

Farringdon Church

*Most assuredly, I say to you,
he who receives whomever I
send receives Me; and he
who receives Me receives
Him who sent Me.*

John 13:20



Sunday, February 21, 2021

Announcement:

NOTICE TO OUR FARRINGDON FAMILY – As of February 16, the province of Ontario has lifted the stay-at-home order and has returned to the colour coded regional restrictions we had previous to the provincial lockdown. Brant has been placed in the “orange” zone, which allows us to reopen for in person church services. We have decided to reopen on Sunday, February 28 for regular services. We will maintain the same precautions and restrictions as we did in the fall. Seating will be restricted to 30% capacity. Once that is achieved in the sanctuary, we will use our overflow seating area and projection system in the auditorium. Masks will be mandatory for all. Hand sanitizing and social distancing will be required. We will not yet allow congregational singing or a full choir but will continue to have volunteers each week to sing the hymns. Sunday School will be available, and Katelyn will advise the youth groups as to meeting formats going forward.

We realize and understand that not everyone is ready to return to church at this time. We will continue to provide our mail/email services to everyone. The live services will be recorded on Sunday mornings and posted to YouTube later on Sunday each week.

We will closely monitor the provincial recommendations going forward. If it becomes evident that future closures will be necessary, we will advise the congregation as the situation evolves.

Please stay safe and stay well. Praying for the time when we may all be able to worship together once again.

~Cyndy Kirk, Senior Elder

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"God is our hope and strength: a very present help in trouble." – Psalm 46:1

Pray:

We praise you, Almighty God, for your perfect provision.

You give seed to the sower and food to the hungry.

You forgive all our sins and heal all our diseases.

You surround us with love and protection.

You care for the widows and adopt the orphans.

Not even a sparrow falls to the ground without your knowledge.

So, in confidence we ask you to heal the sick and bless their healers.

Guide our politicians and protect our first responders.

Help us to be a generous and unified people.

Grow your church and embolden our leaders.

Correct us where we have strayed from your truth.

Help us to love you more and eagerly help others.

Lord, bless your children and be merciful to all.

We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Bible Reading: John 13:1-2, 12-30:

- 1 Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that his hour had come to leave this world and return to his Father. He had loved his disciples during his ministry on earth, and now he loved them to the very end.

2 It was time for supper, and the devil had already prompted Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.

12 After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, "Do you understand what I was doing?"

13 You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because that's what I am.

14 And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet.

15 I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.

16 I tell you the truth, slaves are not greater than their master. Nor is the messenger more important than the one who sends the message.

17 Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them.

18 "I am not saying these things to all of you; I know the ones I have chosen. But this fulfills the Scripture that says, 'The one who eats my food has turned against me.'

19 I tell you this beforehand, so that when it happens you will believe that I am the Messiah.

20 I tell you the truth, anyone who welcomes my messenger is welcoming me, and anyone who welcomes me is welcoming the Father who sent me."

21 Now Jesus was deeply troubled as he exclaimed, "I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me!"

22 The disciples looked at each other, wondering whom he could mean.

23 The disciple Jesus loved was sitting next to Jesus at the table.

24 Simon Peter motioned to him to ask, "Who's he talking about?"

25 So that disciple leaned over to Jesus and asked, "Lord, who is it?"

26 Jesus responded, "It is the one to whom I give the bread I dip in the bowl." And when he had dipped it, he gave it to Judas, son of Simon Iscariot.

27 When Judas had eaten the bread, Satan entered into him. Then Jesus told him, "Hurry and do what you're going to do."

28 None of the others at the table knew what Jesus meant.

29 Since Judas was their treasurer, some thought Jesus was telling him to go and pay for the food or to give some money to the poor.

30 So Judas left at once, going out into the night.

Listen to the song: **Cornerstone: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less** (by Hillsong Worship) click this url link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a3HH-1Zbs>

or read the lyrics below

1 *My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly trust in Jesus' name.*

Chorus: *Christ alone, Cornerstone,
weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm he is Lord, Lord of all.*

2 *When darkness seems to hide his face I rest on his unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.
My anchor holds within the veil.*

repeat Chorus

3 *When he shall come with trumpet sound, O, may I then in him be found:
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne.*

Message: **Toeholds, Footholds, Strangleholds** by Rev. Mike Rattee

Listen to the song: **Hope of the Nations** (by Brian Doerksen) click this url

link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wNrhHxIxtaM>

or read the lyrics below

Verse: *Jesus, hope of the nations. Jesus, comfort for all who mourn,
You are the source of heaven's hope on earth.
Jesus, light in the darkness. Jesus, truth in each circumstance,
You are the source of heaven's light on earth.*

Bridge: *In history you lived and died. You broke the chains, you rose to life.*

Chorus: *You are the hope living in us.
You are the rock in whom we trust.*

*You are the light shining for all the world to see.
You rose from the dead conquering fear, our Prince of peace
drawing us near
Jesus our hope, living for all who will receive. Lord, we believe.*

Repeat Verse, Bridge, Chorus

Lord, we believe (X3)

Repeat Bridge, Chorus

The Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen**

News and Announcements

- ❖ **Virtual, on-line Worship Service for Sunday, February 21, 2021**
- ❖ **Meetings and events this week – Feb. 21 – Feb. 27, 2021**

❖ All midweek children and youth programming is online once again.

Kid's Club meets online

Tuesdays 6:00-6:45 p.m.

Youth Group meets online

Thursdays 7:00-8:00 p.m.

*Katelyn can be contacted for further information regarding ages,
content and zoom links and passwords!*

Annual General Meeting

As a result of the most recent restrictions for Covid-19 by the province of Ontario the Farrington Advisory Board has made the decision that we will be unable to conduct our Annual General Meeting as usual. Restrictions will not allow us to meet for in person meetings. Therefore, we have decided that the Annual Report will be prepared as usual, with committee reports and other pertinent information. The Annual Report will then be printed and sent out by mail or email to all members. The Advisory Board is approving an interim budget being prepared by our treasurer, based on current financial reports. After receiving the Annual Report, members may direct any questions to the appropriate committee member. We hope to have the committee reports submitted by the end of February, so that the Annual Report can be compiled and printed as soon as possible thereafter. If the need arises for a congregational meeting when it is again safe to meet, arrangements will be made to do so. We appreciate everyone's understanding as we continue to navigate through these times to the best of our ability.

~ *Cyndy Kirk*, Senior Elder





STEDMAN HOUSE UPDATE

For many years, the maintenance of both the church building and Stedman House has been the responsibility of our Board of Deacons. As Stedman House is aging, the ongoing maintenance required has been increasing, which has placed a significant demand on the time spent by the Deacons in arranging repairs and maintenance. It has become increasingly evident that this is becoming unsustainable for the Deacons, when added to the time required for the maintenance of the church building. Therefore, a contract has been negotiated with Vision Property, Brantford, who will become the property manager for Stedman House, effective February 3, 2021. All maintenance concerns will be communicated by the tenants to Vision Property, who will then investigate and obtain proposed cost estimates to present to the Deacons for approval. All maintenance work will continue to require Deacons' approval before being undertaken. It is our hope that this arrangement will be beneficial for both the church and the tenants. Maintenance requests will be addressed in a timely manner while reducing the volunteer hours currently required of the Deacons. The Deacons will continue to supervise any urgent issues at Stedman House if required and will continue to be responsible for all ongoing maintenance of the church building.

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE – COMMITTEE CHAIRS ARE ASKED TO SUBMIT THEIR ANNUAL REPORTS TO MARGOT ***NO LATER THAN FEB. 26*** FOR INCLUSION IN THE ANNUAL REPORT. BEFORE THAT DATE WOULD BE GREAT IF POSSIBLE. PLEASE SUBMIT BY EMAIL ATTACHMENT ONLY. WE REALIZE THAT MANY COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN RELATIVELY INACTIVE THIS YEAR, SO A BRIEF OR NIL REPORT IS CERTAINLY ACCEPTABLE. PLEASE LET MARGOT KNOW IF YOU ARE ***NOT*** SUBMITTING A REPORT THIS YEAR.

For any Bulletin News or Announcements please contact Margot at the Church Office by ***Thursday mornings*** at: ***secretary@farringdonchurch.com*** or ***519 759-2495***

By now you have probably noticed that Rev. Mike is currently recording the service video from his home on Sunday mornings instead of from the church. With the recent provincial stay at home order which took effect January 14, we felt it was important to keep everyone home if possible, in order to comply with the order and to keep everyone safe. Therefore, the sermon is currently recorded from Rev. Mike's home, then emailed to Wyatt for editing and is then posted to the You Tube page sometime Sunday evenings. This arrangement will be temporary until restrictions are eased. We appreciate your understanding as we endeavour to keep everyone as safe as possible.



DIMES FOR ETHAN – For the past few years, our congregation has been collecting dimes to contribute to Ethan Golden, a young man who is raising funds for Juvenile Arthritis Awareness. We normally invite Ethan in the spring to present our donations. Due to the church closure, we were unable to do so this year. We hope to set up a date in the spring to bring Ethan back. This is a reminder to please continue to collect your dimes until then!

Happy Birthday!



Celebrating Birthdays in February
25 - Wyatt Thompson

Birthdays and Anniversaries - Do we Have Yours?

If your birthday, family members' birthdays and/or anniversaries are not in our newsletters or bulletin and you would like them to be, please make sure we have them. We know from the list we have that many are missing. We don't print the year

☺ Please provide the dates to Margot in the Church Office

Website Address and Social Media

Check out the Farringdon website and Facebook page for all updates and information. Our website address is www.farringdonchurch.ca. To access Member's content, you need to register at the new site. You will receive a temporary password via email which can be changed when you log in.



Have you not been baptized?

We will have a baptism service on Easter Sunday, 2021 and invite all who have not yet been baptized to let Rev. Mike know so he can help you prepare for that important event.

Farringdon Next Week

- ❖ **Virtual, on-line Worship Service for Sunday February 28, 2021**
- ❖ **Meetings and events next week – February 28 – March 6, 2021**

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Farringdon Church regular office hours

During the Government restrictions for Covid, please do not come to the Church except to drop off in the mailbox.

You are welcome to call during office hours.

Monday

~ Closed ~

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Thursday

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Friday

9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Office: 519 759-2495

If calling after hours, please leave a message and your call will be returned the next business day. Rev. Mike can be contacted on his cell phone when the office is closed at

1-226-339-4340

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Come and See
February 28, 2021