



Highland Hills Pastoral Charge

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Dear Members, Adherents & Friends of Highland Hills Pastoral Charge,

Greetings for Thanksgiving! We hope that this communication finds you and yours safe and well during these challenging times.

The Unified Board of Highland Hills Pastoral Charge has been continuing to monitor the COVID 19 situation as related to Pastoral Charge business, including consideration of when to open our church buildings for various types of activities including face to face worship services. The Unified Board is not comfortable with resuming face to face worship services currently. In recent weeks the number of new infections in Ontario has jumped significantly. Our churches will continue to stay closed except for essential small meetings, some in-person pastoral visiting sessions for individuals or couples, and the preparation of our Zoom worship services.

A new group has begun to use our Lower Hall on Monday evenings. This local Al-Anon group lost their previous meeting location at Hyland Crest in March due to COVID-19. Since then they had been meeting via Zoom and in person outdoors. Thanks to the support of HHUC they are now able to safely meet face to face with appropriate COVID-19 protocols in place.

Even though COVID-19 has changed so much in our lives and taken away much of what we often took for granted, it has highlighted the people and things for which we are truly thankful. It is not a coincidence that we are writing to you just prior to Thanksgiving. It is with thankfulness that we think of all of you that have continued to support our ministry together in these challenging times. Enjoy this season, connect with family and friends safely and give thanks to God for all God's gifts and the gift of life.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

Rev. Max Ward
Minister

Lois Deacon
Board Chairperson