

## **KNOX eNews: LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH**

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**September 27, 2020 edition**

### **WORSHIP AND ARTS MINISTRY**

**WELCOME BACK TO WORSHIP Sunday, Sept 27<sup>th</sup>!** There will be two in-person worship services available each Sunday. A **10:00 am Sunday Celebration (Adults Only)** & **11:30 am Family Messy Church**. It will be wonderful to see everyone, but worship will not feel the same as it did before COVID-19 and there still are risks involved with meeting indoors. **Pre-registration is required** and limited to 35 congregants per service. **Register at [worship@kucparksville.ca](mailto:worship@kucparksville.ca) by 5 pm Fridays.**

Please familiarize yourself with the **six steps** outlined in the “**what to expect**” section of **Jennifer’s September 23<sup>rd</sup>** congregational email in advance. For those who are immune-compromised or feel otherwise unsafe to attend in person worship, know we miss your presence. Please continue to join us for virtual worship which will be recorded at the Sunday morning worship and will be made available later in the day on Sunday.

**ORANGE SHIRT DAY**- We invite you to wear an orange shirt *this Sunday* at church in honour of Orange Shirt Day which remembers the children of residential schools.

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE & OUTREACH MINISTRY**

**THANKSGIVING DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK** – Knox has always collected food for the Food Bank on Thanksgiving Sunday, but we are unable to do that this year so the SJ&O Team would like to encourage you to donate food for the Salvation Army Food Bank at your local supermarket. When shopping, please buy a few extra items for the Food Bank and drop them in the large bins that have been placed at the exits for this express purpose. Another way to donate is by writing a cheque to the SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK and mailing it to 886 Wembley Road, Parksville, BC, V9P 2E6. Every little bit helps. Thanks, from your SJ&O Team.

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE & OUTREACH MINISTRY**

**ORANGE SHIRT DAY** – On Sept 30, people across Canada will wear orange shirts to remember and honour Indigenous children who attended Residential Schools. Indigenous Ministries & Justice at the United Church of Canada ask you to participate by wearing an “orange shirt” on Orange Shirt Day.

### **FUN, FAMILY, FRIENDS & FOOD MINISTRY**

**THE GATHERING PLACE** – During the summer months, the Gathering Place will meet Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. at the Community Park near the parking area close to the labyrinth. Bring your chair and coffee and join us for a social time. If it’s raining, we’ll meet on Zoom at 10:00 a.m. See you there!

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

**Where?** Rath Trevor Park, Parking Lot #1  
(*see photo*)

**When?** Thursday, **October 1, 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



### **STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE MINISTRY**

**FUNDRAISING FOR KNOX** – As you may be aware, a few of us have been doing fundraising for Knox. The following are the totals of the money raised.

<b>FURNITURE SALES ON-LINE (Gerry &amp; Margaret)</b>	<b>\$1,545.00</b>
<b>FURNITURE SALES ON-LINE (Gerry &amp; Lorna)</b>	<b>\$ 320.00</b>
<b>TWO GARAGE SALES</b>	<b><u>\$1,595.35</u></b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,460.35</b>

A big thank you to the crew who were the backbone of the Garage Sales: Gerry Garnett, Beth and Allen B, Gillian S, Alison S, and Barb R. Also, thanks to the congregation for their donations to the Garage Sale. Finally, thank you to Jane, Karen, and Colleen for their invaluable assistance. Margaret Warburton.

## STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE MINISTRY

### GROUNDZERO & KNOX PRESENTS...

**DIANA BRAITHWAITE & CHRIS  
WHITELY TWO SHOWS Friday,  
Sept 25<sup>th</sup> 5 & 7:30 pm. Limited  
Seating.**

Diana Braithwaite is a vintage and classic blues and jazz performer. Dubbed “a national treasure” by JAZZ FM’s Radio Host Danny Marks, Diana Braithwaite combines elements from Dinah Washington, Esther Phillips, and others to create her own unique appealing and expressive blues style.

A multiple award-winning international touring horn player Chris Whitely is also a sought-after recording artist and has appeared on over 250 recordings over his successful career as a trumpet and cornet player.

**DOORS OPEN AT 4:30 PM. TICKETS \$30** by [clicking here](#)

### LEEROY STAGGER TWO SHOWS Saturday, Sept 26<sup>th</sup> 5 & 7:30 pm

Leeroy Stagger has returned with a heavy-duty follow up to 2017’s much-acclaimed Love Versus which laces pop hooks and glam-rock flirtations with cosmic reflections on loss, forgiveness, love, death and the path to get there.

This tour showcases an artist at his best, a singer, songwriter, performer, and producer who has stared down his past and faced down his demons, embracing the beauty and pain of a thoughtful life.

Genre: Alternative Country, Folk, Country, Songwriter, Singer from Lethbridge, AB.

**TICKETS \$30** through [the GroundZero Website](#)



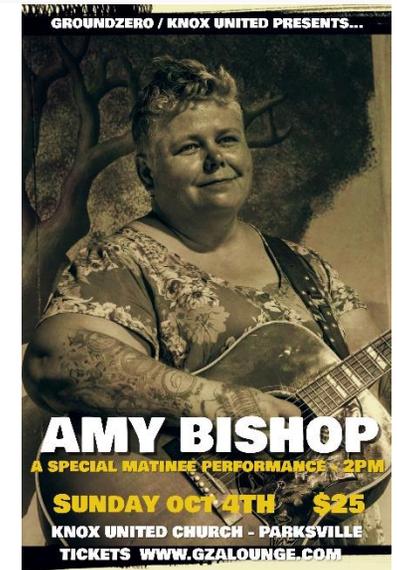
## STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE MINISTRY

### AMY BISHOP in Concert Special Matinee Performance Sunday, October 4 at 2 pm

Amy was a born singer and grew into a songwriter through a lifetime of experience. She puts it all together in engaging performances that show off her range and power. An evening with Amy delivers rollicking “ain’t life grand” road songs, soulful versions of “love gone wrong ballads” and folk-based acoustic numbers that allow her naked vocal beauty to shine through.

Amy has an instinctive ability to craft stories into song and deliver them with the sincerity and passion of a best friend – qualities that make Amy an undeniable Canadian talent.

**TICKETS \$25** through [the GroundZero Website](#)



## HEALING AND PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

**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>

## SPIRITUAL FORMATION MINISTRY

**SPIRITUAL FORMATION SURVEY NOW AVAILABLE** – The Spiritual Formation Team’s membership survey is now available for completion. We appreciate all those who have completed the survey so far. If you have not completed the survey, could you please complete it. It takes about 10 minutes. Your input is vitally needed so that we can make the best decisions of what activities to offer members to aid them and their families in their spiritual journey. Here is the link to the survey [click here](#)

**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

**SEPTEMBER 2020** – Council has met twice this month. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> we had an extra meeting and decided to move to Stage 2 of the **Knox Guidelines for Reopening**. This is in accordance with three sets of guidelines, our United Church Pacific Mountain Region, the Province, and Knox’s guidelines. We are required to wear masks, wash hands, and keep a safe distance. Your Team Leads will keep you informed and [you can access the Knox plan here](#) (Download section-bottom of page)

### STAGE TWO:

- 1) LARGE GROUPS (up to 50) in the Sanctuary which includes leaders, performers etc.
  - Worship
  - Funerals and Weddings
  - External Groups
- 2) SMALL GROUPS (internal and external) up to 15, depending on the size of the room as it is based on space’s square footage.
- 3) Online WORSHIP will continue

## UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

### UNITED PROPERTY RESOURCE CORPORATION LAUNCHES

Last Friday saw the launch of the United Property Resource Corporation (UPRC), established by The United Church of Canada.

With the help of a \$20 million line of credit from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (through the Affordable Housing Innovation Fund), UPRC is committed to building a minimum of 5000 new affordable housing units across the country over the next 15 years.



[Read the full news piece.](#)

*Photo (L-R): Real estate specialist Kris Tavella, Board chair Don Hunter, UPRC CEO Tim Blair. Credit: Catherine Rodd/The UCC*

**BLOG: How We Are Re-Opening Our Church** – In his most recent blog post, Dan Benson, minister at St. Paul’s United Church in Scarborough, ON, writes about his experience of planning and preparing for finally reopening the church doors, and how the feeling of returning to in-person worship with the extended church family was like coming home.

[Read the full blog post](#)

*Credit: Courtesy of Dan Benson*



### COVID-19 GLOBAL APPEAL: THANK YOU!

Read a [thank you letter](#) from the church’s Acting Director of Philanthropy, Sarah Charters. Because of your generous donations, more than \$260,000 was raised and help in the form of food aid and safety kits have reached partners in Zimbabwe, India, and Angola. Thank you!

## UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

### GUARANTEED LIVABLE INCOME: KEEP TAKING ACTION

Today, many United Church people are taking part in vigils across Canada, lighting a candle in support of a guaranteed livable income. If you took part in a vigil, please share your photos on social media using the hashtags #UCCanlivableincome and #guaranteedlivableincome. If you are at home, share a picture of a lit candle to show your support (using the same hashtags).

There are more action steps you can take, like writing to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Chrystia Freeland. You can find email templates and other resources on our [Guaranteed Livable Income Webpage](#)

### UNITED CHURCH BOOKSTORE: WELLNESS RESOURCES

It's been an unusual September so far, with schools and churches tentatively reopening. Many of us are feeling anxious – for ourselves, our loved ones, and the world.

The United Church Bookstore carries a [wide selection of health and wellness books](#) to support you in this time of transition.

## OUR KNOX FAMILY

**WANTED**

**SINGLE BAY GARAGE RENTAL** – We are looking for a garage to rent on a yearly basis for our vehicle. We will be wintering in Parksville. Rent could be made as a donation to Knox United Church. Please contact Rich at [terrich@shaw.ca](mailto:terrich@shaw.ca) or 403.863.4297 (Sept 10, 2020)

***STILL MORE* - CHURCH LADIES WITH TYPEWRITERS** Those wonderful church bulletins. Thank God for church ladies with typewriters. These sentences (with all the BLOOPERS) *appeared* in church bulletins. Submission courtesy of Maggie C.

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The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

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Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 pm.  
Please use the back door.

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The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 pm. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

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Weight Watchers will meet at 7 pm at the  
First Presbyterian Church.  
Please use the large double door at the side entrance.

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The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday:  
"I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours".

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