

Update on Church Reopening Email to the Parish from The Rev. Simone Hurkmans

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Hello everyone,

Well, the day after I let everyone know that I'll be sending emails only weekly, I send another email...that'll learn me!

Today's note is to share the news we received this morning from the Ontario House of Bishops that: that regardless of where the Government of Ontario is with its reopening plan, our churches will not be reopening for in-person worship until at least September." You can read the announcement in its entirety in the attached letter from Archbishop Anne Germond. Bishop Shane will be providing details specific to our Diocese in the next week.

Although Archbishop Anne refers to this time as a time of "Summer Sabbath Rest", this refers to rest from physical worship in the church. Please know that online worship and fellowship at ASW will continue through this summer season.

Lastly, as a couple of people have mentioned that they did not receive my note to the parish yesterday evening, I've included it again below. I believe I have found and fixed the issue. I will add IT guru to video producer on my list of "other duties as required"!

Have a lovely evening,

Simone