

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 We will publish the best answers in the eNews. So far, we have had many votes for the video...

“Dear Loved Ones, thank you for the virtual service and all the contacts from Knox that I am getting. We have a common space and a lovely garden to walk around in; a good place to be during this pandemic. Love, Brenda C.”

“Hi, thank you once again for a very meaningful worship service. Also, a big thank you to Leslie for creating a beautiful floral arrangement. Love you all! Margaret W.”

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>>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

crisis@kucparksville.ca

IMPORTANT - FOR ALL KNOX KEYHOLDERS (Front door key)

You **must** check-in with Karen Freeman (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

GREEN TEAM UPDATE – The RDN Recycling Depot, 2735 Hayes Road, Nanaimo (accessible off Northfield Rd) 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

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

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>

SPIRITUAL FORMATION MINISTRY

BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM – Wednesdays 10:30-12. Email Karen Freeman at 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

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR FUTURE UPDATES

OUR KNOX FAMILY

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

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

A PRAYER FOR HEALTH WORKERS DURING COVID-19

Thanks for Health Workers

Holy One,

We give thanks for those who care for the sick at this difficult time.

For diligent family practitioners and experienced specialists,

we thank you.

For care-full nursing staff

We thank you.

For cheerful housekeeping workers,

We thank you.

For attentive care aides,

We thank you.

For skilled X-Ray Technicians,

We thank you.

For administrators and support staff,

We thank you.

Holy One, we know that in hospitals and care homes,

in emergency rooms and in intensive care units,

the work of healing is dangerous and challenging,

and we thank you for those willing to serve.

(time of silent reflection)

We acknowledge the sacrifice and continual pressure that is

the lot of those who care,

and we thank you for the work they do for us, and for the communities to which we belong.

Holy One,

***May your Love sustain them, your Peace surround them
and your Holy Spirit inspire them through the most challenging***

times,

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](#)



Canadian Blood Services

BLOOD
PLASMA
STEM CELLS
ORGANS
& TISSUES



The United Church of Canada



Mennonite Central Committee

LIFTING SANCTIONS SAVES LIVES #LiftSanctionsSavesLives

Political and Economic Sanctions Blocking Aid for Most Vulnerable. The United Church is part of a civil society call urging the Canadian government to end sanctions as part of their global response to the COVID-19 pandemic. [Click Here](#) to find out more.

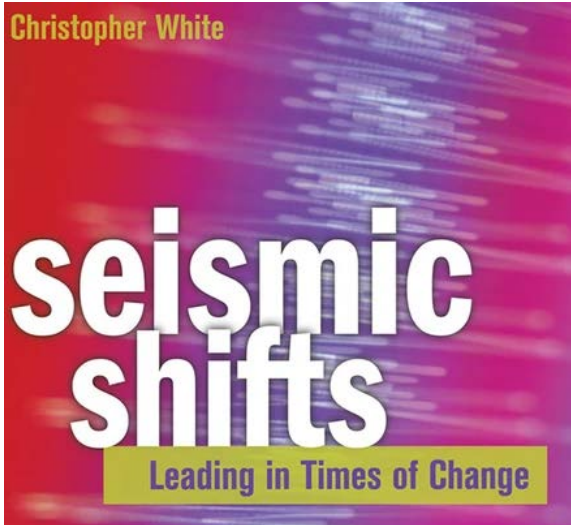
UNITED CHURCH BOOKSTORE: Free E-book!

Amid the rapid changes shaking North American society, how can church leaders respond? Is this a time of crisis or an opportunity for renewal? Christopher White invites you on a journey toward an authentic leadership for our time.

Drawing on two decades of experience as a United Church minister and input from other leaders, he examines new directions in leadership. If this

piques your interest, you can get a FREE e-book copy of Seismic Shifts until June 2! Just use promo code **SHIFT** at checkout.

Sign up for our mailing list [here](#)



NEW BLOOD DONORS NEEDED NOW

DONATE BLOOD

Parksville Donation Event at Parksville Community Centre
132 Jensen Avenue East

Tuesday, June 2nd from 12-6:45 pm

Wednesday, June 3rd from 12-6:45 pm

Thursday, June 4th from 12-6:45 pm

Groups of 3 or more please email 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 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](#)

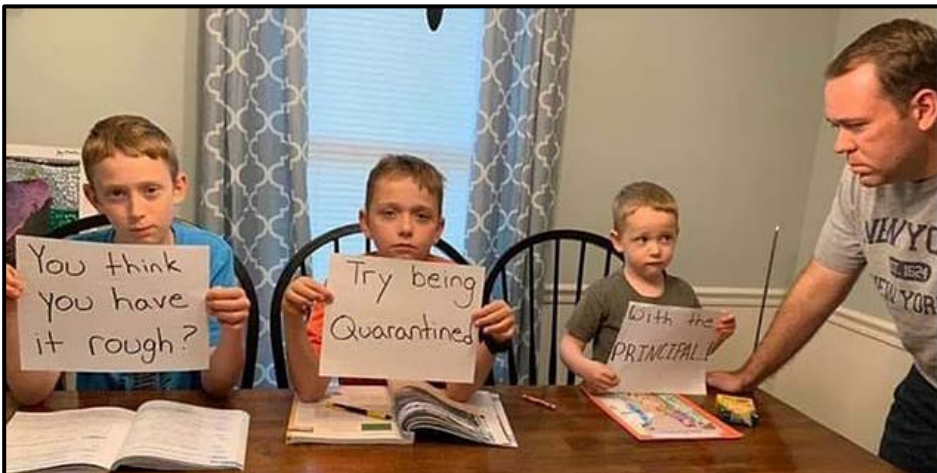
COVID-19 *the LIGHTER SIDE*

People frazzled by weeks of lockdown share their exasperation with hilarious signs. Although borne out of frustration, at least they offer some laughs at a time of uncertainty. *By Claire Toureille for DailyMail.com in the UK.*

One of the signs, pasted on a family's window in Columbus, Ohio reads "uninstall 2020, it's got a virus"



Some pupils are luckier than others! The Grace Christian School, in West Columbia, shared this hilarious snap on Facebook.



Any takers? One exasperated resident of Lisbon doesn't want to wait to see a divorce lawyer when restrictions end.



In Traverse City, Michigan, a movie theatre found a great-modern day twist on a film classic.

