

Young Families?

Most people plan for March break but not a three week holiday. Remember our young families. Their routines have been turned upside down. Everyday they are in close quarters just trying to make it through the day without a melt down — both the children and the parents! Not isolating? Offer to take them some dinner. Call the moms and dads to let them know that you are thinking about them and ask them how you can help. The parents *may* miss their solitude; the children *will* miss their friends.

We (Dan and Ann) had some of our best times during the Ice Storm of '98 when our children were 7 & 9 years old. We had a worship service led by the children that included dancing and even a card trick. It was awesome. Dads you have my permission to serve communion to your families. Use whatever you have on hand. Let your children see Jesus shining through you.

Stay Positive

Dave Lawrence and the Pastor are setting up an interactive blog to help people stay positive. We will be sharing happy stories and words of encouragement through the shutdown period. You are invited to sign on too and share your stories and words of encouragement. If you

aren't familiar with blogs, you may now have the time to learn. The blog will be on the website shortly (www.pgcc.ca).

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Philippian Church, “⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. “ Philippians 4:8-9

Offerings?

Some have asked how they can continue to financially support the church through their regular givings. Here are some options

1. Set it aside and bring it to the church when Worship Services reconvene.
2. Mail your cheque to the church
3. A new online giving option is available through Tithely. There is a link called GIVE on our website that will take you to Tithely. You can also download the Tithely app to your phone. Be sure to select Pine Grove Community Church, Seeley's Bay as there are other churches called Pine Grove.

Jeremiah 33:3

Philippians 4:6-7

Isaiah 41:10

Pine Grove

Pine Grove Community Church

**Response to the Corona Virus
Pandemic**

Mission Statement

Pine Grove desires to be a place where all people can encounter an authentic relationship with God, in Christ, through the Holy Spirit.

Public Worship

In response to Premier Doug Ford's request to cancel large gatherings including Public Worship, our Bishop has instructed Free Methodist Churches across Canada to suspend all gatherings until April 12th—Easter Sunday Morning. This is an act of solidarity with our neighbours to stop the spread of this fatal virus. What an Easter Sunday it will be!

During this season of uncertainty, the Pastor will be posting many encouraging words on the church website www.pgcc.ca under the Corona tab. He will be keeping you up-to-date on the church as we move through this journey. A youtube video by the pastor will be posted by 10 AM each Sunday. It will be directly linked to the church website. His message will be brief but it is one way that we can spend time together while we practice social distancing.

Are You Ok?

You are important to us. We want to know that you are ok. In order not to spread germs from home-to-home, the Pine Grove Covid-19 Response Team has instructed the Pastor to cease home and hospital visitations except in emergencies.

If you are struggling call the Pastor on his cell 613.876.3170 or at the church 613.382.2989. Whether you just need human interaction or an adult voice, he is there for you.

Can We Help You?

We have had several people volunteer to pickup and deliver groceries or medication. If you need something **don't go without**. These people want to serve Jesus by

Galatians 6:9

serving others. Our volunteers will use hand sanitizer, knock on your door and distance themselves while you retrieve your items. This service is not restricted to people at Pine Grove. If you know of needs that you can't meet, let us know. If you can volunteer, contact the Pastor

Infection Control Response Team

Long before Mr. Ford made his announcement, Pine Grove established a response team of nurses to help us understand the situation and give direction on how to keep you safe. The protocols they have put in place will become part of our permanent record in the event of a crisis.& to promote general safety

How Can You Stay Healthy?

Pine Grove is in the business of souls. We will not be giving health advice. Consult reputable websites for up-to-date accurate information on the virus. Listen to the instructions of your Health Care Community. Practice good health measures that any mother would offer — eat well, drink lots, get your rest and when possible breath in some fresh air.

Read Psalm 91

What Can You Do?

If you are isolating but you aren't sick there is lots that you can do. You may even be able to get the things done that you never had time to do. God has a lesson in this for all of us.

During my trial last year God gave me Romans 8:28 [look it up, you have the time]. Being isolated gives you an opportunity to spend time with the Lord in prayer and the Word. Call a friend who is isolating and agree to read one chapter of scripture every day. Over the phone the next day, discuss what God revealed to you and then pray for each other.

We are social creatures and isolation at any level interferes with human interaction. Phone each other, send cards, emails or other social media.

For those not isolating, help out an at risk neighbour or friend who is. Make some extra dinner and take it to them. Check in on them everyday by phone. Be creative and safe.

Often our solution to social problems includes a program but programs are not an option. The church is famous for creating new programs. The only program we have is Jesus' program—Love Your Neighbour.

Most importantly we **must** pray for the sick, our leaders and our health care providers who put themselves at risk. every day. Pray for the seniors and vulnerable who are alone and lonely. We can solve this; we have each other. Be vulnerable and reach out whether you are isolating or not.

Matthew 6:25-34