

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

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**June 28, 2020 edition**

### **WORSHIP AND ARTS MINISTRY**

**BACKYARD WORSHIP** - Are you missing some 'human real-life' contact with our Knox community? Our recent survey suggests this is an issue. Worship and Arts and Fun, Family, Friends and Food is organizing small groups to meet informally - to connect, share, care and dare to worship in assigned backyards during the summer, (weather permitting) Online services will continue to be available. Watch for further details – it's a work in progress, but we're already getting some very encouraging support for this idea. If you're interested in hosting in your backyard (no other responsibilities involved) or in facilitating some informal worship, (ideas will be provided) please let Jennifer or Shirlene Donnelly know so that we can start organizing.

**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.

*I much prefer the video option! --Marie D.  
Looks good! --Ken T.*

### **KNOX CRISIS TEAM**

Over the last three-plus months, the following folks have done an outstanding job on behalf of the crisis team staying in touch regularly with everyone on their call-out lists. The team will continue to meet on a less frequent basis (bi-monthly) but contact will continue for those who have voiced an interest to do so with their caller.

So, a huge thank you goes out to:

Nona K.	Donna K.	Debbie B.
Mary D.	Gillian S.	Carl & Dixie W.
Sallie D.	Anne G.	Margaret W.
Kathleen H.	Wendy R.	John T.
Linda N.	Bob T.	Delise E.
Jan R.	Anita L.	
Shirlene D.	Karen G.	Also, a <b>special thanks</b>
Jane W.	Stephen T.	to Marg Conn for compiling
Bev H.	Phyllis F.	the lists in the first place.

--Yours in service, Don Emerson (crisis team).

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

**MISSION & SERVICE THANK YOU FROM THE MODERATOR** – Knox received a letter of thank you for their donations of \$34,812 in 2019. Read the full letter in the United Church of Canada section of this week's edition of the eNews.

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

**THE GATHERING PLACE** – Weather permitting, grab a lawn chair, pick up a coffee and join us at the Parksville Community Park (labyrinth area) for some conversation and laughs at 10:00 am Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup> See you there!

**KNOX UCW (United Church Women) THANK YOU FROM THE MODERATOR of the United Church of Canada.** Knox UCW received a letter of thanks for their annual donation of \$1000 in 2019 to enable lifesaving and life-changing work through our shared Mission & Service. This Mission and Service amount is set annually by our Knox group. Since the formation of the UCW in 1962, UCW's across Canada have collectively donated over 1 million dollars, so here at Knox, we've been a part of the tradition of giving and happy to do so. Read the full letter in the United Church of Canada section of this week's edition of the eNews.

### **SACRED SPACES MINISTRY**

**JOIN THE TEAM** – To date, we have Linda Nelson taking care of the Meditation Garden assisted by Myrt Omnes and Jan Lucas and Nona Klontz weeding the entire property. I know that Jan could use some help. Give her a call and join the team. They meet on Tuesdays but check with Jan and she will let you know. Also, we have Ted Gough watering the plants on Mondays. I need more volunteers to do watering so please call me if you can help. Margaret Warburton, Co-Lead, Sacred Spaces, 250-951-0538

### **STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE MINISTRY**

**FALL FAIR TEAM, ITEMS FOR SALE** – Please note the **Classified** attachment that was emailed with the 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!

## STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE MINISTRY continued

**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 because 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

Colleen W. has produced a myriad of COVID posters for Knox. We have also set up a bulletin board in the Narthex for COVID information.

### LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING TOGETHER AGAIN...



Credit: New Heights Church, Mission BC

## 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](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

**COUNCIL NEWS** for June 16 Regular Meeting: This was our first meeting chaired by our new Chair, Don Emerson. Ken Fanning, Chair of Nominations Team presented the Council for 2020-2021 as follows:

### EXECUTIVE

Minister	Jennifer Ferguson
Council Chair	Don Emerson
Council Vice-Chair	Dana Goedbloed
Council Secretary	Chelsea McDonald
Treasurer	Brenda Astle

Trustee Rep	Andrew Slack
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### MINISTRY TEAM LEADS

Communications	Marg Conn
Fun, Family, Friends & Food	Gayle Haughn
Healing & Pastoral Care, Co-Leads	Mary Allison Bell Linda Nelson
Ministry & Personnel Co-Leads	Harvey Diamond Gillian Stewart
Sacred Spaces Co-Leads	Ian Ward Margaret Warburton
Social Justice & Outreach Rep to Council	Diane Jones
Spiritual Formation	Stephen Torrence
Stewardship & Finance & Exec	Ron Pepper
Worship & Arts	Shirlene Donnelly

The following serve outside of Council:

### TRUSTEES

Andrew Slack (2021), Carl Weiss (2022),  
Les Dabb (2023), Wayne Larson (2024),  
Sandy Herle (2025), Jane Walker (2026), Jennifer Ferguson

### MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Derek Clarke, Harvey Diamond, Karen Golden, Nona Klontz, Ray Walker and Gillian Stewart

**CEMETARY COORDINATORS** Wayne Larson/Ray Walker

## COUNCIL NEWS continued

**ENVELOPE STEWARD** Mary Allison Bell

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Ken Fanning, Gayle Haughn,  
Lorna Kobelak, Jennifer Ferguson (ex-officio)

The following motion was passed: "Members of Knox Council, except the Chair, Vice-Chair, Past Chair and Trustees, serve up to two, three-year terms to a maximum of six years. After serving for six years, the Member is not eligible to serve on Council for at least one year".

**The Knox Crisis Response Team** presented a report, *Guidelines to Reopening, June 16, 2020*. This report is posted on our website as a download at the bottom of the COVID 19 Resources & Information page: <https://www.kucparksville.ca/resources/pages/covid-19-resources-information> It is also posted in several places at the church.

It should be noted that Knox is at an earlier, stricter phase than the province as we strive to protect our vulnerable congregations. We follow the guidelines set by our Pacific Mountain Region of the United Church of Canada in the document *Expectations, Discernment and Guidelines from the PMRC Executive Minister, in reopening United Church communities of faith buildings and ministries*.

<https://pacificmountain.ca/expectations->

Council met again on June 24. Council and Ministry Teams will be implementing the Knox Plan. Updates to come.

## UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

June 17, 2020

Parksville: Knox Pastoral  
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THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA  
L'ÉGLISE UNIE DU CANADA

***You shall love your neighbour as yourself. --Mark 12:31 (NRSV)***

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for all you do to live out Jesus' call to love one another through your gifts to Mission & Service. God's compassionate presence is made real by the beautiful things that are happening because of your generosity.

We are grateful to the people of Parksville: Knox Pastoral Charge who have provided \$34,812 in 2019 to enable lifesaving and life-changing work through our shared Mission & Service. We recognize the United Church Women of Parksville: Knox Pastoral Charge who have generously given \$1,000 of this amount.

Mission & Service takes on new importance as the church responds to the worldwide COVID-19 crisis. Our ministries in Canada and across the world are acting quickly to help people whose lives have suddenly changed. In-person outreach programs closed by social distancing have been replaced by food distribution and finding safe homes for people who are homeless. Hospital chaplains are caring for COVID-19 victims and their families. People are being helped to adapt to pandemic conditions and taught how to keep the virus from spreading. Virtual camps and education programs are being offered to support families in isolation at home.

You are truly an example of what it means to love one another! Please continue to be a part of our amazing ministry.

Blessings,

The Right Rev. Dr. Richard Bott, Moderator, The United Church of  
Canada

Sarah Charters, Acting Director of Philanthropy

## OUR KNOX FAMILY

**90<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY DRIVE BY THANK YOU!** The 14<sup>th</sup> was full of excitement for me, so many cars and folks walking by. There were at least 20 from my lawn bowling group and about 40 from Knox. It was a big WOW! Donna did a lot of organizing and made cupcakes for all. My living room has at least 40 balloons, 10 of which are stuck to the ceiling! A big thanks to all who were a part of it! Blessings, Martha P.

**CONGRATULATIONS** & richest blessings to Martha Pow on your 90th birthday! A \$25 gift will be given from the UCW in Martha's name to the Knox Cemetery Fund in honour of this special day. God bless you from the congregation of Knox United Church!

