffee and Convo?

As I watched and listened to Church Services from all across Canada, I heard, several times, the idea of a "Virtual Coffee Hour" which was being held on Sundays after their church service. You might say an Angel spoke to me. I am encouraging you to be a part of this same Virtual Coffee Hour. At 12 noon on Sundays, several options are possible: enjoy a glass of water, juice, coffee, tea, etc and maybe think of a person or persons who may be lonely. Or maybe say a prayer for persons who are ill. Perhaps you could call someone you care about and improve your day and theirs.

Do not forget to care for yourself. "Wash your hands"

Jon Davison

Region 15 Annual Meeting Cancelled

Regional Executive will be making plans as to how and when the meetings and Celebration of Ministry service will happen .If you have already registered for the meetings and have paid your registration fees, Mount Alison University will automatically issue refunds on your original method of payment within two

Support from UCC

The United Church of Canada and Region 15 are working hard to keep our Community of Faith, particularly the Stewards and Trustees up to speed as they deal with issues around finance and staff support. Catherine Rodd and her communication team at the GCO have been a thorough and creative source of ideas for getting us up and running with online resources.

A FANTASTIC event from the ever-creative LOGC!

In these trying times, your Local Outreach & Global Concerns Committee (LOGC) is continuing to work to create “events” to connect with members of the congregation as well as raise funds to support the Food Bank. To that end we present the Virtual Fantasy Dinner (see attached). It is a description of a dinner at the Church where we are only constrained by the limits of our imagination. The food is never over or under cooked, the seasoning is always perfect, and the food arrives at your table piping hot (or cold as applicable). Table conversation is engaging with topics that fascinate you.

We are hoping you will read the description of the dinner and enjoy it enough to consider making a contribution to the Food Bank. Donations can be made in any of the following ways:

- Directly to the Food Bank as indicated on their website <http://www.colchesterfoodbank.com/donate.html>
- By e transfer to the Church office at officestandrews@eastlink.ca using the password “donation”.
- By mail of a cheque (no cash please) to St Andrews United Church, 55 King St., Truro N.S.
- B2N 3K8.
- Or by dropping off a cheque (again, no cash please) in an envelope at the Church. Envelopes are to be put in the locked mailbox at the King St entrance.

If you enjoyed the “dinner” and are so inclined, please pass it on to friends and/or family.

Thank you in advance.

Your LOGC Committee

PS Some of us are planning to prepare the dinner for ourselves on Sunday (April 19th) evening. We are hoping you might do the same in your home and “join” us for a congregational dinner.

Youth Forum Meeting a New Way – Virtual YF

Because we are not sure how the world will look in May, this year we are offering Youth Forum online for the FIRST TIME EVER!! Our theme is Believing is Seeing. We will explore the subjects of social media and faith. We will look at our perception of ourselves and the difference between what we show online and who we really are. As well we will look at social justice in isolation, and hanging on tight to faith in a changing world. Our format is still in development but will include large and small group meeting through an online meeting platform. If you need help getting to a computer, contact your local United Church Minister. Your from all over Canada are invited to join us in this celebration of faith! Participation in our online youth forum will cost \$20. If you have already paid for the full weekend Jenn Whittemore will be in touch with you to process your refund. See You Soon! Nathan And Alex

Watch our [introduction video](#) to Virtual YF! To register for [Virtual YF click here](#). Please note that you will need to register for Virtual YF even if you had previously registered to attend YF. ((Paste links into your browser))