



Beloved Parents of Loving Tree School,

It is with much sadness that we are sending this letter to you all. We all agree that the primary focus of this age level is to experience social interactions. We are extremely grateful to our teaching staff for their creative ways of staying connected with you during this past spring. It was not at all what we could have imagined.

After much study of the procedures and policies required by Office of Superintendent for Public Instruction (OSPI), along with requirements from CDC, Whatcom Health Department and our churches two denominations recommendations and much prayerful discernment for the safety of all people the United Church of Ferndale Loving Tree Preschool program will not be reopening in the fall.

Because of our classroom sizes and the requirements needed of the children and staff to remain six feet apart we feel it is too much to ask of our pre-school children and dangerous for the health and safety of the children, our staff and volunteers until a vaccine.

If by some miracle a vaccine is developed and made available to all before the end of 2020, we might be able to consider reopening sometime mid-January 2021.

For those of you who have paid registration fees, we offer several options.

1. You can ask us for a refund.
2. You can ask us to keep your pre-registration for future reopening.
3. You are invited to consider as a donation to United Church of Ferndale Loving Tree Preschool program (ministry).

We hope that you will stay connected with us and with classmates from the school. We will hold you all in our hearts until we meet again.

Be safe, stay well, wash your hands, don't touch your face,

The Loving Tree School Advisory Team, a ministry of United Church of Ferndale