

**Sharon-Hope United Church**  
**A vibrant community of faith, hope and love...**  
**come and see!**

**Minister's Message**

**Our Faith is Pandemic Proof**

Let's see how we can grow in our faith in the midst of this pandemic by reflecting on some readings from James.

**Meditate**

James 1: 2-8 - Faith and Wisdom

<sup>2</sup> My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, <sup>3</sup> because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; <sup>4</sup> and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing.

<sup>5</sup> If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you. <sup>6</sup> But ask in faith, never doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind; <sup>7,8</sup> for the doubter, being double-minded and unstable in every way, must not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

**Questions for reflection**

1. Name at least two good things that come out of trials and tribulations
2. If trials produce perseverance, what does perseverance produce?
3. How is perseverance important to Christian faith?
4. How does double-mindedness affect your perseverance?
5. Which verse in this passage do you find the most encouraging? Why?

James encourages praying for wisdom to get through times of trouble. Offer your own prayer for wisdom.

**Pray & Connect**

Who will you pray for this week? Give them a call or send an email if you are able.

**Praise – Make a Joyful Noise!**

Which hymn do you miss singing this week? Sing away!

One of my favorites- "Blessed Assurance"

Stay well, stay safe, stay blessed

Rev Sadekie

## The Week at a Glance\*

### Sunday, July 19

[Virtual Worship Service & Gathering time](#) @ 10:00 am

Or Dial +1 647 558 0588 Canada

Meeting ID: 923 528 6837

Password: 336271

### Tuesday & Friday, July 21 and 24

[Virtual Tea-Time](#) @ 2:00 pm

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### Thursday, July 23

[Virtual Lectionary Bible Study](#) @ 11:00 am

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## Council and Team Notices

### Update from Worship

Rev. Sadekie will be on vacation from July 25 to August 8, 2020. We wish the family a time of rest, relaxation and some fun.

On Sunday July 26 and August 2 Sharon -Hope will NOT be having a Zoom Worship Service. This will give you an opportunity to attend virtual Worship at a church of your choice.

Next week we will publish contact and link information for some churches in this area. Stay tuned for more information.

### Reopening Survey

When do YOU think we should re-open the Church and how should we do it?

What do YOU need to feel safe at Church in a COVID-19 world?

Please [click here](#) to answer our short survey about re-opening Sharon-Hope during COVID-19. Please be assured that your responses are anonymous. We would love to hear from you **by July 24th.**

### Building Reopening Update

I am reminded of the question heard from the back seat of cars during family road trips... "are we there yet?" Are we ready to reopen the building...soon. We now have Susan in the office, answering calls, and getting oriented to how the church functions and Rev. Sadekie has started. We want them to get settled, and develop safe practices working together.

Meanwhile, a small task group continues to develop protocols to insure everyone's safety as we slowly reopen. We now have a binder at the side door and are asking everyone to sign in as they enter. This will make contact tracing easier (should it be necessary). We have hand sanitizer stations at various points in the building. And we are working towards having small gatherings in the building (the number of people allowed in each space will be posted). In addition, we ask that anyone going into the OA office please sign in the Sign in Sheet in the holder on the door of the office.

This week, York Regional Council voted to make wearing face-covering inside public spaces a requirement **starting Friday, July 17, 2020, therefore we are asking everyone to wear a mask while in the building.** We are asking people bring their own, but will have some available on site soon.

Anyone who is interested in sewing fabric masks for the church should contact (Betty Trach, [miniatic@sympatico.ca](mailto:miniatic@sympatico.ca)).

If there are suggestions or questions to contact our Council Chair, Betty Trach [miniatic@sympatico.ca](mailto:miniatic@sympatico.ca) and the Membership & Communications team [sharonhopecommunication@gmail.com](mailto:sharonhopecommunication@gmail.com).

## Community Notices

### Updates from Shining Waters Regional Council

View the Full Event Listing on Shining Waters Website

<https://shiningwatersregionalcouncil.ca/event/united-church-toronto-pride-pre-gathering/>

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**Church Office Hours** – Tuesday, 9:30am to 2pm

Thursday, 9:30am to 2pm

Friday, 9:30am to 3pm