

KNOX eNews: LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH

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WORSHIP AND ARTS MINISTRY

FATHER'S DAY Calling all father's, dad's, grampies, granddaddies, grandchildren, children of father's and pops! We would like photos to use in a slide show for Father's Day, coming up on June 21st. Please send in your pics to Sandy in tech by **June 14th** so that we can honour all the great men in our lives! tech@kucparksville.ca

KNOX CRISIS TEAM

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WHO is on the KNOX CRISIS (COVID) TEAM (KCT)?

- Jennifer Ferguson, Minister
- Don Emerson, Vice-Chair of Council
- Shane Conn
- Megan Hurd, Respiratory Therapist
- Jan Jamieson, Registered Nurse
- Jeanette Mossing, Registered Nurse

CONTACT EMAIL: crisis@kucparksville.ca

SOCIAL JUSTICE & OUTREACH MINISTRY

A Prayer at this time of Civil tensions:

Give us the grace and strength to rid ourselves of racial stereotypes that oppress some of us while providing entitlements to others. Help us to create a church and a nation that embraces the hopes and fears of oppressed people of colour where we live as well as those around the world.

And in this time of Pandemic help us keep our church people and community safe.

Amen.

Source: First 3 lines from Social Justice Resource.

GREEN TEAM CHALLENGE – Install low flush toilets – make sure the old toilet is reused, take to a restore store.

GREEN TEAM – PLASTIC BAGS AND GLASS Do you want to know more? Go to recyclebc.ca. Their website is full of information about what and where you can recycle. What can and cannot go into the blue bin. It will also take you on a recycle house tour about plastics and show you crafts that kids can make from recyclable products. Check it out. The bad news is that we can no longer take our plastic bags and glass to places in Parksville and Qualicum for recycling. However, there is a place in Nanaimo where you can drop them off for recycling at 2250 McGarrigle Road. However, we don't all go there, do we? But Sallie Dabb does and is willing to take you plastics and glass when she goes. So just phone or email her and if needed she will come to pick them up.

IMPORTANT – Please sort plastics into soft plastic and crinkly plastic before giving them to Sallie. Thank you!

FUN, FAMILY, FRIENDS & FOOD MINISTRY

THE GATHERING PLACE – Missing the Gathering Place? Never been to the Gathering Place? Join us at the virtual Gathering Place on Zoom, Tuesdays, from 9:30 to 10:30 for casual conversation. Get your coffee or tea ready and come for the whole hour or any part of it. Zoom meeting ID and Password will be emailed in the body of the eNews email itself.

SACRED SPACES MINISTRY

HELP NEEDED WITH WEEDING AT KNOX! – Do you enjoy weeding? I'm sure you do. Presently we have two volunteers weeding our grounds but need one more to help once a week. If you would like to join the team, please give me a call. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Margaret Warburton 250.951.0538

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE MINISTRY

JOIN CLUB 300 – In the week of July 6, 2020, the Federal Government will be sending every senior eligible for Old Age Security (OAS) an amount of \$300 tax-free.

This generous gift is meant to reimburse seniors for extra costs that they may have incurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

There is no requirement to apply for this gift. You do not have to prove you incurred extra costs. It is simple. If you now receive OAS payments every month, you will automatically receive \$300.00 in the week following July 6.

For some seniors, this will be a welcome and needed gift. For others, it may not be a necessity.

Knox United Church is offering you an opportunity to make excellent use of the \$300 and improve your income tax position at the same time. How can you take advantage of this opportunity?

It's easy, simply do the following:

1. When you receive the tax-free gift, write a cheque to Knox United Church for \$300.00
2. Deposit the cheque in the slot at the church (just to the right of the main entrance)

What will you receive from Knox?

1. Acknowledgment that you are a member of Club 300, and
2. A tax receipt for \$300 that you can use when you file your income tax for 2020

Imagine: If 100 people take advantage of this tax benefit, Knox United Church will raise \$30,000 to be used to support our programs in the community.

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

Covid-19 Protocol

To prevent COVID-19 it is safest to avoid physical contact when greeting. Safe greetings include a wave, a nod, or a bow.

How should I greet another person to avoid catching the new coronavirus?



World Health Organization #Coronavirus #COVID19

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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**

Knox United Church Staff Email Addresses Follow this link to the Knox Website: 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>

As Knox begins to transition out of phase 1 of the church closure, it is not anticipated that regular activities of the church will resume in the foreseeable future. In consideration of the reduced activities, council has decided to temporarily reduce the hours of the church administrator to reflect our current reality. A priority for Jane, in addition to the eNews and Order of Worship, will continue to be monitoring telephone and email communications. We ask for your understanding when waiting for a response and we thank you for your patience. This change will be in effect until further notice.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION MINISTRY

BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM – Wednesdays 10:30-12. Email Karen Freeman at 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

THANK YOU – A special thank you goes out to Megan Hurd, a member of our crisis team, who just recently applied for, and received a \$3000.00 grant from the Parksville Qualicum Community Foundation. This is very welcome news especially coming currently when offerings and income are in a state of flux. Thanks, Megan!

FORMULATING A PLAN - The Knox crisis team in conjunction with Facility management and Worship have been busy formulating a plan for what worship services might look like in the short and long term. Policy pertaining to small and large group usage has also been discussed at length with strict adherence to directives from B.C. Health, the government, WorkSafe and the Regional office of the United Church. A draft for discussion will be presented to council at their next scheduled meeting on June 16th. Our aim is to keep everyone current with information, alleviate further concerns arising from confusion and misunderstanding, and to promote the present situation as a challenging and positive way to strengthen our faith and build a stronger community. So please stay tuned and keep well. Submitted by Don Emerson (on behalf of the ministry teams).

FORMATION OF AD HOC COMMITTEE In light of Jenny Vincent's resignation as Music Leader, Council approved the formation of an ad hoc committee, of no more than 7 people, to complete a needs assessment for the music position at Knox United Church. A letter is being sent to all members at Knox further explaining the process.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA



CHURCH LEADERS ACKNOWLEDGE THE RACISM IN THEIR MIDST

In response to the demonstrations across the United States and Canada in the wake of the May 25 death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, the leaders of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, the Anglican Church of Canada, and The United Church of Canada have [issued a joint letter](#). They write, "It is important for church members in our largely White churches to look at how we continue to perpetuate anti-Black racism, either inadvertently or intentionally."

Find resources and information on challenging White privilege, becoming an Intercultural church, the church's participation in the UN Decade for People of African Descent, and much more on our [Anti-Racism web page](#). Consider taking a pause on posting to your social media channels for the rest of the day, as part of the [#BlackoutTuesday movement](#). Use the time instead to read books on anti-racism, listen to podcasts by Black activists, or do some research into what your local community is doing to amplify the Black Lives Matter movement. It is a time for listening and learning.

PRAYER CYCLE FOR ALL UNITED CHURCHES Given these uncertain and overwhelming times for our congregation and leaders, we invite you to join a facilitated online time of prayer for every United Church pastoral charge by name. Prayer rooms will happen throughout the summer, beginning with the east and working our way west, hosting one prayer session per region once a week. Join us every Tuesday on Zoom at 1 pm EDT beginning June 2, 2020.

[Sign up](#) to receive the Zoom link to the prayer room. We look forward to seeing you online!

UPDATES FROM THE GENERAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

On May 25, GCE [accepted proposed updates](#) to the Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) statement. Since the original 2017 statement was adopted, challenges to the legislation governing Medical Assistance in Dying have arisen. The revised statement offers guidance on these issues for people in the United Church engaged in discussions around end-of-life decisions.

On June 20, commissioners of the 43rd General Council [will meet electronically](#) to consider a proposal from the 43rd General Council Executive (GCE) to postpone the 44th General Council to 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The June 20 meeting will be webcast through the church's [YouTube Channel](#)

TAKE ACTION: Create a Universal Basic Income Program

Poverty can happen very quickly to anyone. Aware that some pandemic-related relief programs (such as the Canada Emergency Response Benefit, CERB) are scheduled to wind up in July, Moderator Richard Bott has written to elected officials encouraging them to seize the moment to roll out a Universal Basic Income (UBI) program in collaboration with the provinces, territories, and Indigenous leadership. [Find out how you can take action](#) at a local and federal level.

ONLINE PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE IN KOREA

Mark your calendars—on Thursday, June 25 at 8:00 p.m. EDT join Moderator Richard Bott, Rev. Dr. HyeRan Kim-Cragg, our Korean partners, and others for an [online prayer vigil](#) for peace in Korea. This special event links the United Church with the World Council of Churches' global prayer campaign A Light of Peace, inspired by United Church partners in Korea. The vigil will be live-streamed on the church's [YouTube Channel](#)

