

KNOX eNews: LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH

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WORSHIP & ARTS MINISTRY

NEW CHOICE- VIRTUAL SUNDAY SERVICE You now have a choice of listening to the worship service or watching a pre-recorded video of the Sunday service, complete with audio. To access the virtual Sunday service, you will need to go to Knox's website, www.kucparksville.ca and then click on the **WORSHIP** tab. When you land on this page you will be presented with an image from the weekly Order of Worship. Click on this image and you will be taken directly into the pre-recorded video. To play the video, click on the large red arrow in the center of the image. Should you wish to listen to the recording without the video simply click on the play arrow that is below the video. Note: You will not be able to access the Service until Sunday.

Which one will **you** choose? Tell us about your choice at admin@kucparksville.ca We will publish the best answers in the eNews.

NEW VIRTUAL CONGREGATIONAL EMAIL LIST – We have had many requests to send the weekly Virtual Sunday Service and eNews to family and friends that do not attend Knox. We are thrilled to hear of their interest and happy to add people to our weekly email distribution to help them stay connected to a faith-based community during this challenging time. We have created a subscription list for those folks for that express purpose. If someone you know would like to receive these weekly emails from Knox they can subscribe by emailing admin@kucparksville.ca They can unsubscribe at any time the same way.

MOTHER'S DAY PHOTOS - Sunday, May 10th. Send photos of mothers, grandmothers & great grandmothers with their children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren or spirit mothers (women who have nurtured you that might not be related) & children you have nurtured who may or may not be related) as well as puppies, cats & other "fur babies" for the slideshow Celebrating Mothers & Families. Please send your photos to tech@kucparksville.ca by next **Monday, May 4th**.

TECH SUPPORT WANTED – Are there people willing to field phone calls and supply tech support to those having issues accessing online worship? Please contact Jane at admin@kucparksville.ca

TECH SUPPORT HELP –User-friendly manuals are being created to help folks navigate the virtual Sunday service, Zoom, Facebook etc., in addition to phone tech support. To receive a manual and arrange for help with **online worship only**, please email Myrt at muntines1ca@yahoo.ca

For manuals/help with **online worship and other platforms such as Zoom**, please email Jan K at dutchsparrow54@primus.ca
Please have your manual handy when you speak with your tech person.
Remember, the only stupid question is the one that is never asked!

--Ramon Bautista



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

PURPOSE of KCT

- To support the current Council, especially the work of its Ministry Teams
- To establish a process for regular communication with active members and adherents
- To establish a process for identifying and providing accurate information related to the COVID disease
- To establish a process for support in such areas as delivering the Knox eNews, pre-ordered, pre-paid groceries and prescriptions
- To deal with unexpected issues related to the crisis

HOW CAN YOU CONTACT US?

- Do you have any questions about the current COVID health crisis?
- Do you have any questions about support services in Oceanside?
- Do you have any suggestions to better support the Knox family especially those living alone?

Please email the Team at crisis@kucparksville.ca

SOCIAL JUSTICE & OUTREACH MINISTRY

GRATEFUL HEARTS - SOS Emergency Campaign helping seniors and vulnerable residents. Phone 250-248-2093.

Website www.sosd69.com

FOOD BANK NEEDS YOUR HELP – The food bank is experiencing shortages due to heavy demand. Monetary donations are preferred because food banks can buy what they need most at a heavily discounted bulk price and you will also receive a tax receipt. Please donate online to the Salvation Army or make donations (see list) at the grocery store. Quality Foods shoppers can ask the clerk to add a food voucher (any amount) for the food bank to their bill. Thank you! Jan Lucas for SJ&O

See the final page of eNews for Food Bank Contact Info and a list of desperately needed items for you to donate at the grocery store.

BC HOUSING supplied funding to **O.H.E.A.R.T. (Oceanside Homelessness Ecumenical Advocacy Response Team Society)** on April 23rd in support of emergency shelter for our clients during the COVID-19 pandemic. Those people who were sleeping in tents at St. Anne's and St. Edmunds are now safely sheltered and receiving wellness check-ins. Submitted by Diane J.

FUN, FAMILY, FRIENDS & FOOD MINISTRY

SMALL GROUPS "For where two or three are gathered..." (Matthew 18:20) Although we can't gather in person, we can gather virtually! Would you like to connect with others regularly to chat, pray, discuss shows you're watching, books you're reading, gardening, genealogy or anything else that's on your mind or occupying your time? We would like to get people connected on Zoom FaceTime, another platform you're using or even by phone. If you'd like to get involved, send an email and we'll try to get you connected. If you're already doing this with others, we'd also like to hear what you're doing. Anne Ward eanneward52@gmail.com

THE GATHERING PLACE – Join us at the Virtual Gathering Place on Zoom Tuesday, May 5 from 9:30 to 10:30. Get your coffee or tea ready and come for the whole hour or any part of it. You need to let Anne Ward know if you'll be coming so that you will receive a Zoom invitation to join in. Anne at eanneward52@gmail.com

SACRED SPACES

ARE YOU ENJOYING THE SUNSHINE? We have had a wonderful spring but the plants at Knox need to be watered. Last year I had a number of volunteers that agreed to water the plants at the front of the church and the Columbarium area one day per week depending on the weather. Please contact me and let me know when you are available. Margaret Warburton 250.951.0538 or warburton59@shaw.ca

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE MINISTRY

UPDATE 16th KNOX ANNUAL FALL FAIR

At the Knox Council meeting on Tuesday, April 21st it was decided that the 16th Annual Knox Fall Fair, scheduled for August 29, 2020, would have to be cancelled due to concerns regarding COVID-19. It is disappointing that we will be unable to enjoy another exciting, annual fundraiser which has involved most of our congregation, as we proudly invited the Oceanside community to our church.



For 15 years, this event has been a wonderful opportunity for us to work together, giving us a chance to get to know one another while serving Knox. We hope that COVID-19 will be under control in time for us to hold our Annual Fall Fair in 2021.

In the meantime, stay home and take care, Fall Fair Coordinators
Beth Brown, Gerry Garnett and Margaret Warburton

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

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>

FROM THE VIRTUAL OFFICES OF KNOX UNITED CHURCH

eNews Submissions emails:

- Include Subject line “eNews”
- Deadline: **3 pm Wednesdays**
- Provide author or content source for poetry, music etc.
- Only first name and first initial of the surname of Knox members will be used for privacy reasons as this information is uploaded to the website (unless it is for official church business)
- For classified ads, consider just using an email address

ZOOM MEETINGS Knox has paid for a Zoom license which allows us to hold Zoom meetings within our congregation. If you would like to host a meeting on Zoom just let Karen Freeman know by emailing facility@kucparksville.ca. She will need to know the time and date of your meeting, duration, how many people are attending and all their email addresses (if they are Knox members then Karen will have their email addresses). Just a note that we can only host one meeting at a time so if there are two requests for the same time slot we will have to flip a coin or see if one of the meetings can be moved to another time.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION MINISTRY

MISS VIRGINIA The current pandemic has seen many deaths in nursing homes, world-wide; precious souls, walking wisdom, lost to us. It led me to write about...*Miss Virginia*.

At 93 she still retained
her regal bearing. Slim face framed
by greying but red-gold waves.

Humour shone in laughing hazel eyes!

Each day she rose two hours early
to paint; light breaking over her easel.

Scenes in oils of Alabama in the 1880s ~
fields of daffodils, her plantation, and Dauphin Island in summer.

Miss Virginia was a living, breathing, history book
and her soft drawl acquainted me, in
word portraits, with those who had shared her life;
then physically gone, but fully alive in her mind's eye.

--Jan du Monde.

COMMUNICATIONS

KNOX PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATES - If you know of new members or adherents who would like to be included in our next printing, please contact us. We are keeping a list of corrections, additions etc. Please advise **Colleen Welsh**, at marketingkuc@gmail.com

PURCHASE the KNOX PHOTO DIRECTORY – Email **Karen Freeman**, Facility Coordinator at facility@kucparksville.ca or leave a message at 250.248.3927.

Karen will arrange for payment (\$5.00) and delivery. Arrangements are to ensure that people remain in their homes during the COVID-19 pandemic.

COUNCIL NEWS

COUNCIL MEETING - Council met last week for an intense 3-hour meeting on Zoom. For many of us, it was our first experience with video conferencing. We addressed many of the changes presented by the Covid pandemic; finances, staffing, cancelling fall fair, wondering when we will be back and what will it look like. We are all faced with steep learning curves. We applaud the Worship & Arts Team as they switch to online Sunday Service, first audio and now video. We are grateful for our staff who are working hard to keep us connected, informed and safe. Although we are out of the building, Teams are still working and reporting to Council. For more details, see the Team sections in the eNews.

STAYING CONNECTED, KNOX ON ZOOM Knox bought a Zoom video conferencing licence and is making effective use of it. Jennifer recently had five Zoom meetings in one day! Talk about Zoom fatigue! This is another way that Jennifer and others stay connected with our Pacific Mountain Region. The Knox Crisis Team, Choir, Bell Choir and GMO all connect through Zoom. All teams and groups can book a meeting through Karen Freeman, Facility Coordinator, facility@kucparksville.ca or 250-248-3927

OUR KNOX FAMILY

THANK YOU - I would like to thank the church family and friends for their kind prayers and thoughts, the heartfelt emails, and beautiful cards each remembering Tom personally in many unique ways. He had a special gift for making people laugh and was a warm and generous man who was loved by many. Thank you, everyone, for your kind remembrances of him.
Blessings, Marlene

FOOD FOR THOUGHT (VIDEO)



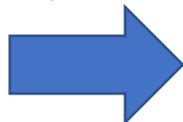
Submitted by June McIntyre
Click on the video to the left.



COVID-19 *the LIGHTER SIDE* NEW COVID CURRENCY (VIDEO)

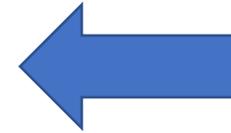
Submitted by Ken Fanning
If the embedded video doesn't play try clicking on the following link: [New Covid Currency](#)

(control + left-click)



SUBJECT: MIAMI vs. JACKSONVILLE (VIDEO)

Brought to us by Jo Dunn. Click on the video below.



UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

#Lights4NovaScotia: Candle lighting Vigil

Last Monday evening, United Church members across the country joined in lighting candles and sending prayers to the families of the victims of the Nova Scotia shooting. This video is a moving collection of the photos people have posted to their social media profiles; thank you to all those who participated.

Click on the video to the right



COMMUNITY NEWS

CALLING ALL GARDENERS, The Plant Booth extras from last year's Fall Fair have been wintering over at the Patersons. Many have come through in good condition and are needing a permanent home. If you are interested in any of the following please call Marilou 250.248.3085 for more information and arrangements for pick-up. Any donations will go to the Knox operating fund. Items: Raspberries, chives, mint, Iris (flags) primrose, heuchera (coral bells), Michaelmas daisy, succulents (low-growing and autumn joy), perennial fuchsia, native maples, yucca, Hosta, columbine, euonymus, lily of the valley, kafir lily, ladies mantle, lilac

FOOD BANK NEEDS YOUR HELP

DONATIONS

- Cheques can be mailed to the Salvation Army at P.O. Box 1874 Island Highway, Parksville, BC V9P 2G5 or you can donate online by clicking on this link [Donate Here](#)
- Cheques can be mailed to Manna Homeless Society Box 389 Errington, BC V0R 1V0 or donate online by clicking on [Manna Donations](#) (via CanadaHelps.org)

GROCERY STORE DONATIONS ITEMS

Dry Goods

Sugar/Flour (small bags)
Rice, plus seasoned rice packets
Lentils
Pasta (all varieties)
Juice Cartons (1 L and juice boxes)
Cereals (hot & cold)
Crackers
Coffee/Tea
Cookies
Instant Potatoes
Dried Soups, such as Lipton's
Taco Kits
Peanut Butter/Jam
Gluten-Free Products
Fruit Roll-Ups/Fruit-Type Snacks
Granola Bars
Pudding and/or Fruit Cups
Mayonnaise, Mustard, Ketchup
Gravy Mixes/Sauces
Salad Dressings
Cake Mixes/Icing
Hamburger Helper/Stove Top Stuffing/Kraft Dinner

Canned/Jarred Goods

Canned Meat (Ham, Tuna etc.)
Canned Fruit
Canned Soup/Stew/Chili
Canned Vegetables
Pasta Sauces
Baby Food

Personal Hygiene

Feminine Hygiene Products
Diapers



***“FAITH,
WHILE TREES ARE
STILL in BLOSSOM”*** 643VU

Photo taken by Myrt O.