

**SUNDAY CELEBRATION 10:00 AM  
KNOX UNITED CHURCH**

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Rev. Jennifer Ferguson, *Minister*  
Jane Williams, *Administrator*  
Colleen Welsh, *Facility Coordinator*  
Kathleen Howard, *Relief Administrator*

Rev. Dr. M. Bruce McIntyre, *Minister Emeritus*  
Jenny Vincent, *Music Leader*  
Jan & Bill Laurie, *Music Team*  
Lorna Kobelak, *Scripture Reader*

**February 25, 2018**

Please note that our sanctuary is equipped with a loop system for the hearing impaired. If you wear a hearing-aid, please turn it to the "T" position.

***Thank you for remembering that Knox strives to be a SCENT FREE ZONE***

In body or in spirit, please stand as you are able where indicated (\*)

**SERMON SERIES: The Five Things We Cannot Change**  
**WORSHIP THEME: Things Do Not Always Go**  
**According to Plan**

**PRELUDE**

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**A TIME OF REJOICING**

*Dance with the Spirit	156MV
*My Love Colours Outside the Lines	138MV
Don't Be Afraid	90MV

**CENTERING PRAYER**

**KIDS' ZONE**

**CHILDREN'S HYMN:** Jesus Loves Me 365VU  
*(Children are now invited to participate in a time of fun, food, and learning in our Sunday school area)*

**A TIME OF REFLECTING**

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Matthew 14:1-14

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** Be Still...words and music Jim Manley

**REFLECTION:**

**HYMN:** Spirit God, Be Our Breath 150MV

**A MOMENT OF SHARING:** Give It Up for the Earth  
The Green Team....Sallie Dabb

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER**

*The Singing Bowl Invites us to center....*

Sung Response: Where Two or Three Are Gathered 14MV

The Lord's Prayer (sung) 959VU

**A TIME OF RISING**

**\*HYMN** Over My Head 88MV

**BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

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**WEEKLY OFFERING** – We are grateful for your financial gifts to our 9 ministries. Please place your offering in the baskets provided on the communion table or on the table inside the main sanctuary doors before or after the worship service.

## WELCOME

**Welcome To Our Service of Worship at Knox!** We extend a warm welcome to **all** who may be visiting with us this morning. Please know that visitors are welcome to participate in **every** part of our worship service. If you are visiting from near or from afar, thank you for finding your way to Knox. Together we seek God's grace; it is God who welcomes you. A nursery is available in Room 4 for children 0-3. There is a time of fun and learning for children 3-11 years in our Sunday school area after the Children's Hymn. Changing table is located in the nursery

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### KNOX COMMUNITY NEWS

*It is with sadness that we inform you of the passing of Lorraine Thompson on Friday, February 16th. Her celebration of life will be held at Knox on Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. Please keep Lorraine's husband Clay, and their family and friends, in your prayers as they grieve her passing.*

**SAVE THE DATE:** For Dessert and Conversation on Sunday, March 11 or Sunday, March 18 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm.

Please plan to join in on the second stage of our visioning process when we will gather in small groups for dessert and conversation within a comfortable home setting. Once again, facilitators will be available to guide this next step using a few specially designed questions. Additional details will be provided next week. Make sure to save ONE of these dates on your calendar and sign up on the wall next to the lounge for that date! As with the Luau, people will be assigned to groups randomly. Couples will be together for ease of transportation. If you would be willing to host a gathering of 6-8 people in your home, please call or email Lois Grill at 250-752-7599 or [loisgrill@shaw.ca](mailto:loisgrill@shaw.ca)

Visioning Facilitation Team

## WORSHIP AND ARTS

**PRESBYTERY PRAYER CYCLE** – Prayers this week to Rev. Karen Hollis and the congregation of Christ Church Gabriola, Shared Ministry.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** - Knox will be hosting the WORLD DAY OF PRAYER service on **Friday, March 2nd at 2 p.m.** World Day of Prayer is an inter-church event, encouraging everyone to attend. The service this year was prepared by the South American women of SURINAME. The theme is "All of God's Creation is Very Good", focusing on the environment and the rich culture of Suriname. Following the service, refreshments will be served in the lounge. For more information contact June McIntyre at 250-248-3119 or email: [juicenbrune@shaw.ca](mailto:juicenbrune@shaw.ca)

## SOCIAL JUSTICE AND OUTREACH

**INTRODUCING THE GREEN TEAM CHALLENGE** – Each month your Green Team will give you a challenge of ways you can go green....This month's challenge is: Use recycled paper and recycle it afterwards.

**GIVE IT UP FOR THE EARTH-** There are still many cards in the narthex for those who were not here last week, but would like to take part in our Lenten challenge. Pick one up after church today. Our first challenge idea was about carpooling, so check out the map on the wall by the lounge.

## FUN, FAMILY & FRIENDS

**SISTERS UNITED-** Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, gathering at 11:30 am for a potluck lunch of **Appetizers and Sweets** at 12 Noon. All women of Knox and friends are invited. Please bring your plate, cup, cutlery and a favourite appetizer or sweet to share. Wear Irish and other shades of green. Our speaker, Vancouver Island Master Gardener, **Wendy Smith**, will demonstrate easy ways to brighten winter pots and give us tips for attractive early spring gardening. For more information please contact one of our hosts: **Margaret DeHart, Betty Anne Hamilton, Jean Ormiston** or **Martha Pow**.

**CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCHEON** – In Port Alberni is March 6 from 12 pm to 2 pm. The cost is \$20. This luncheon consists of a beautiful, hot buffet lunch at the Barclay Hotel, as well as a Speaker of note, and, at various times fashion shows, silent auctions and entertainment. This is a lovely day out for a group. There is a need to know numbers, so if anyone is interested in this event, as well if they are willing to be a driver, please call Carol at 250-248-8454. Thank you.

**PROGRESSIVE DINNER** – In order to get to know each other, the Food, Fun and Fellowship group are planning a Progressive Dinner for Friday, May 4th. This involves travelling to a different home for each course, with each group meeting at the Church for dessert and fanfare. This is just a heads up to keep May 4th open. There will be a sign up sheet on “The Wall” in due course.

### **SACRED SPACES**

**BUILDING SECURITY CONCERNS**—Security of Knox is everyone’s responsibility and we would ask that when leaving the building after 3:00 pm on weekdays please do the following:

- Check to ensure that no-one is still in the building;
- Secure the room you have been using, e.g. close blinds and windows, turn off lights, computers etc.
- Turn off lights in hallways and narthex; (note that two lights in the hallways leading to the narthex are permanently on)
- Turn the heat down to the “green dot” where applicable and be sure the fireplace is in the off position;
- Be sure main door is locked;
- Double check that the four front-doors are secure by pushing on them from the inside;
- Check to see that the disability access button is in the OFF position;
- Set the alarm;
- Exit the building

### **ALSO PLEASE NOTE:**

- When entering the building during lunch hour or after 3:00 pm on weekdays please be sure the front door remains locked;
- When exiting the building using any of the three external doors be certain they are closed tight.

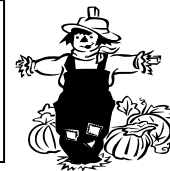
Thank you, Margaret Warburton, Sacred Spaces Team Leader

### **STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE**

**organWORX AT KNOX**—Individual tickets may be purchased for the May 27/18 concert, ‘Choir & Organ’, featuring Elroy Friesen, conductor of the newly formed Schooner Cove Singers. Fergus O’Byrne and Jim Payne are here on March 10/18, for another Irish-Newfoundland ‘East meets West’ concert. Tickets are available for each concert after the service, the Knox office or Mulberry Bush Bookstores in Parksville and Qualicum Beach. Tickets for the Mar 10/18 concert are also available from the Port Theatre ticket office, by phone or on-line.

**FERGUS TICKETS ARE SELLING FAST**  
– Better buy your tickets now!

**14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FALL FAIR**  
September 15, 2018  
Please make a note on your calendar!



### **HEALING AND PASTORAL CARE**

#### **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY- Coordinator Wanted**

The Prayer Shawl Group has met on the last Monday of every month. As we do not currently have a leader, no meeting took place in January. We know ladies are still knitting or crocheting shawls. The leadership of the group is not onerous. They meet in Room 5 at Knox for a couple of hours. We have lots of yarn, books, bags and tissue in the closet. Is there an interest in continuing? Is there someone who would be willing to lead? We would love to have the knitters and crocheters for the homeless group join us! If you have any questions or require more info, please contact Mary Allison Bell.

**HEALING SERVICE WITH COMMUNION** - The Healing Team and Worship and Arts Team will be collaborating ministries to offer a monthly service of Comfort and Healing on the third Sunday of the month (except for March) at 3:00 pm. This will be a beautiful service in which candle lighting, peaceful music, prayers, reflection, communion, anointing of oil and laying on of hands for healing will be offered. The dates for the next two Comfort and Healing Services are as follows: **April 15, & May 20th.** Come away from the clutter and the chaos to find the quiet centre. Join us for an experience of healing and hope.

### **MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL**

**Rev. Jennifer Ferguson: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm** (Please note: Jennifer’s schedule varies with meetings etc. If you would like to meet with her for pastoral care, please call her to make an appointment at **250-927-6061**, or email [minister@kucparksville.ca](mailto:minister@kucparksville.ca) or leave a message in the office.)

**Knox Church Office Hours: Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (closed for lunch 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm).**

## **SPIRITUAL FORMATION**

**WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT ISLAM?** - Join us for a 5 Week DVD study on Islam entitled The Jesus Fatwah (Love your Muslim Neighbour as Yourself). This will be on **Monday nights. Feb 26, March 5 & 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00 pm in Room 5** with Jennifer Ferguson facilitating the conversation.

**DROP IN BIBLE STUDY** - With Jennifer Wednesdays at 10:00 am. With those gathered, we will delve into the scripture to be discussed in Worship for the upcoming week and discover how it applies to our own lives. All perspectives and insights are welcome.

### **ENNEAGRAM WORKSHOP - Saturday, March 3, 2018**

**9:00 am – 4:00 pm Knox Lounge** Join us to participate in this all-day workshop conducted by Debbie Jegen who has studied with Helen Palmer and provided these workshops for over 20 years. Enneagram is a self-awareness tool that encourages personal and spiritual growth. Please pick up the self-assessment inventory from the office prior to the workshop. Participation fee: **\$30 per person**, bring your own bagged lunch (tea, coffee & snacks will be provided) and join us for an enlightening journey. Please register through the Knox Office by emailing [admin@kucparksville.ca](mailto:admin@kucparksville.ca) or by calling 250-248-3927.

### **HAS THE VIOLENCE IN THE BIBLE EVER TROUBLED YOU?**

You are not alone. This 8 week DVD session beginning Thursday mornings **March 15-May 3** from **10:30 am -12:30 pm** entitled Violence Divine will help us to wrestle with all of the violent passages in the bible. Contemporary theologians help us to examine these biblical passages in the context of our own time and how we reconcile these passages with our understanding of a non-violent Jesus. Please register with Jane in the office at 250-248-3927 \$10 to cover the DVD cost.

### **BETHLEHEM RETREAT – First Annual Knox Women's Retreat.**

**Friday and Saturday, April 13 & 14, 2018 Bethlehem Retreat Center.** Bethlehem Retreat Center is on beautiful Westwood Lake in Nanaimo. Arriving 2:00 pm on Friday and departing 4:00 pm Saturday. Includes 3 meals. **Double room \$120 or Single Room \$140.** Bethlehem can accommodate **gluten/dairy free & vegetarian** diets only. For any other dietary restrictions it is recommended to bring your own food. Subsidies are available; see Jennifer. This will be a time to unwind, share and foster friendship. Gloria Stewart, who is a joy and abundance coach will be our facilitator for the weekend. Register with the office. Questions? Please email Jan du Monde at [jandumonde@gmail.com](mailto:jandumonde@gmail.com)

**NOTE:** Participants will need to purchase cards at an additional cost of \$10 from the office that will be used in the workshop. All monies and dietary restriction details to be received by March 10, 2018.

## **SUMMARY FROM THE FEB 20 COUNCIL MEETING**

1. The Blanket Exercise was very successful, with about 60 in attendance, most non-Knox people.
2. The Nominating Committee will be asking for input to help fill several Council positions that will be open at year end.
3. Council voted against the UCC Remit Vote on a proposal to combine three orders of ministry (Ordained, Diaconal and Designated lay) into a single order. UCC will tally the votes from all Presbyteries and Congregations.
4. We have a decent balance in the refugee fund and our committee is considering how we will use it to support the local families.
5. Givings in January were the lowest since September, returning us to a deficit in our operating account.
6. Council decided to continue with the plan to dedicate the Easter Special Offering to deficit reduction. If we do end the year with a surplus, we would, as in other years, consider allocating a portion to an outside charity.
7. Phase 2 of the Wholeness Facilitation effort is now led by the Visioning Facilitation Team, with a focus on Values, Vision and Mission. Members are Jennifer Ferguson, Jo Dunn, Lois Grill, Kathy Grand, Nancy Newland, Lynne Pearson, Paul Vincent and Morganne Pickering
8. M&P has prepared a Police Records Check policy which would help us ensure we care for and protect everyone at Knox. Council will finalize the policy in May.
9. The office computer and desk have severe old age problems. It is likely that we will soon have to replace them.
10. Our application to the ProVision Fund of the United Church for \$2100 to fund the training of leaders for small group ministries has been approved.
11. Council approved the removal of 12 names from our membership roll.
12. The next meeting is March 20.

Prepared by Gerry Garnett, Council Chair

## KNOX CALENDAR February 25 – March 4 2018

### Sunday, February 25

Worship Service .....10:00 am – 11:00 am..... Sanctuary

### Monday, February 26

Line Dancing.....10:00 am – 12:00 pm.....Rooms 1 & 2  
The Green Team .....10:00 am – 12:00 pm.....Room 5  
Creative Worship .....1:00 pm – 3:00 pm..... Lounge  
In This Together .....1:30 pm – 2:30 pm.....Room 6  
..... (Mental Health Support Group).....  
World Day of Prayer Practice :1:30 pm – 4:30 pm..... Sanctuary  
Cantando Singers .....7:00 pm – 9:00 pm.....Rooms 1 & 2  
DVD Series .....7:00 pm – 9:00 pm.....Room 5  
Handbell Choir .....7:00 pm – 8:30 pm..... Sanctuary

### Tuesday, February 27

Memorial Service Set up ...9:00 am – 11:00 am..... S/L/K/C  
Healing Ministry .....9:30 am – 11:30 am.....Room 6  
Visioning Facilitation .....10:00 am – 12:00 am.....Room 5  
Lorraine Thompson Service.11:00 am – 2:00 pm..... Sanctuary  
Healing Ministry .....1:30 pm – 3:30 pm.....Room 6  
AA.....7:00 pm – 8:30 pm.....Rooms 1 & 2  
Community Choir .....7:00 pm – 9:30 pm..... Sanctuary  
OA .....7:30 pm – 8:30 pm.....Room 5

### Wednesday, February 28

Drop in Bible Study .....10:00 am – 12:00 pm.....Room 5  
Healing Ministry .....1:30 pm – 4:00 pm.....Room 6  
Knox Choir .....7:00 pm – 9:00 pm..... Sanctuary

### Thursday, March 1

Library Committee .....1:30 pm – 3:00 pm..... Library  
Rainbows .....6:30 pm – 8:00 pm..... All Rooms

### Friday, March 2

Healing Ministry .....9:30 am – 11:30 am.....Room 6  
OA ..... 12:00 pm- 1:00 pm.....Room 5  
World Day of Prayer .....2:00 pm – 3:00 pm..... S/L/K

### Saturday, March 3

Enneagram Workshop .....9:00 am – 4:00 pm..... Lounge

### Sunday, March 4

Worship Service .....10:00 am – 11:00 am..... Sanctuary

## Knox United Church Council 2017-18

### Executive Members of Council

|                          |                   |                                                                          |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Chairperson              | Gerry Garnett     | ggarnett@telus.net                                                       |
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| Past Chair               | Wayne Larson      | larsonw@shaw.ca                                                          |
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| Ministry and Personnel | Mary Ellen Campbell | mecampbell@shaw.ca |
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### Additional Council Members

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| Treasurer      | Ken Fanning  | acct@kucparksville.ca |
| Trustee Rep    | Wayne Larson | larsonw@shaw.ca       |
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| 1 Youth Rep    | Vacant       |                       |

### Ministry Team Leads on Council

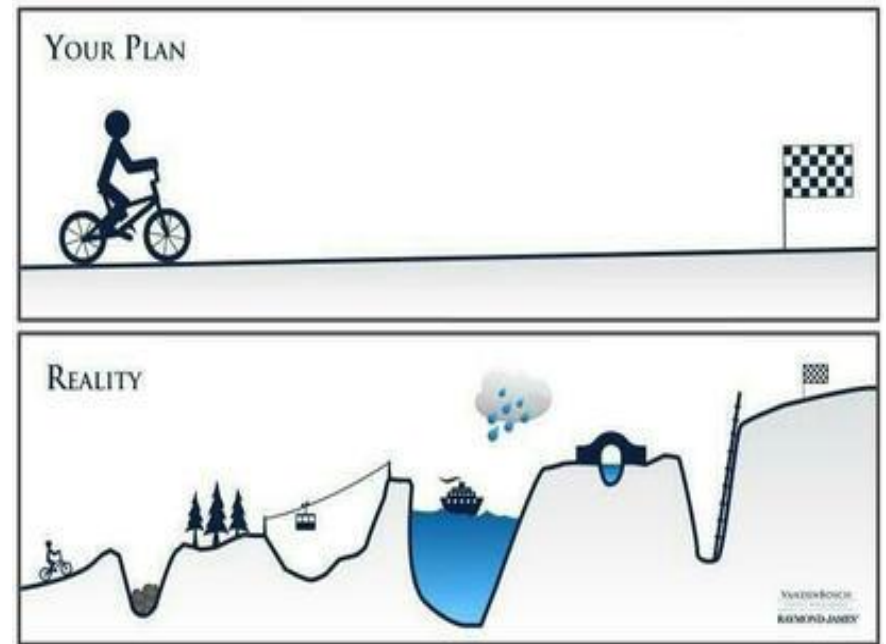
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### Ministry and Personnel Team

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| Mary Ellen Campbell, Chair | mecampbell@shaw.ca |
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| Lois Grill                 |                    |
| Bev Hrenewich              |                    |
| Bob Therriault             |                    |
| Ron Schiefke               |                    |

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# NOTES



**SERMON SERIES:**  
**The Five Things We Cannot Change**

**WORSHIP THEME:**  
**Things Do Not Always Go According  
to Plan**

***Sunday, February 25, 2018***