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St Paul's United

June 2020

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Sunday Service via Zoom: 10am

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Rev. Ivy Thomas: Minister's June Message

This month, my submission comes with love to you, even though I didn't write it. I give thanks to the author for his creativity and caring. Shalom, Ivy

1 Covidians 12:1-11

Now concerning the wearing of masks, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that in the time before Covid, we were enticed and led astray thinking that we were not responsible for one another's health. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the spirit of love ever says 'masks be cursed!'; and no one can say 'masks are a really good idea for everybody!' except through a spirit of love.

Now there are varieties of masks, but the same spirit of wearing them; and there are varieties of mask wearers, but the same virus; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same precautions that must be shown to everyone.

To each is given a manifestation of a mask for the common good. To one a mask is given through our mask makers, and to another a purchased one online, or in a store according to the same spirit of protection. Some fashion one after watching a video on YouTube, to another... they already had some. The knowledge of needing to wear one according to the same spirit, to another faith that the same spirit will improve health and save lives.

Another receives the gifts of healing by this generous spirit, to another this seems no less than the working of a miracle, another prophecies that we'll get through all of this sooner by observing these loving precautions, to another the discernment of figuring out how all can get one, to another the knowledge that a mask hides all kinds of mouths and tongues, to another the understanding that those mouths and tongues are still there, behind those masks.

All these are activated by one and the same spirit, and we hope to allot to each one individually just as they choose.

In other words, wear a mask!...

Because loving our neighbor as ourselves is the crux of it. When we wear a mask we are saying that we love and care for ourselves, and that we love and care for our neighbors. If our neighbor is sick (and perhaps doesn't even know it yet) our masks help protect US. If WE are sick (and perhaps don't even know it yet) our masks help protect OUR NEIGHBOR...

... it is a tangible and visible manifestation and practice of our LOVE.

Rev Greg Brown
Holy Comforter Episcopal Church
Charlotte, NC

June

Birthdays

Glen McBurnie 11th
Elizabeth Hardy 18th
Bob Plank 20th
Wendy Reid 23rd
Evans Premachuck 25th
Shirley Hodges 28th
Michael Wilson 28th



Anniversaries

Donna & Ed Chorney 24th
Bill & Heather Twaites 26th
Robert & Diana Keller 29th
Jack & Marion Walmsley 29th



Zoom Worship Servics
Sunday at 10am
Join in via [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us)



All Welcome!

St Paul's United Church

Worship
service
Videos

Each week an email reminder will be mailed out to our subscriber list with the details of how to connect to Zoom. The meeting details are the same each week. The videos of these Zoom Worship meetings are posted weekly onto our website for you to view. If you know anyone who would like to be added to our subscriber emails, please email admin@stpaulskelowna.ca

IMPORTANT:

There will be a **Congregational Meeting** following the service on **SUNDAY, JUNE 14th**, to **DISCUSS AND VOTE** on a proposal to move our worship and office space to the First Mennonite Church facility. More information will be arriving in your inbox or by mail, if you don't have email, next week.

If you have any questions, please contact Tom Cole, Gary Dickinson or Ivy Thomas.

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Willowbridge:
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Donations

Mountainview
Virtual Volunteering

St Paul's Pastoral Care Team:

There's a saying: "The caterpillar grows wings during a season of isolation."

The Coronavirus Pandemic has us mainly homebound - more time to spend with families, to reflect, become creative, purge, garden, extend kindnesses.....

It's been a JOY for our Pastoral Care Team: Joyce Philpott, Ruth Galinis, Pat Wittur, Beryl Baldeo, Loraine Kemp, Donna Fletcher, Deloris Caswell, Linda Hutchinson, & Rose Hoffman to form a PHONE CHAIN. We have been calling our St. Paul members for casual conversation and reinforce the notion that "YOU'RE NEVER ALONE" and that we're a family of friends there to support one another. We've discovered the many activities undertaken include drives around the area, sitting quietly by the lake, golf, walks, cycling, doing exercises and puzzles, of course watching TV and working on the computer.....

Our hearts and prayers go out to those who are ill, in hospital, in Nursing Homes and those grieving for family or friends. We will be entering a time of a "New Normal" as businesses start reopening.

BE SAFE.

Sending all HUGS!

Rose Hoffman



Things always don't turn out like we plan;

Phyllis Shkrabuik and ten of her family members were planning a wonderful trip to Barcelona, then board a Princess Cruise to the Mediterranean; Gibraltar; to South Hampton and fly home from London...But, CoVid-19 came along and plans had to be cancelled.

Kara Gerke, Beryl Baldeo's granddaughter, and her fiancé had planned an Okanagan wedding in July for 120 family and friends. Then CoVid-19 came along and plans had to be changed. Kara and Caleb Savage exchanged vows in Edmonton on Friday, 22nd, With the Minister, Photographer, Caleb and 5 Gerkes, total 8 people present. A surprise drive by with cars honking, balloons, signs, People waving and shouting their congratulations caused the newly weds to say: "This was not what we had planned, but it was PERFECT!" Oh, to be in love. God Bless them!

Beryl Baldeo

Peace Park

Part of my community involvement is Rotary and I am president of my Rotary club this year and we've just made the decision that we would be a peace building club and to that end we have a committee working of new generation Rotarians towards building a Peace Park on Bluebird Road. We are in conversation with the city and I expect that something will come of that and our objective is to just create a space of peace that people can experience inner peace for themselves, that they experience multicultural peace, intergenerational peace, transgender peace and inter-species peace. I think that this endeavour actually ties in well with our decision if it is passed to work with the First Mennonite Church as they stand for peace and justice, so my thought is that more people might be interested in St. Paul's and Rotary to do the good work in their families in our communities and the world that we all share as humanity and global citizens.

Yours in Christ – Jack





Willowbridge Outreach:

St. Paul's through the Outreach- Willowbridge team has sent a \$200 donation to Canadian Mental Health Association Kelowna. CMHA is providing Willowbridge residents with one meal a day while they are in lockdown due to the virus.

They can accept baking for their freezers if wrapped in Saran Wrap to minimize handling. Just ring door and they will come out to get baking. It would be much appreciated.

Linda Hutchinson



Giving and Donations During COVID19

Are you wondering how you might continue to support the congregation financially, while in-person gatherings have been suspended? Here are a few options for you:

- Join Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)
 - o How it works – An amount that you determine will be automatically withdrawn from your bank account and deposited in St. Paul's account
 - o How to sign up – Contact Delaine and she will forward the form to you via email and guide you through the process
- Mail – yes, you can mail your cheque to the church, or simply address it to us, and drop it in the mail slot just left of the main church entrance, and we will make sure it gets recorded and deposited. 1130 Springfield Rd, Kelowna BC, V1Y 8H5
- Canada Helps – there is a tab on the church website that allows you to make a donation online. <https://www.stpaulsunitedkelowna.com/> Note that you will require a credit card for this transaction.
- E-transfer – If you do your banking online, you can e-transfer your donation directly to the church with the use of our finance email: finance@stpaulskelowna.ca

Thank you to everyone for your support!

Virtual Volunteers Welcome!

Thank you for being part of our Good Samaritan Community, a place where Christian hospitality is extended to all.

At this time of increased need but limited access at care homes, we welcome well wishes for the residents at our care homes.

- Where you know a particular Good Samaritan resident, please send them messages directly through our Well Wishes page.
- You can access this by going to www.gss.org and clicking on 'Well Wishes' at the top of the page.
- Where you want to send out encouragement to residents and care homes in general, send generic notes to mission@gss.org and the local chaplain will share these with residents in need. You can send in electronic messages or images - specifically welcome are children's drawings and messages of encouragement.
- We'll also share these messages with our residents' friends and family on our Facebook Album.

We are so grateful to our Christian community.

Thank you for thinking about our residents and being a Good Samaritan, right where you are.

Blessings to you in this season of physical distancing as the Spirit works in creative ways to bind us together in love.

Blessings,
~ Sharilynn

Sharilynn Upsdell DM, MTS
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SongShine Musical Therapy is Back!

**Zoom gatherings will begin on Tuesdays in
June, with the first gathering on
Tuesday June 8th 1:00pm– 1:45pm**

Contact Carole for more info:

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Zoom



Coffee Shop Chat With Ivy

**Grab a cup, pull up a chair & join in
some casual relaxed conversation
over zoom! Link will be emailed.**

**2ND AND 4TH FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
10AM - 11AM**

JOIN IN THE MUSICAL FUN!

HAPPY HOUR

HOSTED BY CHOIR DIRECTOR:

Sylvia Clerke

JOIN IN FOR A SOCIAL SING-A-LONG WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS



**EACH WEDNESDAY
4:00 PM - 4:30 PM**

ZOOM LINK WILL BE EMAILED OUT ON TUESDAY