

WATERTON UNITED CHURCH 2020 COVID SUMMER OPERATION

GIVENS: Operational decisions follow the guidelines from **Parks Canada, Government of Alberta, and the United Church of Canada. *Changes may arise.***

What CAN'T we do? (Might as well know that from the start, but going forward goodheartedly!!)

- No choirs or congregational singing.
- No food.
- No communion.
- **Don't come if you feel sick.**
- Bathroom for emergencies only
(Park firehall washrooms available – please “go” before you get here!)
- Only one entrance and exit (see below).
- **No hugging or touching!** (see below).
- No crafts or special area for children.

What CAN we do?

- Observe physical distancing of 6 feet **at all times.**
- Offer regular services from July 5 – September 13, 2020.
- Guest clergy may stay in the suite from Friday until Tuesday (modified this year).
- Open AA meetings continue on Thursdays at 7 pm for July and August.
- Maximum of 20 chairs available, in a circle.
- Soloists or solo instrumentalists allowed.
- Our guest clergy can offer a service which includes time for prayer and group discussion.
- Entrance on the north side of the church, exit on the south side (next to the playground).
- Contact information recorded (a requirement), sanitizer available and masks to be worn.
- “No touch” offering – offering plates at entrance and exit.
- No touching or hugging, but you may bow and say “Namaste” if you wish (“the divine in me salutes the divine in you”).

We know that WE are the church, that the building and meeting in person is not required: but we, the Waterton United Church Council, wish to have the church open in this new and limited way. With all of the rules, and with due care, we go forward in community, faith and love.

MAY THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST BE WITH US ALL.