



St. Albert United Church

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Dear Members, Adherents, and Friends of St. Albert United Church:

Well, hasn't it been the most unusual year? And now here we are, headed into our Advent and Christmas season. Included with this letter is a special notice from Outreach outlining their project plans, and a note from Sunday School telling you about the delivery of Christmas for our youngest.

It is also important to acknowledge the tremendous amount of work our staff and volunteers have put in to keep the church and building running over the past 9 months, and which recently enabled us to return to the sanctuary for Sunday worship. Many thanks go out to all of them!

When we combine our faithful service, prayers, and financial resources, our church has the power to continue to be a thriving influence in our community. St. Albert United Church is blessed with caring people who give from their abundance for the work of this congregation in the local community and around the world. However, at the end of October 2020, the church's revenue from general offerings is below the budgeted amount and in order to survive the pandemic we will need to see an increase in offerings of about 15%.

Tax receipts for 2020 charitable donations will be available early in 2021, and will only include donations made before December 31, 2020. If you are able to increase your monthly or weekly offering at any time, simply increase your donations. The office has pamphlets explaining our automatic debit program (pre-authorized remittance or PAR) and getting one is as simple as calling the church office at 780-458-8355. You can also find the PAR form and info about other ways to give under the "Donations" header at stalbertunited.ca.

Thank you for all your support in 2020. We are confident that the generosity of all members and adherents of this congregation will enable us to move forward into 2021 with renewed vigor.

Shalom

St. Albert United Church Council and Committees