

Good afternoon all,

I'm attaching this article about a sister church in Calgary, who, like us, met on March 15th. You will read that they followed all the measures that we did: observed the 2 meter distance, no handshaking, etc. Unlike them, we cancelled coffee, tea and eating PIE together after the service. This article describes how their gathering had much different results than ours - 1/2 of them got sick and 1 of them died. My heart broke when I read their story. I remember clearly, standing in the Kitchissippi kitchen with 5 or 6 of you and discussing cancelling coffee time. We thought, 'well, let's just be extra careful and safe'. Our outcome still might have looked like theirs, as this virus can spread when there aren't even symptoms. As a church, let us all pray for the community of Living Spirit United Church in Calgary - their story is our story. Their worship is our worship. Their community is grieving and our hearts are with them. We are all connected. We grieve together.
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And, as I watch on each of the Zoom calls, our hair grows and our spirits are buoyed, I offer the comic attached. May you always recognize those you share your homes with!

Peace and blessings on your day,
Jenni