

Update from St. Andrew's United Church Board

We hope that you are all doing well and staying safe. We thought that we would provide an update.

The small group that formed when COVID-19 closed our sanctuary met Monday August 24th and provided a recommendation to the board, that out of an abundance of caution, St. Andrew's will not be meeting inside the church for at least another month. We would prefer to err on the side of caution, than wish that we had. This decision will be revisited at the end of September.

Our Board then met on Tuesday, August 25th and passed a motion that stated "M and P recommends, for the health and safety of everyone including our staff team and their families, that we do not re-open the sanctuary for Sunday worship at this time". The motion was unanimously carried. We then had a lengthy discussion about St. Andrew's small groups and committees meeting inside the church. A decision was made to have a sub-committee come up with a policy concerning safety and cleaning protocols for our groups. This committee will be meeting in the near future to devise this policy.

Reminders:

Although our church building has been closed to the public, St. Andrew's essential staff and maintenance people are still accessing the building. We will continue to do our best to keep everyone who uses the building safe.

For those who are entering the church, you will see signage about the mandatory wearing of masks in the building as well sanitising and sign-in stations at all entrances to allow for contact tracing.

Remember - do not enter the building if you are feeling unwell.

Thank you for your patience during these difficult times and for your support to staff and volunteers at St. Andrew's. We appeal to all the members of our community, to follow the recommendations of our health authorities.

We wish to continue to provide on-line services through the fall. **To that end, we require a volunteer or two to take over the compilation and editing of the Sunday service. If you are willing to help in this regard, please reach out to me.**

Blessings,

Alain Beaudin,

St. Andrew's United Church, Board Chair