

KNOX eNews: LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH

For more information www.kucparksville.ca
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WORSHIP & ARTS MINISTRY

SUNDAY SERVICE –NEW WORSHIP TAB

Our online church service will be offered each week which you can find on the Knox website at www.kucparksville.ca and then click on Worship and then click on the most recent sermon by date. You may not all be able to listen at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday because of too many listeners at once but you can worship any time thereafter. People have requested a song leader to lead the singing, but our Knox Crisis Team and Council have deemed it too risky to have more than Jenny and I leading the worship at this time. People have also requested a video recording, but we cannot do live streaming or make a video recording and you wouldn't want to see Jenny and me up there by ourselves anyway...it's very lonely without all of you sitting and singing in person so please join us in cyberspace.

TECH SUPPORT – We are exploring different options in delivering the Sunday service. Are there people willing to field phone calls and provide tech support to those having issues accessing online worship? Please contact Jane at admin@kucparksville.ca

NEW - KNOX CRISIS TEAM

KNOX CRISIS TEAM – NEW

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 regarding the current COVID health crisis?
- Do you have any questions regarding 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

HEALTH REMINDER According to Dr. Henry, I thought it might be important to remind people that they can still call their doctor with their health concerns, and if additional treatment is necessary, including hospitalization, it is still available. Emergency services still function. It is still safe to go to the hospital. (She reminded people of this and they also report the number of emergent and semi-emergent surgeries that are being still done. COVID 19 patients are in a separate isolated area). Submitted by Jeanette M., Knox Crisis Team, Registered Nurse

SOCIAL JUSTICE & OUTREACH MINISTRY

GRATEFUL HEARTS - SOS Emergency Campaign helping seniors and vulnerable residents. Phone 250-248-2093.
Website www.sosd69.com

GREEN TEAM CHALLENGE - Don't buy more than you need.



FUN, FAMILY, FRIENDS & FOOD MINISTRY

Watch this space for future updates.

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



Photo of the protected Trilliums in bloom courtesy of *Shane C.* from his Sunday walk along the Englishman River flats

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE MINISTRY

Watch this space for future updates.

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>

NEW – FROM THE VIRTUAL OFFICES OF KNOX UNITED CHURCH

eNews Submissions emails:

- Include Subject line “eNews”
- Deadline: **3 pm Wednesdays**
- If feasible, 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

NEW - 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

INTO THE LIGHT

The walk to my junior high was just over two miles. As extracurricular activities were before, or after class; late fall and winter, meant journeys in the dark!

But the time change in April signified walking 'into the light'; different pathways possible ~ through the woods ~ as deer trails were now visible.

As we look forward to a time when we are out of our present 'darkness', what will the light bring us? What new pathways will we find to continue to let the Earth heal? Will we recognize in a new way the preciousness of each life, and never again take for granted the powerful healing in a hug?

Yes, Spirit please!

—Jan du Monde

COMMUNICATIONS

SHARING THE NEWS Please share the news with:

Jane Williams, eNews, admin@kucparksville.ca

Colleen Welsh, website marketing, marketingkuc@gmail.com

Marg Conn, Facebook, Communicate@kucparksville.ca

We appreciate the advance notice. Knox eNews deadline is 3 pm Wed.

NEW – 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.

WEBSITE NEW PAGE I am hoping you have been visiting the ONLINE CHURCH tab on our website. In that tab is the KIDS ZONE page with all sorts of games, puzzles, and activities for the young and young at heart. The latest is a wonderful series created by *Shane Conn* called **Make Believe World**. The project started as a middle school grade 6 Language Arts / Social Studies / Art project. It provided all students with an opportunity to explore and demonstrate their imagination. These included some of the following skills: creative writing & drawing, as well as computer skills and thinking “outside of the box”. For Shane's students, the project culminated in a celebration of sharing with classmates, students from other classes and family members.

Because we cannot do that in this unusual time, I would ask you to photograph your finished projects and submit them to marketingkuc@gmail.com for inclusion on our website. Make sure to include your name (but no address or phone numbers please).

The series will be uploaded commencing April 13 with new projects each day following. Here is the link [Online Kids Zone](#)

COUNCIL NEWS

Council had its first Zoom Meeting on Tuesday, April 21st.

CURRENT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

Minister and Ex officio	Jennifer Ferguson
Council Chair	Phil Spencer (Acting)
Council Vice-Chair	Don Emerson
Council Past Chair	Gerry Garnett
Council Secretary	Chelsea McDonald
Stewardship & Finance	Ron Pepper

OUR KNOX FAMILY

PERFECT MOTHER'S DAY GIFT - Mugs, bursting with nasturtiums, for \$5 each. Funds raised will purchase grocery cards for Knox to hand out to those in need. 20 cups.... all sizes and varieties...first come, first choice! I also have a few pots of tall, pink phlox. The plants will be ready this Saturday (April 18). Please call Roxey at 250.954.1556 so I can put them in a socially distanced location for your collection. (19/04/20)

PHONE CALLER ANECDOTES - I am enjoying making the phone calls...feel like I have made new friends! Take care. We will get through this! Jan. R.

COMIC RELIEF Rowan Atkinson re-enacts his *Toby the Devil* performance at London's Palladium for Prince Charles' 70th birthday celebration (We Are Most Amused and Amazed) Courtesy of our very own Jo D.



THAT MOMENT WHEN
YOU'RE WORRIED
ABOUT THE ELDERLY
AND REALIZE THAT YOU
ARE THE ELDERLY. 😊

Click on the video above



Submitted by Jan J.

STIMULUS EXPLAINED SIMPLY *Author Unknown* Submitted by Jo D.

It is a slow day in the small Saskatchewan town of Pumhandle and streets are deserted. Times are tough, everybody is in debt, and everybody is living on credit.

A tourist visiting the area drives through town stops at the motel and lays a \$100 bill on the desk saying he wants to inspect the rooms upstairs to pick one for the night. As soon as he walks upstairs, the motel owner grabs the bill and runs next door to pay his debt to the butcher.

The butcher takes the \$100 and runs down the street to retire his debt to the pig farmer.

The pig farmer takes the \$100 and heads off to pay his bill to his supplier, the Co-op.

The guy at the Co-op takes the \$100 and runs to pay his debt to the local prostitute, who has also been facing hard times and has had to offer her "services" on credit.

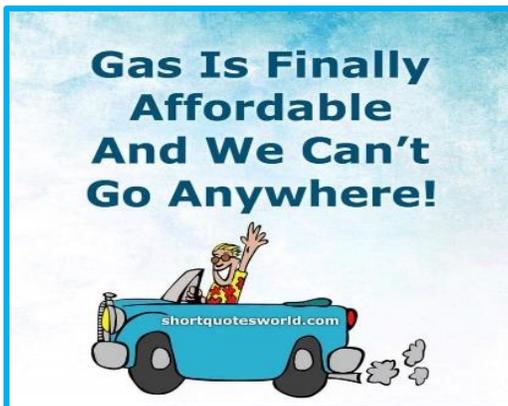
The prostitute rushes to the hotel and pays off her room bill with the hotel owner.

The hotel proprietor then places the \$100 back on the counter so the traveller will not suspect anything.

At that moment, the traveller comes down the stairs, states that the rooms are not satisfactory, picks up the \$100 bill and leaves.

No one produced anything. No one earned anything...However, the whole town is now out of debt and now looks to the future with a lot more optimism.

And that, my friends, is how a Stimulus package works.



Submitted by Jan J.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

MODERATOR LIGHTS A CANDLE FOR NOVA SCOTIA

A prayer, a remembrance, and lighting a candle for Nova Scotia.

The United Church of Canada, like the rest of the country, is mourning the lives lost during the shooting in Nova Scotia this past weekend. On April 20th, the church asked people across the country to light a candle in the evening to remember the victims and families of those killed. It is comforting to see how many churches and individuals responded to the call.

The Moderator has written a prayer for the people of Portapique, NS, and recorded messages of solidarity in both French and English. In a personal reflection, the Rev. Ruth Noble, the United Church's Mission & Service Engagement Co-ordinator in Toronto, writes about her friend at Berwick Camp, Lisa McCully, one of the victims.

In response to the tragic shootings, an online prayer vigil was held with the Moderator and other church leaders Wednesday, April 22, at 2:00 p.m. Atlantic time (1:00 p.m. Eastern time; 10:00 a.m. Pacific time). Further details are available on the United Church's Facebook page.



#LIGHT FOR NOVA SCOTIA [Click on the video](#)



PACIFIC MOUNTAIN REGIONAL COUNCIL



EMAIL SCAM ALERT Over the past few months, email scammers have targeted churches in Pacific Mountain and Chinook Regions and across the country using staff and other email addresses available on church websites. Here is the scenario:

People receive an email from a minister or another church staff person. The email sounds kindly enough and the recipient asks if you would be kind enough to assist them or immediate attention is required to a

matter. Then when the recipient responds, they are asked to pick up a few gift cards for the person. Unfortunately, some people have responded to the requests and have lost money.

1. If you receive such an email, hover your mouse's cursor over the name of the sender and you will see the actual email address that the scammer has used. It will be a different address than the minister or church staff person's address.
2. Be careful whose email addresses are on your website. The scammers are pulling email addresses from websites. You need the addresses of staff on websites or one key contact. But church volunteers do not need their email addresses on church websites.
3. Ensure that your church staff and key volunteers are aware of this scam. We are all busy. It is easy to fall prey to scammers.
4. If the scammer is using a Gmail address, you can report the scam to Google here: <https://support.google.com/mail/contact/abuse?hl=en>

I would like to report a Gmail user who has sent messages that violate the Gmail Program Policies and/or Terms of Use.

We appreciate reports concerning users who violate Gmail's [Program Policies](#) and/or [Terms of Use](#). Please fill out this form to report an incident to the Gmail Team.

We will use the information you provide to conduct an investigation and contact you if we need more details; however, you will not receive a response or email acknowledgment of your submission.

* Required field

An email address we can use to contact you *

COMMUNITY NEWS



FLY YOUR TARTAN FOR NOVA SCOTIA!

Come on Canada, let us show the people of Nova Scotia we love them.

#NSStrong

VANCOUVER ISLAND CRISIS LINE
1-888-494-3888



CRISIS CHAT
vicrisis.ca



Crisis Text
250-800-3806




SERVING ALL ISLAND COMMUNITIES

In this time of uncertainty, we are here to help.

Our **Crisis Services (Line, Chat, and Text)** remain available to support you. Please refer to your COVID-19 by dialling 811.

Due to many people accessing toll-free numbers during the pandemic, callers can experience overloaded telephone circuits. We request that you try again if you are not able to reach us on your first attempt.

You can also dial **1.250.754.4447** to access the Vancouver Island Crisis Line. (Long distance charges may apply if calling from outside of Greater Nanaimo)

**Take care...
Be safe.**