

The Messenger

Interesting Times

It is for sure true these are interesting times we are living in. We sent a supplemental page in our newsletter last month in which we mentioned some of the 'forced' changes we have been going through due to COVID-19. Some of those things will be talked about in more detail in this newsletter.

I was speaking with a mentor and colleague recently and we had to laugh about the fact that we are both busier now in this 'slow-down' than during 'normal' times. It appears that people want to talk on the phone now, people are realizing the need for human contact when all they can get all the time is their family members. It can be overwhelming and exhausting to think of how many times between the two of us we get on a video conference during the week. I believe at last count there are around 18 separate video conference calls between us, many of which happen in the evening or late night.

We understand these times are stressful for many of you and we want to say, THANK YOU! We have received phone calls, texts, emails, video chats, and cards in the mail with many wonderful thoughts and times to catch up with many of you and we thank you for that! We also want to thank you for your faithful prayers and partnership in our ministry. We appreciate you and all you do for us. It's hard to express the gratitude we have for you and the confidence and joy we receive from you to be able to continue to do the work you helped start here in Guelph Ontario.

Know that we also pray for you, for peace in the craziness, for steadfastness in an everchanging environment and for hope in the future when we can be with our church families in person.

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Time of Prayer

The Guelph church has been engaging through Zoom for the past 6 weeks. We are devoting much time in prayer throughout different times during the week. Our Sunday mornings have included a period of about 40 minutes to read scripture and to praise God for who he is through some guided prayer. It has been an enriching time of united prayer together.

We have also made Monday mornings and Friday mornings available to meet at 7:00 to be in prayer before the work day starts. Right now we are engaging in praying scripture, which has proven to be new for people but a good way to open up in praying. We have mainly stayed in the Psalms as they offer much insight into how the writers were able to open up about their problems and then highlight God's goodness in spite of those problems and to praise Him for His care.

Wednesday nights have been a time of devotion. We have a bible study and are able to talk about what God is teaching us through the week and what God is doing in our lives. It's good for people to hear what's going on with each other to know we are not alone.



Left: Sunday morning with our church family, it's feels weird but it works!



Right: Wednesday Prayers with Tenth & Broad. Such a blessing!!

“God, we have heard with our ears, our ancestors have told us, the work you have accomplished in their days, in days long ago.” Psalm 44:1

Prayer Requests

1. Pray for us and the studies and disciple groups we are a part of during the week and monthly.
2. Adam and Ashley will nurture and lead the small group that is now meeting in their home
3. Nick, for his heart to be opened to study about God and what it means to be a disciple of God.
4. Christian has joined Jason's small group, pray for him to learn more about God and the church of the New Testament
5. Wisdom in leading the Guelph Church through this time of uncertainty.

Quarantine

Our current situation has proven to be trying for many but perfectly fine for others. I don't think anybody ever had any idea about what we were about to be asked to do 6 weeks ago. We have tried to keep a sense of 'normalcy' for Emelia but we have all experienced a bit of confusion. We have all expressed missing the ability to go where we wanted, when we wanted to, as well as being able to see our close friends whenever we could. Here are photos of the last several weeks during lock down in our neck of the woods.





Top Left: received goodies from Mis Bev from our church family.
Top Middle and right: getting goodies ready and dropping them off at friends. Drop and Dash!



Middle Row: hanging out with Friends. Not the way we like to but it will have to do for now.
Bottom Middle: working on no training wheels on our bike! Yay!



Bottom: Waiting for teachers, made a sign to encourage them

