

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PEOPLES' WARDENS

Greetings St Barnabas Church Family,

We are taking this opportunity to connect with everyone to wish you ALL a very Happy Thanksgiving and also share some thoughts with you.

As we continue to face the many challenges related to COVID-19, we are increasingly concerned about the negative impact on and fragmentation of our St Barnabas family. One could say "We are hanging in there" but certainly not in the joyous, vibrant and welcoming ways we are used to every Sunday.

We feel there are two key components to our survival, PRAYER and COMMUNICATION. In recent Sunday messages, OZ has spoken to the power and value of prayer. Currently, the church is open on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 PM for anyone wishing to come and join in prayer. As for communication, although not nearly the same as connecting in person on Sundays, phone calls, use of technology and things like sending cards provide opportunity for us to "stick together".

We are inviting you to join with us in our "PRAYER – COMMUNICATION" (PC) campaign, not to be confused with political terminology. With your support and participation, we will survive and get back to our normal way of life.

Financially, we have fortunately not incurred any major expenses. That said, we must bear in mind the additional operating expenses that the winter months will bring. A more detailed financial picture is being sent out by our Stewardship Committee.

In the past, Thanksgiving offerings have been dedicated to a special project. We see our special project this year as "Staying vibrant and healthy as a church family". Givings to that end are graciously welcomed.

As we give thanks for the many blessings in our lives, we must remember "who we are and what we stand for" here at St Barnabas.

May you all enjoy the blessings of this Thanksgiving.

Jill Gloin and Gord Nott
Your Peoples' Wardens

UPDATES on Parishioners

We are very grateful for answers to prayers for Meryl. He received an “all’s well” from the Dr concerning the infection and is ready for the appointment for his new eye. What a great Thanksgiving Day this we’ll be for the Westergreens.

I had the opportunity to stop in on the Hamblins in Calgary. They are settling in well and were excited to have seen their grandson play in the Saddledome. They celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary and still going strong 😊

