

## **Re-opening of Little Britain United Church for Fall 2020.**

The following are the protocols agreed upon by council to ensure that everyone stays safe and healthy during this time of COVID 19.

- Outdoor worship services will continue as long as the weather stays warm so dress for the weather. Once it's too cold to be outside we will move inside the church building.
- Each week a service host will perform all the tasks during the service. The tasks include:
  - Being at church at 9:30 am
  - Opening the door for people arriving
  - Reminding people to use the hand sanitizer provided
  - Handing out bulletins
  - Directing people to place offering in offering plate on the back table as they arrive
  - Lighting of candle
  - Taking attendance for contact tracing purposes
  - Reading scripture and the Minute for Mission if comfortable
  - Bringing the offering plate to the front during offertory time (offering plate will be at the back of the church to avoid movement around sanctuary)
- Offering envelopes are not to be sealed to avoid any contamination.
- The host will wear gloves as well as those counting the money after church.
- For the readings a microphone will be provided just for the host and if that is not possible the mic will be wiped down with sanitary solution after every use.
- Masks must be worn at all times while inside the church building.
- The pews will be marked off with painter's tape. Space for one or two people will be marked. Every other pew will be used to adhere to 6' social distancing.
- People will be given VU and MV hymn book prior to the re-opening of church and will be responsible for bringing it each week and these are not to be shared. A few paper copies of hymns will be available for visitors.
- The service will include as few responses as possible and singing will be, if at all possible kept to 3 hymns.
- Communion will be in self-contained baggies. Each baggie will include a couple of grapes and a cracker. Bags will be handed out when the person enters the sanctuary.
- There will be no movement around sanctuary once you are seated. Folk will leave in a fashion to allow for social-distancing.
- There will be no greeting of one another during the service and coats etc. must be kept with person in the pew.
- Because masks prohibit some folk from hearing, Beth will look to the possibility of a face shield.
- Because the sanctuary will not be used outside of Sunday worship and the virus will dissipate during the week, no deep cleaning is required. Cleaning of sanctuary as before Covid 19 will be sufficient.
- Those doing other tasks in the church before or after or during the week will be asked to wear gloves.