

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.

Just a note to say hi and let you know I have enjoyed your worship service today. My husband and I are moving to Parksville from Winnipeg in August and will look forward to a time when we can come and worship in person. We are at present members of a United Church in Winnipeg. – Tom & Carol L.

KNOX CRISIS TEAM

KNOX CRISIS TEAM CONTACT EMAIL: crisis@kucparksville.ca

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE & OUTREACH MINISTRY

UPDATE ON MANNA HOMELESS SOCIETY - Social Justice & Outreach has recently heard from Manna Homeless Society. Due to COVID-19 they too have had to adjust their response to the Needy and Homeless. They are trying to especially help those in need who have become unemployed and are trying to get back to work. Manna Homeless Society is willing to supply clothing items and other necessities to aid those wanting and trying to find employment or seniors and handicapped who are facing difficulties at this time. If anyone knows of those that could benefit from this offer of aid, please contact **Jerrold Paetkau** or **Robin Campbell**. Thank you from SJ&O.

Phone: 250-248-0845 oceansidemanna@gmail.com

Mailing address: Box 389 Errington B.C. Canada V0R1V0

GREEN TEAM CHALLENGE – Install low flush toilets – make sure the old toilet is reused, take to a restore store.

GREEN TEAM – PLASTIC BAGS AND GLASS Do you want to know more? Go to recyclebc.ca. Their website is full of information about what and where you can recycle. What can and cannot go into the blue bin. It will also take you on a recycle house tour about plastics and show you crafts that kids can make from recyclable products. Check it out. The bad news is that we can no longer take our plastic bags and glass to places in Parksville and Qualicum for recycling. However, there is a place in Nanaimo where you can drop them off for recycling at 2375 Hayes Road. However, we don't all go there, do we? But Sallie Dabb does and is willing to take you plastics and glass when she goes. So just phone or email her and if needed she will come to pick them up.

IMPORTANT – Please sort plastics into soft plastic and crinkly plastic before giving them to Sallie. Thank you!

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.

SACRED SPACES MINISTRY

HELP NEEDED WITH WEEDING AT KNOX! – Do you enjoy weeding? I'm sure you do. Presently we have two volunteers weeding our grounds but need one more to help once a week. If you would like to join the team, please give me a call. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Margaret Warburton 250.951.0538

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE MINISTRY

FALL FAIR TEAM, ITEMS FOR SALE – Please note the classified attachment that was emailed at the same time as last week's eNews. This attachment 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!

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 as a result 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

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

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO REV. FOSTER FREED

Council wishes to congratulate Foster Freed on his retirement, finishing at Trinity United Church in Nanaimo. Before that, he served 20 years at Knox and was well-loved and respected here.

**HAPPY
RETIREMENT
FOSTER!**



Foster, June 4, 2020

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA



INDIGENOUS DAY OF PRAYER SUNDAY, JUNE 21

This year, please remember the recent [fifth anniversary of truth and reconciliation calls to action](#) and commit to the ongoing work of reconciliation.

Additional resources and information about [Indigenous Day of Prayer](#) is available on our website.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

UNITED against RACISM



In case you missed it, you can watch the powerful [United against Racism worship service](#) that was hosted by the United Church's Black Clergy Network on Sunday, June 14. And on Facebook, Moderator Richard Bott shares [a prayer](#) that we may all live out the work of anti-racism.

Rev. Dr. Paul Douglas Walfall has also written [a new blog post](#) that calls on White people in the church to put their love into action to counteract racism. "Confronting racism is an act of love," writes Walfall, "When you love, you treat every person with dignity, as all people are created in the image of God."

You can find more anti-racism tools and worship resources from The United Church of Canada and our partners as well as a [selection of books addressing racism](#) from the United Church Bookstore.

A LIGHT OF PEACE FOR KOREA – We invite you to join us on June 25, 2020, for an online prayer vigil held led by Moderator Richard Bott to mark the 70 years since the start of the Korean War, which has never officially ended. Join us for [A Light of Peace](#). A Light of Peace will be live-streamed on the United Church of Canada's [YouTube Channel](#) at 8 pm Pacific Time, Thursday, June 25th. Please join us!

OUR KNOX FAMILY

MARTHA'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Police cars, fire trucks and cars that followed took over an hour to go by Mom's house. Mom was incredibly surprised & sends hugs to everyone!

We had a basket for folks to put cards into and Martha received 144 cards! In the morning, I had given her 49+ cards from folks who had mailed in cards. I was hoping for 90 cards, but we completely surpassed that number, thank you!

Mom had a very fun-filled day with lots of great memories.

Thanks again, for your help, making Mom's day so much fun!

Donna (Martha's daughter)



OUR KNOX FAMILY



**Congratulations &
richest blessings
Martha from the
congregation of Knox
United Church!**