

Farringdon Church

WORLD
LEPROSY DAY

Sunday, January 31, 2021

Announcement:

The province of Ontario is currently under strict lockdown restrictions for the foreseeable future. Therefore, 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, even in small numbers. 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*

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Sunday, January 31, 2021

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

Pray:

**God of life, you have promised to be with us every day,
especially on our hardest days.
Thank you for never leaving us or forsaking us.
Be near to those who are lonely and heal the sick.
Calm the anxious and lift up all who have fallen.
Hold safe in your loving arms all who are persecuted.
Dispel the darkness that causes us to divide from
and then attack others.
Almighty God, bring your peace and justice to Canada.
We pray for our Prime Minister and our Premier.
Today we will be still and know that you are God.
Forgive our many sins by the blood of Jesus.
We will rest in your unfailing love and praise you for your mercy.
Through Christ, our hope, Amen.**

Listen to: *Crown him with Many Crowns*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s7OCs0d_4vM

- Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
While heaven's eternal anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died to be
your Saviour and your matchless King through all eternity.*

- 2 *Crown him the Lord of life, triumphant from the grave,
who rose victorious from the strife for those he came to save;
His glories now we sing who died and reigns on high,
He died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.*
- 3 *Crown him the Lord of peace; his kingdom is at hand,
From pole to pole let warfare cease, and Christ yule every land.
A city stands on high. His glory it displays,
and there the nations 'Holy' cry in joyful hymns of praise.*
- 4 *Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, in majesty sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for you have died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.*

Bible: Romans 16:1-16, 21-23

- 1 Commend to you our sister **Phoebe**, who is a deacon in the church in Cenchrea.
- 2 Welcome her in the Lord as one who is worthy of honor among God's people. Help her in whatever she needs, for she has been helpful to many, and especially to me.
- 3 Give my greetings to **Priscilla** and **Aquila**, my co-workers in the ministry of Christ Jesus.
- 4 In fact, they once risked their lives for me. I am thankful to them, and so are all the Gentile churches.
- 5 Also give my greetings to the church that meets in their home. Greet my dear friend **Epenetus**. He was the first person from the province of Asia to become a follower of Christ.
- 6 Give my greetings to **Mary**, who has worked so hard for your benefit.
- 7 Greet **Andronicus** and **Junia**, my fellow Jews, who were in prison with me. They are highly respected among the apostles and became followers of Christ before I did.
- 8 Greet **Ampliatius**, my dear friend in the Lord.
- 9 Greet **Urbanus**, our co-worker in Christ, and my dear friend **Stachys**.
- 10 Greet **Apelles**, a good man whom Christ approves. And give my greetings to the believers from the household of **Aristobulus**.
- 11 Greet **Herodion**, my fellow Jew. Greet the Lord's people from the household of **Narcissus**.

- 12 Give my greetings to **Tryphena** and **Tryphosa**, the Lord's workers, and to dear **Persis**, who has worked so hard for the Lord.
- 13 Greet **Rufus**, whom the Lord picked out to be his very own; and also his dear mother, who has been a mother to me.
- 14 Give my greetings to **Asyncritus**, **Phlegon**, **Hermes**, **Patrobas**, **Hermas**, and the brothers and sisters who meet with them.
- 15 Give my greetings to **Philologus**, **Julia**, **Nereus** and **his sister**, and to **Olympas** and all the believers who meet with them.
- 16 Greet each other with a sacred kiss. All the churches of Christ send you their greetings.
- 21 **Timothy**, my fellow worker, sends you his greetings, as do **Lucius**, **Jason**, and **Sosipater**, my fellow Jews.
- 22 I, **Tertius**, the one writing this letter for **Paul**, send my greetings, too, as one of the Lord's followers.
- 23 **Gaius** says hello to you. He is my host and also serves as host to the whole church. **Erastus**, the city treasurer, sends you his greetings, and so does our brother **Quartus**.

Sermon: **The Family of God** by Rev. Mike Rattee

Listen to: **Way Maker** (by Leeland)

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

1. *You are here, moving in our midst. I worship you, I worship you.
You are here, working in this place. I worship you, I worship you.
You are:*

Chorus: *Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, My God, that is who you are.*

2. *You are here, touching every heart. I worship you, I worship you.
You are here, healing every life. I worship you, I worship you.*

Chorus: *Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, My God, that is who you are.*

Bridge: *Even when I don't see it, you're working.
Even when I don't feel it, you're working.*

*You never stop, you never stop working, you never stop,
you never stop working.*

Chorus: *Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, My God, that is who you are.*

End: *You are here Way Maker. I worship you, I worship you.*

The Farringdon Prayer

**Loving God, our Heavenly Father,
we thank you for welcoming us into
your family of believers throughout the world.
May our church always be a place that is a spiritual home
to people of all ages.
May we receive with open arms all we encounter this week.
May we embrace them with the love of Christ.
May we remember our mission to share the good news
of your forgiving love to all who seek you.
Give us the grace and determination
to be like our Saviour in the way we live,
the way we love and the way we serve.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen**

News and Announcements

- ❖ **Virtual, on-line Worship Service for Sunday January 31, 2021**
- ❖ **Meetings and events this week – Jan. 31 – Feb. 6, 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 REPORTS – COMMITTEE CHAIRS ARE ASKED TO SUBMIT THEIR ANNUAL REPORTS TO MARGOT NO LATER THAN FEB. 26 FOR INCLUSION IN THE ANNUAL REPORT. SUBMISSIONS BY EMAIL ATTACHMENT ARE PREFERRED. IF YOU REQUIRE MARGOT TO PRINT YOUR SUBMISSION, PLEASE SUBMIT AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. WE REALIZE THAT MANY COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN RELATIVELY INACTIVE THIS YEAR, SO A BRIEF OR NIL REPORT IS CERTAINLY ACCEPTABLE.

By now you have probably noticed that Rev. Mike is currently recording the service video from his home 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. 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!

Celebrating Anniversaries in February



1 – Ed and Norma Sayles 3 – Tom and Glenna Young
4 – Ross and Shirley Lehman

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

Happy Birthday !



Celebrating Birthdays in February

1 - Machaela Mathurin 2 - Steve Somerton 10 - Andrew Trevor
11 – Cooper Moyer & Briauna VanSickle 17 – Scott Waters
19 – Claudette Tiller 25 - Wyatt Thompson

Church Offerings

Offering Envelopes for 2021 *have arrived* but in light of recent Covid restrictions from the Ontario Government, they will be available to be picked up when the “Stay at home” restrictions have been lifted. You are welcome to send your Offering in a regular envelope for now or by E-transfer and I will ensure it is attributed to the correct envelope number.

****Please Do Not use last years' envelopes. ****

If you have been thinking about providing your Church offering by PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) but would like more information about how it works, please let Margot in the Church office know and she can provide information about how to provide your offering in this convenient way

Farringdon Next Week

- ❖ **Virtual, on-line Worship Service for Sunday February 7, 2021**
- ❖ **Meetings and events next week – February 7 – February 13, 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.

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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.

<i>Monday</i>	<i>~ Closed ~</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.</i>

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

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.

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

Through the generous giving of our members, Farringdon Church Missions supports Effect: Hope Leprosy, annually. Please visit their website for more information of the work that is done for leprosy.

effect:hope

World Leprosy Day

January 31st



<https://effecthope.org/world-leprosy-day-2021>

On the last Sunday of January, people around the world act to end leprosy and the horrible effects of the disease. This World Leprosy Day, stand with those affected by the disease to let the world know that leprosy still exists.

Every day, more than 600 people are diagnosed with leprosy in some of the world's poorest communities.

Untreated, leprosy can cause disabilities, disfigurement, blindness, and rejection from family and community. Without cure and care, people live in poverty and destitution on the margins of society.

UPDATE: In 2021, people living with leprosy and its consequences are even more vulnerable because of COVID-19. The coronavirus restrictions continue to impact those in care for leprosy and those with leprosy-related disabilities. People with compromised health, and those living in crowded situations are most vulnerable to contracting COVID-19 and are most affected by restrictions.

Every day, thousands of people are diagnosed with neglected tropical diseases like leprosy. They suffer physical symptoms and develop life-altering disabilities.

They distance themselves from others due to stigma and discrimination which leads to social isolation, mental health issues and poverty.

The COVID-19 crisis is having a disproportionate impact on the people living with neglected tropical diseases like leprosy. They are at a higher risk of catching the virus and even dying from it. Not only that, the Covid-19 pandemic is disrupting the process of delivering medical care to them.

Here are 9 ways COVID-19 is impacting the people affected by leprosy and other neglected tropical diseases.

1. Lack of access to health care

Many countries have imposed travel and transport bans due to COVID-19. As a result, people who suffer from leprosy are finding it harder to access the health care they need. In some cases, the health facilities are prioritizing COVID cases. Leprosy and NTD (neglected tropical diseases) patients are being denied treatment.

2. People with leprosy are at higher risk of contracting COVID-19

Neglected tropical disease patients often live with compromised immune systems. As a result, they are at a higher risk of contracting the virus. They are also at higher risk of developing a serious illness or even dying from a COVID-19 infection.

3. Lack of access to food, clean water, and soap

WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) is the best defense against this virus. For vulnerable people we serve, access to clean water, soap and even food is becoming a concern. Most can't afford the essential daily needs of their families. And we predict it will only get worse.

4. Weak public healthcare systems in countries where we operate are overwhelmed

Countries where we operate, do not have strong public health systems. Whatever little they do have is being overwhelmed by the current pandemic. These countries also do not have any safety nets as we do in Canada. Most of our patients are at the end of the line and are often the last ones reached with the government aid. Keeping track of who's receiving any government help is becoming increasingly difficult. As a result, some are not receiving the support and resources they need to fight their disease.

5. Loss of jobs for those working in the informal economy

Persons affected by neglected tropical diseases are particularly vulnerable to economic instability. They often work as day laborers or run small shops. Many are unable to work due to the COVID-19 lockdowns, quarantines, physical distancing, and other measures. They are more likely to suffer a greater loss of income over the long-term. As a result, poor are getting poorer and their families will pay a price...for a long time. These measures are also impeding their access the medication or medical attention that they need.

6. Increased vulnerability to COVID-19

Many of those affected by leprosy are not receiving health promotion information regarding COVID-19 due to issues with travel, geography, or illiteracy. This is putting some of the most vulnerable people on the planet at a higher risk of contracting COVID-19.

7. Loss of jobs in the developed world leads to less charity

The economic downturn caused by COVID-19 is leading to job losses and instability right here in Canada and around the world. This has led to a significant decrease in charitable donations around the world, right when we need them most - Donations which are integral to providing those with leprosy the medical supplies and treatment they need at this very time.

8. Isolation and also stigma due to COVID-19 is causing further mental distress to those with neglected tropical diseases

Neglected tropical diseases can lead to disability and physical disfigurement. This in turn leads to stigma, discrimination, and isolation. The result of all this - a negative impact on the mental health of the patients. COVID-19 is further isolating this population. We work hard to restore them in their communities, but we are losing the gains we made in the past.

9. The stigma that people with leprosy experience has lead to poorer assistance with COVID related cases.

Unfortunately, there is still a widespread stigma towards those who have leprosy. Leprosy and NTD patients are mistreated, in some cases are refused COVID testing and treatment entirely.