

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

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**January 5, 2020 edition**

### **WORSHIP AND ARTS MINISTRY**

**MUSICIAN NEEDED** We need someone who can play the guitar for our Sunday services. Bill Laurie, whose musical expertise has added so much to our singing for many years, is dealing with injuries.....a common complaint of musicians! If you can play and are interested, please contact Jenny or Bill.

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

**THE GREEN TEAM** Meets January 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am

**COLD WEATHER SHELTER AT KNOX**– Begins Mon. Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> and will continue Jan.6,13, 20 and 27th. February dates are Feb.3, 10, 17, and 24th. There is a sign-up sheet on the Activity Wall Board across from the coat rack. We need people for Set-Up 4:30 pm the Day of and Take-Down the Day after (7:30 am). We need 2 volunteers for each activity. Those people volunteering must have submitted the Police check form and the Volunteer Form

The Set-Up and Take-Down may require that we move the mattresses from the Van into room 1-2 and set up whatever else is needed. We are hoping that many of the men that signed up will be able to help with these activities, and those women who are okay to do this physical activity will also take part. We are excited to help with this much-needed Winter Shelter program and Thank You Very Much for your participation! Have a look at the sign-up sheet and see which dates work for you. Merry Christmas! Jan Lucas, For Social Justice and Outreach

**L'ARCHEWORX COLLECTIVE** - Please save your candle stubs etc. so that the Green Team can take them to L'ArcheWorx in Comox. This Company provides meaningful employment for people who cannot work in a mainstream setting.

**ZATOUN PRODUCTS** There are still a couple of bottles left. Please contact Sallie Dabb.

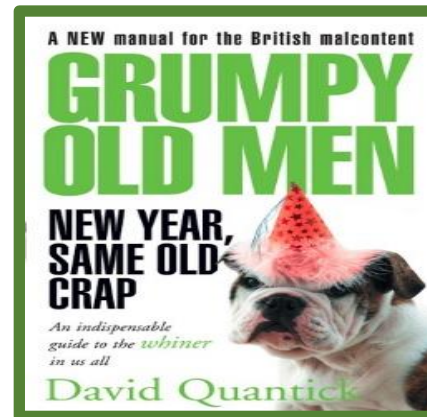
### **FUN FAMILY AND FRIENDS MINISTRY**

**CHRISTMAS IS OVER...AND WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?** Well, we hosted a very successful Christmas Day dinner for the community. We served a delicious turkey, ham and all the trimmings meal to 45 people. We would like to thank all of you who contributed food as well as cash to our efforts and a huge "thank you" to the few who cooked, served and cleaned on the day. Thanks also to the guys who took down the tables and vacuumed. We are also grateful for the generosity of Save On Foods, Parksville for donating all the deserts, ice cream, milk and cream to complete the repast. Leftovers are to be shared with Manna. Thank you all again.

**THE GATHERING PLACE** is catching its breath and Barb is taking a well-deserved break, but we will still welcome everyone to Good Morning Coffee Break & Youth After School Drop-In starting **Tuesday, January 14th thru February 4th, 2020**; same time **10 am-noon and 3 - 5 pm**. February 11th will see us back in full swing including our exceedingly popular lunch service at noon. Look for more information on the website. On Sunday, January 26th there will be a multi-generational gathering from 3 - 5 pm. It will be full on-Board Games and refreshments will be available. So please join us and remember ... *If it's Tuesday it's The Gathering Place*

**SISTERS UNITED MEETING** Mon. Jan. 6th in the Lounge at 11:30 am. As we gather, we will enjoy music by Shirlene Donnelly on her Spirit Flute. Bring your favourite potluck dish, along with your own dishes and cutlery. We are very pleased to have as our guest speaker, Marie Ducharme. She will share her recent adventure, "**Hiking the Atlas Mountains in Morocco**" with us. We will have a social time until 12 pm when we will enjoy the delicious potluck lunch to be followed by Marie's presentation at 1 pm. Come, bring a friend and join us. Your hosts are Kathy Larson, Marilou Patterson and Margaret Warburton and Jan Lucas. For more information contact Kathy 250.752.8130.

**KNOX U.C.W.** will hold their AGM on **Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2020 at 1:30 pm** in Room 1-2. We will be setting our budget and goals for the new year. All women of the congregation are welcome at our meetings. For further information contact June McIntyre, 250-248-3119, or email: [jbmciintyre@shaw.ca](mailto:jbmciintyre@shaw.ca). Need a ride, please call.



**GMO (GRUMPY MEN ONLY)  
IT'S A GRUMPY 2020!  
NOT OLD ... JUST GRUMPY!  
ALL KNOX MEN ARE WELCOME!  
WE GATHER ON JAN 14 and 28  
FOR MORE INFO:  
[grumpymenonly@gmail.com](mailto:grumpymenonly@gmail.com)**

**UCW "ODDS & SODS"** – In the photocopy room you will find containers marked with the following: PULL TABS; CANCELLED POSTAGE STAMPS; USED EYEGASSES; and USED BATTERIES. UCW. collects these items and deliver them to the appropriate charity. So, try to remember to cut those postage stamps off your Christmas mail (be generous with the border). Thank you for remembering to recycle these items. Also, UCW enjoys recognizing 80<sup>th</sup> or 90<sup>th</sup> birthdays with a donation of \$25. to a Knox Fund of your choice. Please be in touch with the church office, or June McIntyre, 250-248-3119 or email: [jbmciintyre@shaw.ca](mailto:jbmciintyre@shaw.ca). By the way, we also purchase of bouquet of flowers to honour couples celebrating a 50<sup>th</sup> or 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We do this on behalf of Knox Church Council.

## STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE MINISTRY

### UPCOMING KNOX PRESENTS...CONCERTS @KNOX THIS FEBRUARY

**BARNEY BENTALL, TOM TAYLOR & SHARI ULRICH (BTU) SAT. FEB. 15<sup>TH</sup> 7 pm** Groundzero Productions and Knox Presents...are thrilled to welcome are thrilled to welcome **Barney Bentall, Tom Taylor, and Shari Ulrich (BTU)** for an evening of "great songs, great music and probably a fair bit of "humour". While they consider themselves a mix of contemporary folk and pop, each artist brings their own unique style and experiences with them to the BTU project. Tickets are available at: [gzalounge.com](http://gzalounge.com) or by clicking the link below:



<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/barney-bentall-tom-taylor-and-shari-ulrich-btu-tickets-84812816417>

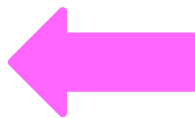


Listen to BTU perform Barney's song "Something to Live For" by clicking on the video to the left.

### ADAM BRAKEL in Concert SUN. FEB. 16<sup>th</sup> 2:30 pm, Doors: 2 pm

The spellbinding and artistically masterful performances of **Adam J. Brakel** have led to his being compared to Liszt, Gould, Bernstein, and Paganini. National Public Radio hailed him as "An absolute organ prodigy, with the technique and virtuosity that most concert pianists could only dream of...He is the Franz Liszt of the organ.

Tickets: \$25.00 available on Eventbrite or click on the link on the next page.



Tickets \$40 advance,  
\$45 at the door.  
Doors open at 6:30  
Show at 7 pm

Knox Presents...  
**Adam Brakel in Concert**



2:30 PM Sunday,  
February 16th  
(doors open @ 2 PM)

"an absolute organ prodigy" National Public Radio  
"one of the most talented organists in the world" Chicago Tribune

Tickets: \$25

available thru Eventbrite.ca and at these retail locations:  
Mulberry Bush Bookstores - Parksville & Qualicum  
Close to You Ladies Fashions - Parksville.

Knox United Church  
345 Pym Street, Parksville  
[www.kucparkville.ca](http://www.kucparkville.ca)

We thank you for keeping Knox a scent free space

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/knox-presentsadam-brakel-in-concert-tickets-85369780311>

Click on the video to the right to hear Adam play Dick Hyman's *Variations on Shenandoah* at St. James Cathedral, Orlando Fla.



### KNOX PRESENTS... ADAM BRAKEL POSTER DISTRIBUTION

We are fortunate to have WORLD RENOWNED ORGANIST, Adam Brakel, to perform in Oceanside. We will need **22 volunteers** to distribute posters during the week of **Jan 19** for this exciting concert. Beth Brown will be in the Narthex this Sunday after the service with a sign-up sheet for those who can help. Many thanks Beth.

KNOX PRESENTS ...  
**THE ARROGANT WORMS**



### IN MARCH KNOX PRESENTS... THE ARROGANT WORMS SUN. MAR.15 2:30 pm

The Arrogant Worms have sold more than 160,000 copies of their 13 albums. Their most recent offering is SPACE, a collection of 16 new songs released in 2014 that bravely tackles the hard issues like Local Politicians, Yoga Pants and Uncomfortable Chairs. Their songs are in school lesson plans, in textbooks and even played on the Space Shuttle. On earth or in space, everyone digs these Worms.

Tickets \$30 available by clicking the link:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/the-arrogant-worms-tickets-84646787821>

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## HEALING AND PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

"IN THIS TOGETHER" - Knox's emotional health, peer support, group meets every **Monday, 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm**, in room 6. We extend an open invitation to anyone who wants support in a time of emotional or mental health challenge. A desire to improve is the only thing you need to participate.



**HEALING MINISTRY-** Give yourself the gifts of peace, healing and compassionate care...Knox's Healing Ministry is part of the national Healing Pathway program. Volunteer practitioners are trained to provide a safe, channel of loving Divine energy. "The foundation of the program lies in the long tradition of healing within the Christian faith. The aim of healing is to restore balance and harmony within the energy system and thus enable the self-healing of the individual." Call the church office at **250-248-3927** to book a healing session for one hour: Tues. morning, or afternoon, and Wed. mornings. Appointments are by donation.

## MINISTRY & PERSONNEL MINISTRY

**Rev. Jennifer Ferguson: Monday-Thursday, days off are Friday & Saturday.** (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)

### 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>

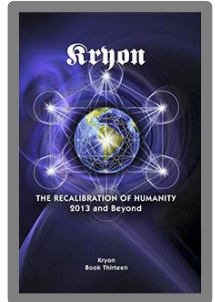
## SPIRITUAL FORMATION MINISTRY

**BASICS OF FAITH AND BEYOND** – What do you believe now? Faith is a dynamic process and what we believed as children doesn't always make sense to us as adults, so it is important for our spiritual maturation that we wrestle with our questions, doubts and new understandings and insights. On Tuesday nights from 6:30-9:00 beginning January 28-March 24<sup>th</sup> Jennifer will be offering a class for newcomers and anyone else interested in exploring topics such as Theology, the Nature of God, the Person of Jesus, Prayer and Spirituality, Human Suffering, the Purpose of the Church, as a way of helping us to sort out what it is, we believe now. At the end of the 8 sessions participants can decide if they would like to be: 1) baptized if they haven't already, 2) decide to become members of the United Church and be confirmed if they haven't already, 3) transfer their membership from another Church, 4) Reaffirm their faith at a worship service on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. If you don't want to have a public affirmation of your faith, any participants are welcome to come just to enjoy the discussions with one another. Please register with the office if you would like to attend. It is not mandatory to attend all 8 classes. Any questions can be direction to Jennifer.

**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.

**GOD TALK** – A new opportunity on Sundays, after church. Grab a coffee in the lounge and make your way to the chapel to continue the conversation begun in the reflection where we will delve deeper into the scripture, reflection and theme of the day.

**BOOK STUDY-** Join us for our next book study starting on Thursday, January 9th - February 27th, 2020. The book title is "*Kryon Book 13: The Recalibration of Humanity.*" This is a continuation of last year's theme on life after death - fascinating and thought-provoking. This study will be led by two members of our Spiritual Formation team, Susie Roller and Nancy Robinson. Sign up sheet is on the big notice board.



## COMMUNICATIONS

**SHORT ON GIFT IDEAS?** - Give BROADVIEW MAGAZINE!! (formerly named The Observer) Special Gift Subscription Discount - only \$20 (plus tax) Makes an inspiring year-round gift for family and friends Please Contact Sharon Ainslie, 250-954-2234 for your Order Form and Gift Card. Note: This is a special rate and the offer is valid only until January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

**HELP WANTED!** Communications needs team members. Beth Brown, the Knox Publicity Coordinator needs someone to take charge of poster distribution. For more info, Marg Conn, Communications Team Lead, [communicate@kucparksville.ca](mailto:communicate@kucparksville.ca) or Beth Brown [bibrown@hotmail.com](mailto:bibrown@hotmail.com) or 250-586-7080

## UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA



UP FOR A CHAT?

## MODCON ONLINE

Join Moderator Richard Bott for a regular cross-Canada conversation.

3rd Thursday of the month at  
4pm Pacific, 5pm Mountain,  
6pm Central, 7pm Eastern,  
8pm Atlantic & 8:30pm in Newfoundland

3rd Sunday of the month at  
Noon Pacific, 1pm Mountain,  
2pm Central, 3pm Eastern,  
4pm Atlantic & 4:30pm in Newfoundland

We'll be connecting by Zoom  
<https://zoom.us/j/592865212>

**KNOX CALENDAR**

**January 5 – January 12, 2020**

for the monthly calendar go to: <https://www.kucparksville.ca/events/calendar>

**KNOX COMMUNITY NEWS**

**SUPPORT FOR CAREGIVERS CARING FOR LOVED ONES**  
 Fri. January 10 at 1:00pm at Arrowsmith Lodge, Parksville, bringing comfort, understanding and resources. Call Carol 250-752-2104 and [caroldowe@gmail.com](mailto:caroldowe@gmail.com)

**HEALTHY MASCULINITY A Special Gathering for Men**  
**WHEN** - Friday (4:30 pm) to Saturday dinnertime, Jan. 24th & 25th, 2020  
**WHERE** - Bethlehem Centre, 2371 Arbot Road, Nanaimo  
**COST** – (includes all meals and refreshments)

For all-inclusive participants \$150.00  
 For commuters \$100.00  
 Pre-registration advised \$20.00

**WHY** - A time for men to come together to discuss important themes/topics concerning our current roles and functions in life. Each topic presented by outstanding male leaders from our region, with ample time for discussion. This is an event for men of all ages and stations in life: single or married, religious or not, retired or employed, parent or childless, etc. who are looking for a safe space when beliefs and/or doubts might be spoken and heard. For more information or to register either call 250.592.4605 or email [perkinsdale82@gmail.com](mailto:perkinsdale82@gmail.com)



<b>Sunday, January 5</b>		
Worship Service	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Sanctuary
God Talk	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Chapel
<b>Monday, January 6</b>		
Green Team	9:30 am – 11:00 am	Chapel
Sisters United	10:00 am – 2:30 pm	L/K
Line Dancing	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Rooms 1 & 2
Centering Prayer	11:00 am – 11:45 am	Sanctuary
Jenny Vincent Practice	1:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Sanctuary
In this Together	1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Room 6
M & P Meeting	1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Room 5
Oceanside Consort Singers	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Lounge
Cold Weather Shelter	4:30 pm	Rooms 1 & 2
Handbell Choir	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Sanctuary
<b>Tues, January 7</b>		
Healing Ministry	9:30 am – 11:30 am	Room 6
Photo Directory Session	10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Room 4
Healing Ministry	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Room 6
Community Choir	7:00 pm – 9:15 pm	Sanctuary
AA	7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Rooms 1 & 2
OA	7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Room 5
<b>Wed, January 8</b>		
Social Justice & Outreach	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Lounge
Healing Ministry	9:30 – 11:30 am	Room 6
Photo Directory Session	10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Room 4
Drop-in Bible Study	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Chapel
Spiritual Formation	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Room 5
Pastoral Care	1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Chapel
Knox Choir	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Sanctuary
<b>Thursday, January 9</b>		
Fun, Family & Friends	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Rooms 1 & 2
Book Study	10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Lounge
Tone Chimes Practice	3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Sanctuary
Rainbows	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	All Rooms
<b>Friday, January 10</b>		
Manna	10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Kitchen
<b>Saturday, January 11</b>		
<b>Sunday, January 12</b>		
Worship Service	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Sanctuary
God Talk	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Chapel