

## **An update on church and worship**

June 2, 2020

COVID 19 continues to leave us with uncertainties and the need to be cautious around gatherings of large groups of people. For now, we must follow the guidelines of both our provincial health officials and of the United Church of Canada, for the safety and well-being of our communities. Although the province has declared that places of worship may open up again, there is still great concern about gatherings indoors, particularly for populations in the over 60 age group. We are also still being advised to maintain social distancing, and not to sing. There are so many factors in the guidelines that make it difficult to think that we will ever return to “the way we were.” For now, we are moving with great caution, and will not be resuming regular worship this month, and most likely not until the end of the summer, providing we don’t find ourselves in a second wave.

I will continue to post Sunday reflections/worship resource to both the Olds and Sundre websites. I and others are calling folks and checking in, and I welcome phone calls and emails to me as well.

David Birch and I are talking about posting some video reflections and music to our sites or to the FaceBook group, Olds-Sundre Pastoral Charge. This is a learning curve for me, but something he has talent for! I’ll keep you posted on that. For now, know that we are the church – in spite of not being in the building. Hold fast to that, and be the church in Olds, as you follow the way of Jesus, and share your love wherever you go.

Blessings and Peace,  
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