

## KNOX eNews: LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH

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**October 18, 2020 edition**

### WORSHIP AND ARTS MINISTRY

**COME AND WORSHIP** - Knox is open for in church worship. We are limited to a total of 50 participants (including worship leaders, musicians, tech support, etc.) so pre-registering is necessary to ensure that the proper guidelines are followed. Please register at [worship@kucparksville.ca](mailto:worship@kucparksville.ca)

Please include the number of persons in your bubble and your phone number. This is required so that the seating can be arranged accordingly, and the safe distancing guidelines are followed and that we have your contact details as required. **Registration is open until 5:00 pm the Friday prior.** Should you email after the deadline you may have to be put on a waitlist if the 50 allowed attendees have been reached.

Please email: **Phyllis @ [worship@kucparksville.ca](mailto:worship@kucparksville.ca)** if you have any questions or concerns. Registration is always open, and it is first come first served.

**10 AM: In-church worship.** E-mail [worship@kucparksville.ca](mailto:worship@kucparksville.ca) by Friday 5 PM. If the weather cooperates, and you would like to mingle a little after the service, please bring a chair and congregate (safely) 6 feet apart, outside!

**11:30 AM: Family 'messy' church.** The next Messy Church service will be held on October 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. Future family services will be held twice per month. Watch the eNews for dates. Please pre-register at [worship@kucparksville.ca](mailto:worship@kucparksville.ca).

**THIS SUNDAY AT KNOX Barb Myers is back.** We are delighted to welcome Barb Myers to our service this Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Barb is a spirited, versatile, and consummate performer/accompanist, and just a joy to watch. She has also kindly agreed to give a concert at 2 PM to help fund-raise at Knox. Pre-registration required. Concert by donation.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE & OUTREACH MINISTRY

**MISSION & SERVICE** – Thanksgiving is around the corner and this year more than ever giving to people in need through Mission & Service is critical. In Canada right now, COVID-19 is the final straw for families who were already pushed to the financial edge before the virus struck. By the end of the year, **12,000 people per day** living around the world could die from hunger because of the pandemic. Together, as a United Church, we can make a difference. When we stand together, we can have an impact that we never could on our own. While some of our members are struggling financially some are not and these may be seeking ways to share. [Watch our short, inspiring Thanksgiving video](#) and read our [Thanksgiving Minute for Mission](#)

**GREEN TEAM** - In the Oceanside area, household glass continues to be an issue in terms of recycling. Following the recent meeting of the Knox Green team, it was decided to offer a collection service for anyone wishing to bring glass items to the church. These could be left inside the fenced-off area on the edge of the back lawn for pickup and then taken to the recycling depot in Nanaimo once there is a sufficient quantity to make the trip worthwhile. Labels do not need to be removed. Any questions please contact Don Emerson. **GO GREEN!**

**SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR!** We hope you will participate in a special Social Justice and Outreach event for **NEW SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR!** The Ascension Church has kindly offered their seven showers for the homeless to use. We hope to help by collecting **NEW SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR FOR MEN AND WOMEN** at a **DRIVE-THROUGH** in front of Knox on October 20 and 27 between 10:00 am and noon. We will be there to cheer you on, and recipients will happily have **CLEAN SOCKS & UNDERWEAR** to wear following their shower. Your SJ&O Team



## FUN, FAMILY, FRIENDS & FOOD MINISTRY

**THE GATHERING PLACE** – We've had an amazing few months of gathering in the park, but the weather is declining, so join us at the Virtual Gathering Place on Zoom Tuesdays from 9:30 am – 10:30 pm. Get your coffee or tea ready and come to connect and chat for the whole hour or any part of it.

**KNOX WALKING CLUB** – Interested in walking? We're starting a group just for you!

**Where?** Rath Trevor Park, Parking Lot #1

**When?** Thursday, **October 22, 10:00 am**

**Who?** Everyone – short or long-distance walkers welcome

**Why?** A chance to connect, exercise, go for coffee after, etc.

**For more info:** Jane W. 250.228.5368 or Shirlene D. 250.586.9687

**OMG, IT'S GMO!**

**YES! WE'RE BACK FOR ANOTHER YEAR!**

**WHO? GRUMPY MEN ONLY (any men from KNOX)**

**WHY? No real purpose! We're just a group of curmudgeons who enjoy a good laugh, a few insults and great conversation.**

**WHEN? The 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm**

**WHERE? Knox United Church, room 6**

**MEMBERSHIP? Wear a mask and bring your own coffee.**

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 27**

**MORE INFORMATION: Contact Shane at [grumpymenonly@gmail.com](mailto:grumpymenonly@gmail.com)**

## STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE MINISTRY

**BARB MYERS in Concert Sunday, October 18, 2 pm at Knox**  
Enjoy this classically trained pianist & singer performing everything from jazz to Broadway and beyond.

Limited seating. Reserve your spot by emailing [facility@kucparksville.ca](mailto:facility@kucparksville.ca)  
Admission by donation – all funds go to support Knox United Church.  
Doors open at 1:30 pm ALL COVID-19 PROTOCOLS WILL APPLY

**VALDY TWO SHOWS Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm TICKETS \$32**  
[Website](#)

**SOLD OUT**

## STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE MINISTRY

### GROUNDZERO & KNOX PRESENTS...

**"WE'LL MEET AGAIN"**

**The Songs of Vera Lynn, Marlene Dietrich and Edith Piaf Wednesday, November 11 at 2 pm TICKETS \$25**

Take a trip down memory lane as Edie Daponte and Joey Smith pay tribute to the songs of the WW2 era. Edie's smooth, sultry voice and Joey's magic fingers on the guitar will be a special treat for this matinee performance at Knox United Church. Don't miss out on this event as tickets will go fast. Tickets available at [www.gzalounge.com](http://www.gzalounge.com)



**AN EVENING OF HANK WILLIAMS SONGS Featuring Sandy Bone with Nathan Tinkham Friday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm**

Hank Williams Tribute with Sandy Bone: Hank Williams became one of America's first country music superstars with songs like Cold Cold Heart, Your Cheatin' Heart, Hey Good Lookin and I'll Never Get Out of This World Alive.

In 1953 Hank died of a heart attack at the age of 29 in the backseat of his Cadillac. Sandy Bone does not have a Cadillac, but he does have a way with the songs of Hank Williams. He plays the guitar like Hank, he is tall like Hank, and he has a bad back like Hank.

**TICKETS \$25 [click here](#)**



## STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE MINISTRY

**THE ACORN TREE IN THE NEWS** – Write up in the PQB News October 5<sup>th</sup> by Mandy Morales. [Read the article here](#)



**Rooms 1 & 2 are alive with the sounds of young voices at Knox.**

## HEALING AND PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

**PASTORAL CARE COMMUNICATION NETWORK** - It looks as though the COVID situation will be longer than any of us thought. Pastoral Care has taken on the responsibility of a communication network that will help us to stay connected during this time. If you are a person who would like to receive an occasional phone call or e-mail, we would be happy to put you in touch with another member of the congregation. If you are someone who would enjoy making the phone calls and staying connected with a few people, your help would be appreciated. If you are interested, please call Linda Nelson at 250-738-1051, or email [lindanelson@hotmail.com](mailto:lindanelson@hotmail.com)

**HEALING MINISTRY**- The Healing ministry is **not** taking appointments until further notice. This decision was made to protect our clients and practitioners at this uncertain time. However, if anyone requires a healing treatment during the shut-down they can call Bruce at 250.248.3119 and he will be willing to provide you with a modified distance prayerful healing session.

## MINISTRY & PERSONNEL MINISTRY

**Rev. Jennifer Ferguson: Monday-Friday, days off are Saturday & Sunday.** (If you would like to meet with her for pastoral care via phone call or FaceTime, please call her to make an appointment at **250.927.6061** or email [minister@kucparksville.ca](mailto:minister@kucparksville.ca)

**Knox United Church Staff Email Addresses** Follow this link to the Knox Website: [www.kucparksville.ca/pages/contact-us](http://www.kucparksville.ca/pages/contact-us)

**Knox United Church Council 2018-19** For a list of Council Members and Team Leaders, <https://www.kucparksville.ca/about/our-leadership--13>

## COMMUNICATIONS

**NOTE: The November issue will start to arrive in mailboxes on October 1st.**

Broadview's Live National Online Reading Club. Mark your calendars for our next event on Monday, October 5th at 7:00 EDT. We hope to see you there! Have your questions ready.

Each month editor Jocelyn Bell speaks with writers from the most recent issue of Broadview, live, via Zoom. Every online reading club is an exciting hour of interaction between our readers and our writers. Each writer speaks for 5-10 minutes, then you have a chance to ask them questions directly. Don't miss out on this exciting hour where we go behind the scenes of the stories.

Information about the live reading club is available via our e-newsletter only – [click here](#) to sign up today.

**Broadview**  
SPIRITUALITY, JUSTICE AND ETHICAL LIVING

## SPIRITUAL FORMATION MINISTRY

**BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM** – Wednesdays 10:30-12. Email Karen Freeman at [facility@kucparksville.ca](mailto:facility@kucparksville.ca) for a zoom invite. Zoom meeting ID and Password will be emailed in the body of the eNews email itself.

## COUNCIL NEWS

Watch this space for updates.

## KNOX COMMUNITY NEWS

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – ISLAND CRISIS CARE SOCIETY** -which operates Orca Place and Hirst House in Parksville is actively looking for volunteers at both these locations. Please contact Sara Schrieder, the Volunteer Coordinator at 778-842-0263 ext. 107



## OUR KNOX FAMILY

if 2020 was a slide



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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT** *Submitted by June M.*

When I was a kid, my Grandma liked to make breakfast food for dinner now and then. And I remember one night when she had made breakfast after a long, hard day.

On that evening so long ago, she had placed a plate of eggs, sausage and extremely burnt biscuits in front of my Granddad. I remember waiting to see if anyone noticed!

Yet all my Granddad did was reach for his biscuit, smile at my Grandma, and ask me how my day was at school. I don't remember what I told him that night, but I do remember watching him smear butter and jelly on that ugly burned biscuit. He ate every bite of that thing...never made a face or uttered a word about it!

When I got up from the table that evening, I remember hearing Grandma apologize to my Granddad for burning the biscuits. And I'll never forget what he said: "Honey, I love burned biscuits every now and then."

Later that night, I went to kiss Granddaddy good night and I asked him if he really liked his biscuits burned. He wrapped me in his arms and said: "Your Grandma put in a hard day of work today and she's real tired. And besides – a little burned biscuit never hurt anyone!"

As I've grown older, I've thought about that many times. Life is full of imperfect things and imperfect people. I'm not the best at anything, and I forget birthdays and anniversaries just like everyone else. But what I've learned over the years is that learning to accept each other's faults, and choosing to celebrate each other's differences, is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing, and lasting relationship be it a husband and wife or a parent and child, or friendship!

So please, pass me a biscuit and yes, the burned one will do just fine. Be kinder than necessary because everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle and the whole world is fighting this virus.