

## **An Abbreviated Chronology of COVID at the Cayuga Pastoral Charge**

*The fully detailed report of all actions and decisions made between **March 11 and April 3rd is 50 pages long.** (These are unprecedented times.) If you would like a copy, please ask Rev. Debbie McMillan and she can send you an electronic copy.*

**March 8, 2020** The Cayuga Pastoral Charge was not able to elect or appoint a new Chair of Board. Bruce Hunter finished his term. Calling and chairing meetings falls to the ordained clergy person. Rev. Debbie McMillan has assumed the chair until such time as a new chair can be appointed or elected as per The Manual.

March 12th - Emergency Plan put into place by United Church of Canada- [not as proscriptive as what will come later in the week](#)

March 14th - Decision was made to suspend all gatherings at Cayuga Pastoral Charge

March 16th – [United Church of Canada closes Council Offices. Notified Regions that public gatherings are cancelled. As well funerals are to be delayed to a later date](#)

-Rev. Debbie takes advantage of the 1 month free license made available to clergy for online services.

March 17th - Rev. Nick Phillips from Nova Scotia helps Rev. Debbie with online service tech

[YouTube was chosen as best option for our needs as it can be prerecorded, edited and uploaded](#)

[Monica Grabham takes on the task of contacting congregants about their wish to participate in online worship services and to get needed info to send them information about the services.](#)

[A very new learning curve for Rev McMillan and we thank her for her commitment and resilience in this new endeavour](#)

March 18 – [Finance and M&P informed of ongoing Webinars prepared by United Church titled Congregational Finances during the Pandemic. Jim Smith and R.A Maracle have attended these. They are to be every Wed until further notice.](#)

March 19th - Sign up with Zoom for online meetings

[Patti Pogson in concert with Rev Debbie prepares bulletin for upcoming online church service](#)

March 22nd - Our first online service called Church Together

[Rev Debbie receives notice that we cannot use some music in the services as we don't have the necessary licensing. Another glitch that was investigated and cleared up by Brian Pogson](#)

March 25th - Lenore Harrison passed away. It was hard for Rev. Debbie to refuse a funeral but had to be done because of COVID 19. [Ministers were given the direction by UCC that there were to be no funeral services not inside not graveside.](#)

Rev Debbie was proactive in seeing that the Funeral Association was notified of this direction as our local funeral Director was very surprised at Rev McMillan's information.

March 29th - Our 2nd Church Together was online after technical issues [resolved](#)

April 3rd - Cayuga Pastoral Charge registers [with Canada Helps for](#) Donate Now button to be put on our website so members can donate directly from the website.