

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

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### **WORSHIP AND ARTS MINISTRY**

**VIDEO vs AUDIO** Which one did **you** choose? Tell us about your choice at [admin@kucparksville.ca](mailto:admin@kucparksville.ca) We will publish the best answers in the eNews. So far, we have had many votes for the video...

"Thank you all for the service today. Love the "stuffed" congregation." -- Bob S.

"Anne-Marie and I really did enjoy listening to the service live and seeing Jennifer on the screen. Keep up the good work!" --Ken and Anne-Marie.

**FEEDBACK WANTED** – Worship and Arts is interested in hearing what forms of worship people might be interested in as we go forward in this new reality. Your callers will ask you a few questions to help us with this. Your feedback will help us plan. Thank you! –Shirlene Donnelly

#### **THE STILL, SMALL VOICE Hymns as Poetry @kucparksville.ca**

Sometimes we sing along with the hymns, enjoy the music, have preferences for certain melodies etc. Singing together has many benefits and can often (hopefully) lift our spirits! Sometimes the words themselves provide comfort and sound more like poetry when just 'looked at' as well as sung. There are a couple of examples that we sing at Knox that always strike me this way, and so I'd like to share a few verses from some of my favourite 'poetic' hymns – they seemed particularly relevant right now.

- Come and Find the Quiet Centre
- In the Quiet Curve of Evening
- A Prayer for the Care of Creation
- Who is God to You?

Find more information on our website at

**[www.kucparksville.ca](http://www.kucparksville.ca)>>online church>>the still, small voice**

Does anyone else have any favourites? Please send them to **Shirlene**

## **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

#### **As We Look to Opening Up Our Province:**

As many people are looking forward to the gradual lifting of restrictions over the coming weeks and months, let's remember that these are still pandemic times, and each of our choices creates ramifications. I'll borrow the words of a Canadian epidemiologist, who has summarized this much better than I could, being her specialty.

From Lisa Jensen:

"It is really important for people to realize that this is being done not because conditions are any safer for people. We don't have a vaccine... (we are opening) because we have the capacity to manage a greater influx of cases into our intensive care units.

Continue to follow physical distancing, wash your hands, keep your bubble small, protect the most vulnerable, and respect and protect the safety of workers wherever you go. If you are fortunate enough to have choices, make good ones".

As we help our economy recover, while we are going through COVID times, let's do it as safely as possible.

Megan H., Registered Respiratory Therapist, Knox Crisis Team

**[crisis@kucparksville.ca](mailto:crisis@kucparksville.ca)**

#### **IMPORTANT - FOR ALL KNOX KEYHOLDERS (Front door key)**

You must check-in with Karen Freeman ([facility@kucparksville.ca](mailto:facility@kucparksville.ca)) if you need to access the church. No one is permitted to access the church unless they are on the weekly schedule and Karen is aware of when they are coming and going from the church. This is especially important for the safety of the staff as well as for tracking /contact information should we have a case of COVID 19 surface with one of our staff/volunteers/congregation. Please make sure you are checking in with Karen before entering the building. Thank you for your cooperation.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE & OUTREACH MINISTRY

### URGE CANADA TO PROTECT ALL MIGRANT WORKERS WITH RESIDENCY STATUS NOW!

With COVID-19 exposing and enhancing the vulnerability of migrant workers, your help is needed now more than ever.



Migrant workers deserve our deepest respect for the work they do. They have a right to be safe and secure both in their workplaces and at home. They should not have to face the risks and hardships that confront them daily.

Recently, Portugal granted migrants resident status during the pandemic, providing them with full access to health care and social services to help safeguard everyone in the country.

We want Canada to do the same and to take it one step further by granting permanent residency for all migrant workers and ensuring safe working environments. These workers have been fully vetted before coming to Canada and fill vital jobs that few too Canadians want.

On May 2, the Globe and Mail printed a letter by Connie Sorio, KAIROS' Migrant Justice Coordinator, advocating these two points.

Take Action! Please write to your Member of Parliament and urge the government to give all migrants in Canada immediate residence status with a pathway to permanent residency. Cite the Globe and Mail letter.

For details, Connie's letter and contacts visit: [kairoscanada.org/urge-canada-to-protect-all-migrant-workers-with-residency-status-now](https://kairoscanada.org/urge-canada-to-protect-all-migrant-workers-with-residency-status-now)

Thank you for taking action!

**GREEN TEAM CHALLENGE** – Turn off the lights when you leave the room.

## 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 820 6760 6176, Password 522446

**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](mailto:eanneward52@gmail.com)

## SACRED SPACES MINISTRY

### THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING KNOX VOLUNTEERS!



Nona Klontz and Jan Lucas have offered to do weeding at the front of the church! Ted G. has offered to water the gardens on Mondays. We **still need** more help in that department. Linda Nelson is taking care of the Meditation Garden again this year. Drop by the church one day and you will see that ALL the curbs have been power washed and painted by Ian Ward, Chris D., Donna D., and Andy F. at zero cost to Knox. They look wonderful. If you have time to spare for outside maintenance of Knox please call me. Margaret Warburton 250-951-0538

## STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE MINISTRY

STAY TUNED 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.

## COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY

**WEBSITE** - There is a new page on the Knox website that we hope you will find useful and informative. It is entitled **RESOURCES** and you have two choices **COVID-19 RESOURCES & INFORMATION** and **COMMUNITY RESOURCES**.

The COVID-19 RESOURCES & INFORMATION contains many useful links to government websites including Dr. Bonnie Henry's daily updates. Please check it out at [COVID-19 RESOURCES INFORMATION](#)

This page is intended to direct people to numerous resources in our area that may be of use as we navigate these challenging times. We will continue to add to this list as we learn about more resources. If you know of any information that would be a helpful addition to this page, please send the details to [marketingkuc@gmail.com](mailto:marketingkuc@gmail.com)

## 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>

*I'm sorry, were you working on something?*

Thoughts and prayers to everyone out there trying to work from home with a pet that does not understand the concept



## 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 844 1018 3121, Password 957519

**“I KNOW WHY THE CAGED BIRD WRITES”** -I have learned a great deal about myself in these many weeks; I do not do well “caged”. My coping mechanisms, when prayer seems difficult, all have to do with my hands to clear my mind...

### Hands

sleepless nights  
disquieted days...

writing hands  
provide release...

baking hands  
provided distraction...

building frustration  
aching sadness...

anxious moments  
rampant dis ease...

planting hands  
found peace.

--Jan du Monde

## COUNCIL NEWS

**WATCH THIS SPACE FOR FUTURE UPDATES**

## OUR KNOX FAMILY

**50<sup>th</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS Jan and Steve Lucas** celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on May 2! Ordinarily, Knox would be presenting them with a bouquet to recognize this happy occasion, however, United Church Women, who purchase the bouquet on behalf of Church Council, decided that due to JAN & STEVE'S deep commitment to the Manna Homeless Society/Ministries, that a donation of \$25 be sent to Manna in honour of their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

By the way, if you or someone you know is celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> or 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, or an 80<sup>th</sup>, 90<sup>th</sup> or 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, please let June McIntyre, President of Knox United Church Women, know so appropriate recognition can happen! Call 250.248.3119 or email [juicenbrune@shaw.ca](mailto:juicenbrune@shaw.ca) THANK YOU!

**A BIG THANKS** to Sandy Machan for the beautiful Mother's Day slide show. It is good to see familiar faces.

**THANK YOU** to all gardeners who gave new homes to 30 plants. (I still have raspberry canes left) Marilou 250.248.3085.

## UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

### Prayer For A Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced  
Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors  
Remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home  
Remember those who must choose between  
preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for  
our children when their schools close,  
Remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips  
Remember those that have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money  
in the tumult of the economic market  
Remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home  
Remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country,  
Let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically  
wrap our arms around each other,  
Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace  
of God to our neighbors.

Amen.

**BROADVIEW MAGAZINE** Following is an appeal from Broadview Magazine, formerly the United Church Observer.

Dear Reader

**Broadview Magazine** and its forerunners have been publishing continuously since 1829. There have been ups, and there have been downs. But we have endured, thanks to the loyalty of readers like you.

I need to share some difficult news: due to the coronavirus pandemic, we face a crisis today like no other in our 191-year history. I'm asking you to help **Broadview** weather the storm.

Would you consider a [one-time gift](#) to see us through this emergency?

In a few short weeks this spring, we went from celebrating the [first anniversary](#) of the new-look publication and reaping a record number of National Magazine Award [nominations](#), to watching our finances dip to alarming levels. Overnight, the revenue we depend on to make ends meet plummeted.

We quickly [retooled the way we work](#) so we can keep producing the print and digital versions of **Broadview** from the safety of our homes. And we've adjusted our editorial plans to focus on coverage of the social, ethical, and spiritual elements of the pandemic. But we can only deliver **Broadview's** award-winning journalism if we can pay our bills.

**A [single tax-receiptable gift](#) right now is literally a lifeline.** Like you, I pray that we all stay healthy and continue to act responsibly until the global community brings this pandemic under control. It feels like a small victory over the coronavirus when, against the odds, we publish a new issue of **Broadview** or update our website with fresh coverage.

**I urge you to become an ally in this effort.**

Things will get better — we've overcome adversity before. But until then, we really need your help. No matter how large or small, I'm extremely grateful for your support.

[You can donate HERE](#)

**COVID-19 the LIGHTER SIDE #socialdistancing**

Courtesy of creative duo Paco Conde and Beto Fernandez and their project called '6 feet covers'.



Presumably, on May the 4<sup>th</sup>, the Fourth was with this guy

**Be like Darth Vader**



- Wear a mask
- Doesn't visit his son and daughter
- Socially and emotionally distant
- Follows orders

boredpanda.com

Or, you could be like Yoda according to Jim does a Star War

Saying "I'm social distancing":

- feels sad
- very isolating

Saying "until the time is right, into hiding we must go":

- Yoda said that
- sense of destiny
- you could say it while looking off into the distance and it wouldn't be out of place
- Yoda

**BROUGHT TO US BY ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN OWINGS MILLS, MARYLAND, U.S. EPISCOPAL BINGO, SOCIAL DISTANCING EDITION.**



**Episcopal Bingo**

*Social Distancing Edition*

DID A ZOOM COMPLINE	PARTICIPATED IN A PHONE TREE	MISS THE EUCHARIST	TRIED MORNING PRAYER FOR THE FIRST TIME	MADE A HOME ALTAR
KNOW SOMEONE WHO TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19	WATCHED MORE THAN ONE CHURCH'S ONLINE SERVICE	RESTED ON SUNDAY	SUPPORTED A FOOD BANK	WATCHED A PB CURRY VIDEO
SAID "FLATTEN THE CURVE"	ZOOMED IN PAJAMAS	<b>FREE SPACE</b>	CALLED A LOVED ONE	SUBSCRIBED TO YOUR CHURCH'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL
PRAYED WHILE WASHING YOUR HANDS	FEARED A COFFEE SHORTAGE MORE THAN A TP ONE	USED YOUR BCP AT HOME	BAKED BREAD	PASSED THE PEACE VIRTUALLY
WORE A FACE MASK IN PUBLIC	PLANTED (OR ATTEMPTED TO PLANT) A GARDEN	ATTEMPTED TO HOMESCHOOL CHILDREN	PUT PALMS ON YOUR DOOR FOR PALM SUNDAY	SWITCHED TO GIVING YOUR PLEDGE ONLINE

**A SIGN FOR THE TIMES...THESE CHURCH SIGNS ARE GETTING US THROUGH THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC** Video courtesy of Fox10

[Click here to watch](#) (hold down control key + left-click of the mouse)