

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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1) *EMAILS*

- a. Have you been getting our emails?
- b. Have you changed your email?
- c. Do you have internet?

The Internet has been our main source of communication, and we have been in touch weekly through emails. Email contact is the quickest and most cost-effective way to contact the entire congregation. However, this postal mailing is necessary to connect with everyone. If you don't have email or are not receiving our emails, please phone us and let us know. The church phone number is 780-479-1565. John's cell is 780-446-3344.

2) *WEEKLY SERVICES*

We hope you have internet and can watch the services we are recording. John, Wendy, Carol, Gail & Christian have all been giving their best to join us together in worship in a familiar setting. Visit our website to find the current service on our homepage. For previous services, you will find a tab at the top of the page called "WEEKLY SERVICES". We hope to improve on what we have been providing starting this September, including DVD copies for those that don't have internet.

3) *A BAMBOO TELEPHONE TREE*

As mentioned in this mailing, the "Bamboo counts on you". This summer, the phrase "*reach out and touch*" kept coming to mind. Diana Ross knows the phrase and I pray we will also. We have about a dozen parishioners reaching out by phone to our members just to check in. We need at least another dozen, so would you please help us grow? You can email the church or contact Gail and she will put you in contact with the coordinator. All you need is a phone and I'm sure our caring congregation can make this happen soon.

4) *A ZOOM COFFEE HOUR!*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH @ 11:30 AM, ID # - 880 2931 0608, Password - 047568

It will be so good to see everyone again and see how tanned we look. The Chair of our board, Judi Fearon, will host this meeting for us. Need some clarification? Go to our website for a link on how to get the zoom app and join the fun! Would you be willing to host such a gathering? How about a Coffee Crisp Chat during the week? Let us know!!!

5) *SEPTEMBER SERVICES*

It's hard to plan when there are so many variables at hand right now, but to kick off the year, we give you this as a heads up:

SEPTEMBER 6TH: LABOUR DAY WEEKEND

This will be the first year in memory where we don't have the Labour Day football game. We will, however, be recording a service for you! John will be back in the pulpit and he is working on the sermon title. It is a work in progress, as are we. Here is the order it is following - *The Secret Ingredient*, or *The Magic Formula*, but more likely, *The D_____ T_____*. You can fill in the blanks. As we head into a new year of worship and service, there is a four-letter word we will lift up and hold on to, which will see us through these times. Come and hear what it is!

SEPTEMBER 13TH: OUR CHURCH RALLY, ZOOM COFFEE HOUR TO FOLLOW

This Sunday, as John focuses on building a winning team, we will examine the word Jesus uses for church. The term Jesus uses does not refer to a building. How pertinent this is for us today! Jesus casts a vision for his disciples as he does for us. May this be a solid footing to start our year on His example.

6) *UPPER ROOM*

The Upper Room devotionals for Sept/Oct are now available. If you would like to pick one up, or have it dropped off or mailed to you, let us know. Call or email the church office to make arrangements.

7) *CHURCH OFFICE*

The physical office at the church is not opened often. John has been working at his office, and Gail works remotely. Please contact us by phone or email and we will do our best to be in touch. We will strive to improve our communication as we walk this journey together. The body of Christ is alive and gives us life. Thanks be to God!