

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

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**August 23, 2020 edition**

### **WORSHIP AND ARTS MINISTRY**

**WILD CHURCH at KNOX Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am** - For those of you missing indoor worship at Knox, we will be having another outdoor worship service in Knox's backyard on Sunday, August 30 at 11:00 (rain date Sunday, Sept 6 at 11:00) for a Blessing of the Animals service.

Bring your pets on leashes or in carriers as we celebrate and blessing the ways in which the love and companionship of our pets and the wonders of creation strengthen and sustain us through these challenging times.

Please bring your own chairs and register your attendance by emailing [minister@kucparksville.ca](mailto:minister@kucparksville.ca). Limited spaces so register early.

**WELCOME GUEST MUSICIAN BARB MYERS** -We welcome Barb Myers as our guest musician on August 23 and 30th. Barb and her husband Terry retired to Vancouver and Fanny Bay six years ago after many years in Alberta where Barb offered her wonderful playing and singing for conference and various congregations as well as completing her studies as a Diaconal Minister at St. Stephen's College. We wish you could meet her in person but for now, you can enjoy her gift of music, joy, and faith virtually.

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

**ZATOUN** – Who would like to purchase a product from Zatoun? If enough people are interested, I would send in an order and we might be able to have it sent postage free. Products are the same price as last year. Let me know if you would like to order oil, organic oil, herbs or soap and they now have dates. Check out the website at [www.zatoun.com](http://www.zatoun.com). You can contact me at [sldabb@telus.net](mailto:sldabb@telus.net) or 250.752.7588. Sallie Dabb

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

**THE GATHERING PLACE** – During the summer, 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!

### **SACRED SPACES MINISTRY**

**THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR TAKING CARE OF OUR KNOX GROUNDS:** Watering the flower beds: Ted G, Bill H and Allen B. Weeding etc.: Jan L, Linda N, Nona K, Myrt O, and Marlene C. We appreciate your dedication to Knox. Margaret Warburton, Co-lead, Sacred Spaces.

### **STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE MINISTRY**

**FALL FAIR TEAM, ITEMS FOR SALE** – Please note the attachment that was emailed with last week's eNews which contains items for sale that were donated to Knox to be sold at our Fall Fair. Funds from the on-line sale will be used to support the work of the church. Thank you for your support!

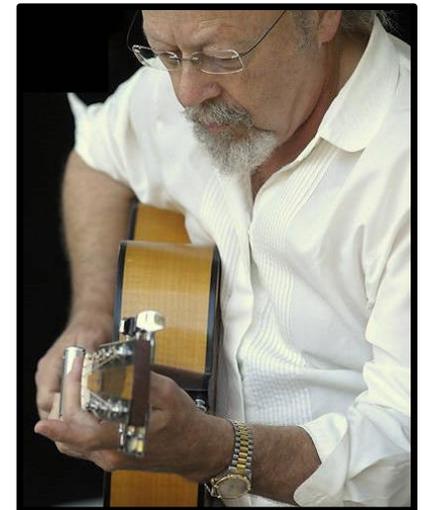
### **GROUNDZERO & KNOX PRESENTS...**

**DAVID ESSIG (with GERRY BARNUM) TWO SHOWS**  
**Saturday, Sept 12<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm and 7:30 pm**

I can still recall the look of surprise on the face of the Canada Immigration officer at the Queenstown-Lewiston Bridge at Niagara Falls when I told him I was planning to drive to Huntsville that very night if he'd let me in. "In this snowstorm? In that truck? Ok, you're in. You deserve to be a Canadian." 47 years later, I'm still in awe of my good fortune to be a working Canadian artist – creating songs and performing them for across our beloved True North.

Essig is especially admired as a guitarist whose folk sound is tintured by bluegrass and country blues.

**TICKETS \$30** available via [the GroundZero website](http://theGroundZero.com)



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

Leeroy Stagger has returned with a heavy-duty follow up on 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](#)

### RECENT PARKSVILLE QUALICUM BEACH NEWS ARTICLE

Courtesy of Cloe Logan of the PQB News.

#### GroundZero, Knox United team up for concert series in Parksville.

*"Everyone was just so excited to be able to hear live music again".*

The future of live music in the Parksville Qualicum Beach area is uncertain, leaving people like Doug Pickard in a state of limbo. He's the owner of GroundZero Acoustic Lounge in Parksville, a small venue known for hosting touring and local acts alike. Before COVID-19, the spot would hold jam sessions, open mics and more. Even with restrictions easing across the province, the venue is still too small to safely hold a large enough audience to make GZAL financially viable for Pickard. He calls the future of the space "uncertain."

"We don't sell drinks and we don't serve food. We can only generate income from door sales, to be honest," he said. "Whoever would have thought a pandemic would have caused this to happen?"

Luckily, he's found a way to keep the music alive. He's teamed up with Karen Freeman, facility coordinator at Knox United Church, for a

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summer concert series. The church, located at 345 Pym St. in Parksville, has enough room for ample social distancing. "I'm so excited to at least do some shows with Knox Church and Karen and to at least bring in some musicians," he said. "It's totally cool."

They've done one show so far, on July 10, and Freeman said it was so great to see people enjoying live music again.

"Everyone was just so excited to be able to hear live music again and to see a performance", she said. "So, it's really great to be involved in that kind of a partnership where it's something that benefits so many. The musicians themselves are just so excited to get back and play in front of people and so we're happy to provide that space".

Freeman said they've done a lot to make the space safe for audience members and performers. Masks are required to be worn during shows and doors are left open to allow for airflow.

"We've invested in a fogging machine through Island Cleaning Supplies that we can go in there in between shows," she said.

The lineup for the rest of the series is as follows: Heartwood on July 25; Edie Daponte on Aug 8; Brandon Isaak on August 22; David Essig on Sept 28 and Leeroy Stagger on Sept 26. All tickets are \$30, with two shows being offered each night: one at 5 p.m. and one at 7:30 p.m. More information and tickets can be found at [www.gzalounge.com](http://www.gzalounge.com). All tickets are purchased beforehand.

[Read the article](#)



*Photo: July 10<sup>th</sup> "Rooster Tooth" Concert at Knox United Church, part of their partnership with GroundZero Acoustic Lounge. A new, COVID-friendly set up is in place for the Summer Concert Series.*

*Photo Submitted to pqbnews*

## 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.

## COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY

Watch this space for future updates.

## 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

**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

Stay tuned for future news.

## UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

**GRATITUDE IS IN THE AIR** – From signs and social media posts to homemade thank you cards, United Churches across the country have been finding inspiring ways to express appreciation to frontline workers during the pandemic. Uniting people around gratitude – a key component of stewardship – is one way congregations are living out their call to be the church. [Read the full story](#)



*Credit: St. Andrew's United Church*

Find out more about how people and churches are united around gratitude through Mission & Service by reading the many inspiring [Stories of Our Mission](#)

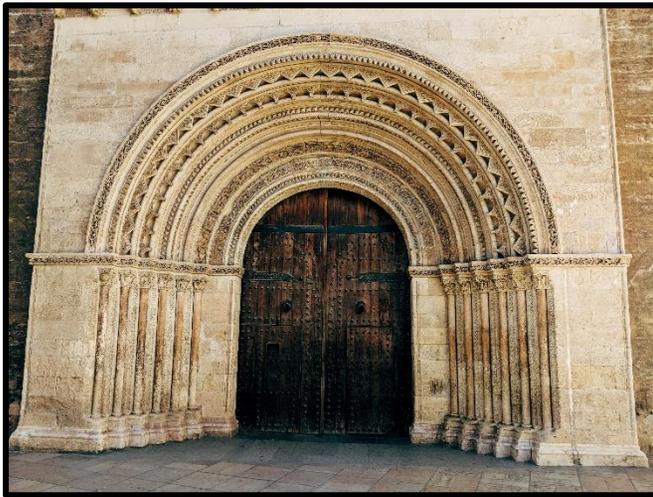
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### CONSIDERING OPENING CHURCH FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP?

What precautions are you taking? What best practices are you learning that you might share with others in the church?

Each council makes decisions on reopening for its areas of responsibility. The governing board of each community of faith should consult with its local public health unit, provincial health ministry, and regional council. The guiding principle is the safety of all who enter the building.

[See our guidelines](#) on reopening churches for more information.



### UNITED CHURCH APPEAL FOR THE DEVASTATION IN LEBANON

Please continue to pray for the people of Beirut. The tragic explosion in Beirut on August 4 caused immense destruction, a huge loss of life, and a staggering number of injuries. You can help those affected by donating to [our appeal](#). Your donations will be matched by the Canadian government until August 24, 2020. (up to 5 million)

Our Mission & Service partner in the region, the Middle East Council of Churches, [offers an update](#) about the recovery effort in Beirut and the longer-term concerns for Lebanon as a whole in the aftermath of the explosion.

[Find out more and donate](#)

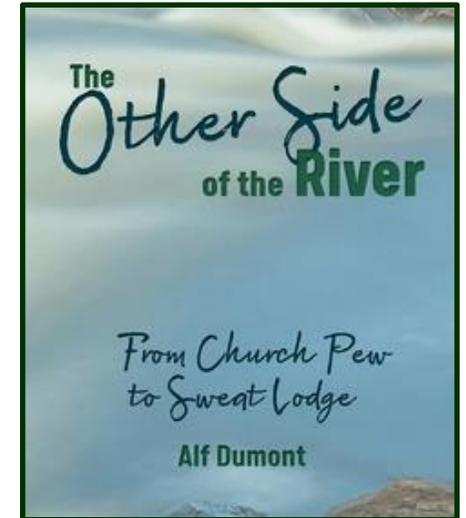
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### THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RIVER: From Church Pew to Sweat Lodge

Summer is in full swing, and if you're coming to the end of your reading list, why not [pick up a copy](#) of the latest offering from United Church Publishing House, *The Other Side of the River* by Alf Dumont?

Through stories, humour, poetry, and insight, Dumont shares tales of building bridges between the two worlds of Indigenous and settler, traditional spirituality, and Christianity.

Available now in paperback and as an e-book.



### CANADIAN CORPORATE ACCOUNTABILITY PETITION

[Sign a petition](#) calling for the House of Commons to hold accountable Canadian mining, energy, and garment companies operating abroad. We need 4000 online signatures by September 1. Use the hashtags #UCCan, #Power2investigate, and #CAN4mHRDD in your social media posts!

