

# The Anglican Parish of St. Francis

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Dear friends,

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It's hard to believe that it has been 2 ½ months since we've gathered as a congregation in our church building. While the "building" has been closed, the "church" has continued.

Based on the advice of medical and government experts, the bishop has provided an updated directive on what is allowed inside our buildings. We are now allowed to have up to 25 people at one time, with strict attention to physical distancing, proper cleaning and disinfecting, monitoring of people's positioning and the recommendation that people over the age of 65 not attend for their safety. After looking at all the effort that would be required, the corporation has chosen not to reopen the building at this time.

To stay connected with all of you, we will now be producing weekly worship services and posting them to our YouTube channel every Sunday morning. If you go into YouTube and search on "**The Anglican Parish of St Francis – Winnipeg**", you will find all our services (past and present). We hope you will continue to worship with us.

We realize that we have a number of parishioners who may not be able to access these online services, so we are looking at other means to share them. If you're interested in finding out more information and would like to be included, please call the church at (204) 334-6753 and someone will get back to you.

We are continuing our work with Winnipeg Harvest every two weeks at the Mission Centre. There are two Harvest weekends left before the summer break. If you are able to help out either on the Friday (12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.) or Saturday (9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.), please leave a message on the church answering machine and someone will contact you. The dates for the next food banks are June 5 & 6 and June 19 & 20.

The building committee has been busy taking advantage of our empty building. The basement floor, kitchen floor and "chair room" have been stripped and waxed. The back door landing has been painted and the stairs re-carpeted. The chair room has also been painted. These are just a few of the many things that have been worked on over the past few months. Special thanks to Wayne, Wolfgang and others, for their work and care of our buildings.

Our treasurer, Bob Wedlake, reminds you all to continue with your envelope giving if at all possible. They can be mailed to the church, dropped off in our mailbox (by the single north door), or if you leave a message on the church answering machine, he is willing to come and pick them up. Thank you to those who have continued with their offerings over these past months. Our finances have taken a direct hit with no rental income and no fundraising income.

We hope this letter finds you all well as we begin to enjoy this beautiful summer weather.

Take care and God bless.  
St. Francis Return to Church Committee