

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

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**May 31, 2020 edition**

### **WORSHIP AND ARTS MINISTRY**



**PENTECOST** is celebrated on a Sunday 50 days after Easter

**MEANING** Pentecost comes from the Greek word *pentēkostē* meaning '50<sup>th</sup>' day. It is also a reference to the Jewish festival Shavuot or the Festival of Weeks, which is held on the 50<sup>th</sup> day after the second day of Passover. This festival celebrates the giving of the Torah to the Israelites at Mount Sinai. In Acts 2, it is said that the disciples gathered on the day of Pentecost, or the day of the festival of Shavuot. That's when the wind and fire and Spirit came!

**LITURGICAL COLOUR: RED** is a primary colour and a warm colour. It symbolizes fire, spirit, energy, passion, strength, power, intensity, courage, and determination. It draws to mind the flames dancing over the disciples and friends of Jesus gathered in the upper room on the day of Pentecost. This **Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**, is **PENTECOST SUNDAY** so we are asking you to get into the spirit of Pentecost by wearing red, orange, or yellow while worshipping at home.

**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.

**GREAT NEWS** – the number of views for our online worship continues to increase exponentially. It is great to see so many folks joining us online for our virtual service.

**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

**VIRTUAL CONGREGATIONAL EMAIL LIST INCREASE** We continue to receive many requests to be added to our weekly email distribution of the Order of Worship and eNews by family and friends that do not attend Knox, most of whom live in other provinces. It is nice to know that people feel that this is helping them to stay connected to a faith-based community during this challenging time. If someone you know would like to receive these weekly emails from Knox they can subscribe by emailing [admin@kucparksville.ca](mailto:admin@kucparksville.ca) They can unsubscribe at any time the same way.

### **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

**[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 access to the church. No one is permitted to access the church unless they are on the weekly schedule and Karen is aware of when you 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

### EMPOWER & ENACT

**Call to Action: Demand that Canada takes concrete measures to strengthen the rules for businesses and uphold human rights.**

The Canadian Network on Corporate Accountability (CNCA) of which KAIROS is a member, has just launched an e-petition to the House of Commons, urging the government to ensure that the Canadian mining, energy, and garment sectors operating abroad uphold human rights and rules for businesses.

Allegations of human rights violations and environmental damage accompany the Canadian extractive sector. Companies are rarely held accountable for wrongdoing; this is unacceptable.

CNCA's e-petition compels the House of Commons to take two necessary steps to hold Canadian companies abroad accountable for business human rights violations:

**Empower the Canadian Ombudsperson Responsible Business Enterprise (CORE)**

**Enact Mandatory Human Rights Due Diligence (mHRDD) Legislation**

**Take Action Now:**

1. [Sign the e-petition](#) to the House of Commons to Empower the CORE and ENACT mHRDD
2. Take the Enact and Empower challenge. On Facebook or Instagram, tag 5 people and encourage them to sign the e-petition.
3. Request a virtual meeting with your federal Member of Parliament (MP), via email, phone, or on Twitter.
4. Use Facebook, Instagram, and/or Twitter to help us spread the word on the e-petition.

For more information, watch the recording of the webinar "[Minding our own business: how to ensure Canadian businesses respect human rights abroad](#)"



**GREEN TEAM UPDATE** – The RDN Recycling Depot, 2375 Hayes Road, Nanaimo (accessible off Northfield Road) accepts ALL recycling, including soft plastics, Styrofoam, glass, etc. and is very well set up for delivery. For those folks who may lack transportation to Nanaimo, Sallie Dabb has kindly offered to pick up recycling to be transported. Sallie can be reached at 250.752.7588.

## 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.

**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

**CAN YOU SPARE AN HOUR OR TWO ONCE A WEEK?**

Your help is needed to water the gardens at Knox. Phone me if you can help one day per week. Ted G. is watering Mondays, so you have lots of days to choose from.



Looking forward to your call! 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

### THE NEW KNOX PROPERTY SIGN, A PROJECT OF SACRED SPACES & COMMUNICATIONS

In March Council approved the purchase and installation of a new KNOX sign for the corner of Pym and Humphrey at a total cost of \$25,000. At the May meeting, Council was advised that designated donations of \$22,000 have been received and agreed to proceed with installation when the full cost has been raised (an additional \$3,000).

If you wish to financially support this project, please place your donation in the mail slot to the right of the doors, clearly marked 'Attention: Treasurer'.

All contributions are of course very much appreciated.

## 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>

## 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 MET ON MAY 19.** Most news will be shared by the respective Ministries in the eNews. On behalf of the Nominating Team, Ken Fanning announced that the incoming Vice-Chair will be Dana Goedbloed. She is currently serving as a member of Ministry & Personnel and will move over on July 1.

Dana was Dean of Trades and Technology at Kwantlen Polytechnic University. She has several years of experience in post-secondary bi-cameral governance as chair of an Education Council and vice-chair of a Senate, also serving as Policy Chair, and was selected to represent Deans on a committee formed to create and implement policies required when the college transformed to a university. She completed an Educational Doctorate (EdD) in Educational Leadership and Policy at UBC. Dana has also served as a member of the government and Indigenous boards.

M & P will be left with 3 members, Harvey Diamond, Nona Klontz, and Ray Walker. We are seeking more members for this team.

Phil Spencer will be retiring from his position of Acting Chair of Knox and his position as Minister at St. Stephen's United Church in Qualicum. We especially appreciated his good humour, patience, and guidance in leading us through this transitional time. Congratulations Phil on your retirement!

Don Emerson, incoming Chair of Council, reported that Executive members had attended an online Town Hall Meeting sponsored by our Pacific Mountain Region of the United Church. The document *Pandemic Recovery & In-Person Ministry Re-Launch Guidelines* was discussed. It requires the church to conduct a risk assessment and plan for moving through the stages of reopening over the coming months. Due to the higher risks for churches, the Region does not recommend moving to stage 2 currently, although the province is doing so.

For more information, <https://pacificmountain.ca/expectations-discernment-and-guidelines-from-the-pmrc-executive-minister-in-reopening-united-church-communities-of-faith-buildings-and-ministries/>

## OUR KNOX FAMILY



### LIFE LESSON: *BE RESILIENT*

In discussing the many aspects of the current pandemic at the May Council meeting, Shirlene Donnelly our Worship & Arts Team Lead shared advice she learned from watching Jamie Oliver on TV:

We have to be bendy!

Or as Jennifer says, *resilient*.

## UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

### SIGN UP WITH THE PMRC

We are part of the **Pacific Mountain Region of the United Church of Canada**.

This is the link to the home page, take a look: <https://pacificmountain.ca/>

This is a link to sign up for their newsletter. I highly recommend that you sign up for it.

<https://pacificmountain.us1.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=0999ab25e10c4c23a874af7fe&id=4580ffd787>

They also have a Facebook page with helpful discussions on key issues.

–Submitted by Marg Conn.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



**Canadian  
Blood  
Services**

BLOOD  
PLASMA  
STEM CELLS  
ORGANS  
& TISSUES

### NEW BLOOD DONORS NEEDED NOW

#### DONATE BLOOD

Parksville Donation Event at Parksville Community Centre  
132 Jensen Avenue East

Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 12-6:45 pm

Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12-6:45 pm

Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 12-6:45 pm

Groups of 3 or more please email [bookagroupbc@blood.ca](mailto:bookagroupbc@blood.ca)

**WHY?** In BC we need 12,500 blood donations each month to serve hospital patients. 1 in 2 people can donate however, 1 in 60 do. The #1 reason people don't donate is that they have never been asked – so consider this our ask! Donors are needed and you don't have to know your blood type!

**HOW?** Book online at [blood.ca](http://blood.ca) or download our free GiveBlood APP to book your appointment today. Please take the eligibility quiz first [click here](#)

**PREPARE** Drink 2L of water the day prior, 1L day of, eat before **you donate, be generally feeling well and bring photo ID**

Can people without an appointment go to a donor centre and donate blood? No. In compliance with the Public Health Agency of Canada's direction to enable physical distancing, at this time, we can only welcome people with appointments.

For more information, including **COVID-19 UPDATES**, please [Click here](#)