

KNOX e-NEWS: LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH

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February 16, 2020 edition

WORSHIP & ARTS MINISTRY

PANCAKE SUPPER PANCAKE SUPPER FEBRUARY 26th

Begin Lent with a combined Shrove Tuesday/Ash Wednesday pancake supper at 5 pm, followed by Service of Ashes at 6:15 pm.



SOCIAL JUSTICE & OUTREACH MINISTRY

FEBRUARY, BLACK HISTORY MONTH is a time to honour and celebrate the contributions of Black people in Canada whose history in Canada is part of the history of the United Church. In 1907 Union Congregational Church formed in Montreal when Black railway porters and their wives came together to worship with dignity. Because of legal segregation Black people could not worship as equal participants in other congregations. Nowadays many congregations in diverse parts of Canada do not reflect their Black community. Thanks to MISSION AND SERVICE a group called The Journeys of Black Peoples in the UCC was formed which strives for integration, offering help to those who come from outside the church to find a home and sanctuary within the church.

THE RAINBOW WINDSOCK will be flying on Sundays during the month of February to celebrate Knox becoming an Affirming church in 2013.

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR February 22, 2020 meets 4pm at Parksville Community Centre. Our team name is "Knox United Church" and we need more participants! Please consider supporting this fund-raising event with Island Crisis Care Society, by either: Joining our team, committing to walk 2-5-10km and get friends/family to sponsor you; or, simply sponsor a Knox team member who will be walking. More info at www.cnoy.org or contact Vivian 250-927-7728, vchu2020@outlook.com

FUN FAMILY AND FRIENDS MINISTRY

HELP WANTED! For the Gathering Place to continue its success, we always need people - men and women - to help. The work is easy, enjoyable and rewarding. If you can volunteer weekly or occasionally for coffee, lunch or after school, please let us know by emailing Anne at eanneward52@gmail.com or signing up on the bulletin board.



**OMG...GMO FEBRUARY ALREADY!
A HOME GROUP FOR ALL GRUMPY MEN
DATE: FEBRUARY 25
MORE INFO: grumpymenonly@gmail.com**

It's baaack!

**THE GATHERING PLACE IS BACK
ON TUESDAYS** and has expanded to include **all ages** on a new day and time on **Sunday, February 23rd** at the **BOARD GAME CAFE** from 3 – 5 pm.

If you are looking for a community-feel, fun place with refreshments plus board games to play, you've gotta check this place out!

KNOX UCW UNITED CHURCH WOMEN (NATIONAL) UCW gave generously to the MISSION AND SERVICE FUND in 2019 to the tune of **\$1,133,000!** A word of thanks from the National Office praised UCW groups across Canada for doing their part in doing God's work in the world! And Knox UCW do their part by donating \$1,000. Annually.

DINNER ON THE GO Friday, Feb.28th at 4:30pm Sign up sheets are now located on the wall giving you the opportunity to sign wherever you prefer. Hosts are required for appetizers and entree's (both hosted in your home) and/or dessert (which is hosted at the church). When you sign up please indicate your area and how many people you can accommodate in your home, if you have mobility issues (m), or food allergies (f). With all that information we hope to be able to figure out the logistics. **CHECK THE WALL AND SIGN UP TODAY!** LET'S HAVE ANOTHER FUN EVENT!

SACRED SPACES

MANY THANKS – to Buffy DaSilva for offering to clean the WATER COOLER. Although this may seem to be a small job, it is very important that the water cooler is cleaned every three months. Thanks again to Buffy for taking on this task. Margaret Warburton, Co-Lead Sacred Spaces

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE MINISTRY

IS THE FALL FAIR SOON TO BE KAPUT?

Help! The present Fall Fair Coordinators are retiring after this year's Fair. For the Fair to continue, we need new blood! Starting now, we are ready and willing to train volunteers who will help present the upcoming 2020 Fair! Don't forget ... this is Knox's largest Fundraiser of the year! For more information, please call Gerry Garnett - 250-752-8916, Beth Brown - 250-586-7080 and Margaret Warburton - 250-591-0538. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

The Gathering Place

**Chalkboard Special
\$10**

Lunch MENU

**Tuesday, February
18, 2020**

Minestrone Soup

Green Salad

Gingerbread Cake

KNOX PRESENTS...

**BTU CONCERT @KNOX
SATURDAY FEB 15th 7 pm BARNEY
BENTALL, TOM TAYLOR & SHARI
ULRICH (BTU)**

Groundzero Productions and Knox Presents...are thrilled to welcome Barney Bentall, Tom Taylor, and Shari Ulrich (BTU) for an evening of "great songs, great music and probably a fair bit of "humour". While they consider themselves a mix of contemporary folk and pop, each artist brings their own unique style and experiences with them to the BTU project.

Listen to BTU perform Shari's song "*This Life*" by clicking on the above video. **Tickets \$40 in advance, \$45 @ door.**
Doors open at 6:30, Show at 7 pm

**ADAM BRAKEL in Concert Sunday,
February 16th 2:30 pm, Doors: 2 pm** The spellbinding and artistically masterful performances of Adam J. Brakel have led to his being compared to Liszt, Gould, Bernstein, and Paganini. National Public Radio hailed him as "An absolute organ prodigy, with the technique and virtuosity that most concert pianists could only dream of...He is the Franz Liszt of the organ."

Tickets: \$25.00 at Mulberry Bush

Bookstores, Close to You Ladies Fashions or through Eventbrite by clicking on this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/knox-presentsadam-brakel-in-concert-tickets-85369780311>

Click on the video to the right to hear Adam play Dick Hyman's Variations on Shenandoah

**TICKETS - Bev. Harrison
will be selling tickets in
the narthex after the
service on Sunday**



Knox Presents...
Adam Brakel in Concert



2:30 PM Sunday,
February 16th
(doors open @ 2 PM)

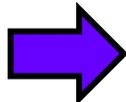
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"one of the most talented organists in the world" Chicago Tribune

Tickets: \$25

available thru Eventbrite.ca and at these retail locations:
Mulberry Bush Bookstores - Parkville & Qualicum
Close to You Ladies Fashions - Parksville.

Knox United Church
345 Pym Street, Parksville
www.kucparkville.ca

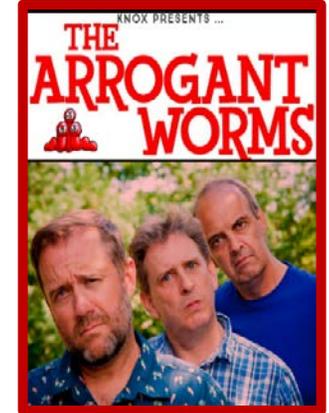
We thank you for keeping Knox a great free space



KNOX PRESENTS...THE ARROGANT

WORMS SUN. MAR.15 2:30 pm The Arrogant Worms have sold more than 160,000 copies of their 13 albums. Their most recent offering is SPACE, a collection of 16 new songs released in 2014 that bravely tackles the hard issues like Local Politicians, Yoga Pants and Uncomfortable Chairs. Their songs are in school lesson plans, in textbooks and even played on the Space Shuttle. On earth or in space, everyone digs these Worms. Tickets \$30 available by clicking the link:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/the-arrogant-worms-tickets-84646787821>



HEALING AND PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

"IN THIS TOGETHER" - Knox's emotional health, peer support, group meets every **Monday, 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm**, in room 6. We extend an open invitation to anyone who wants support in a time of emotional or mental health challenge. A desire to improve is the only thing you need to participate.

HEALING MINISTRY- Give yourself the gifts of peace, healing and compassionate care...Knox's Healing Ministry is part of the national Healing Pathway program. Volunteer practitioners are trained to provide a safe, channel of loving Divine energy. "The foundation of the program lies in the long tradition of healing within the Christian faith. The aim of healing is to restore balance and harmony within the energy system and thus enable the self-healing of the individual." Call the church office at **250-248-3927** to book a healing session for one hour: Tues. morning, or afternoon, and Wed. mornings. Appointments are by donation.

THE PRAYER SHAWL GROUP The Prayer Shawl Group is up and stitching! We are meeting twice a month, **the 2nd Tuesday, 10 a.m. in the Gathering Place for coffee, visiting and stitching.** We also meeting on the 4th Tuesday, room 5 for housekeeping –yarn sorting, labelling, sharing tips etc. Thanks to our generous donors, we have lots of yarn for you to use. Please join us. Marg Conn, Ronine Sharp

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL MINISTRY

Rev. Jennifer Ferguson: Monday-Thursday, days off are Friday & Saturday. (Please note Jennifer's schedule varies with meetings etc. If you would like to meet with her for pastoral care, please call her to make an appointment at **250-927-6061**, or email minister@kucparkville.ca

Knox United Church Staff Email Addresses

Follow this link to the Knox Website: www.kucparkville.ca/pages/contact-us

Knox United Church Council 2018-19

For a list of Council Members and Team Leaders,
<https://www.kucparkville.ca/about/our-leadership--13>

SPIRITUAL FORMATION MINISTRY

BASICS OF FAITH AND BEYOND – What do you believe now? Faith is a dynamic process and what we believed as children doesn't always make sense to us as adults, so it is important for our spiritual maturation that we wrestle with our questions, doubts and new understandings and insights. On **Wednesday** afternoons from **1:30-4:00** beginning **February 5-March 25th** Jennifer will be offering a class for newcomers and anyone else interested in exploring topics such as Theology, the Nature of God, the Person of Jesus, Prayer and Spirituality, Human Suffering, the Purpose of the Church, as a way of helping us to sort out what it is, we believe now.

At the end of the 8 sessions participants can decide if they would like to be:

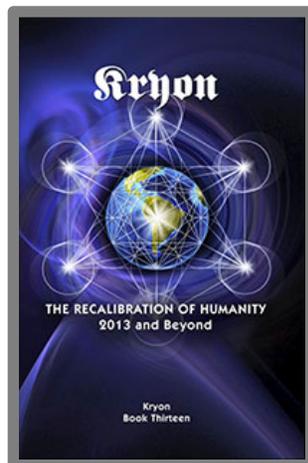
- 1) **Baptized if they haven't already,**
- 2) **Decide to become members of the United Church and be confirmed if they haven't already,**
- 3) **Transfer their membership from another Church,**
- 4) **Reaffirm their faith at a worship service on Sunday, March 29th. If you don't want to have a public affirmation of your faith, any participants are welcome to come just to enjoy the discussions with one another.**

Please register with the office if you would like to attend. It is not mandatory to attend all 8 classes. Any questions can be directed to Jennifer.

DROP-IN BIBLE STUDY - With Jennifer, Wednesdays at 10:00 am. With those gathered, we will delve into the scripture to be discussed in Worship for the upcoming week and discover how it applies to our own lives. All perspectives and insights are welcome.

GOD TALK – A new opportunity on Sundays, after church. Grab a coffee in the lounge and make your way to the chapel to continue the conversation begun in the reflection where we will delve into the scripture, reflection and theme of the day.

BOOK STUDY- Thursdays at 10:30 to noon until February 27th, 2020. The book title is *"Kryon Book 13: The Recalibration of Humanity."* This is a continuation of last year's theme on life after death - fascinating and thought-provoking. This study will be led by two members of our Spiritual Formation team, Susie Roller and Nancy Robinson. Sign up sheet is on the big notice board.



KNOX WOMEN'S RETREAT MARCH 6 & 7, 2020

"Talking of Chakras and Spirituality - the Role of Energy in our Lives"

We have 20 spaces and registration forms are now available at the office. Please note you cannot register without payment to Jane by cash or cheque only. The cost is \$70 per person and includes dinner on Friday evening as well as coffee break snacks both days. You bring a bag lunch and water for both days.

REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE FEBRUARY 19th.

Ingrid Busch will be the facilitator for this fascinating & enlightening retreat. Don't miss out - register today.

KNOX LIBRARY TEAM Our library is a wonderful resource, filled with interesting reading for study, information and fun. We have books by many of the writers mentioned by Jennifer in her sermons - Richard Rohr, for example, and Mark Nepo and Walter Wink. There is also a good collection of books about Centering Prayer. And most recently, The Four Agreements by Don Miguel Ruis has been added. Come and have a look!

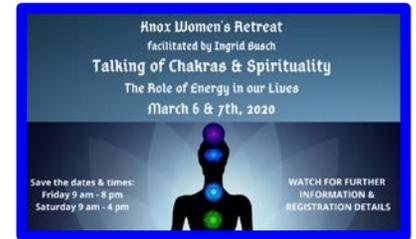
COMMUNICATIONS

THE WALL Let's celebrate! The WALL, our Knox community board, has been reorganized into sections for Ministry Teams. Please adopt your section, care for it, keep it current and clearly readable. Find creative ways to fit in your Ministry colour which is on the back of your Ministry name on the WALL. Supplies and help with notices/posters are available from the Communications Team. For further info, questions, suggestions see Marg Conn, Communications Team Lead, communicate@gmail.com

OUR KNOX FAMILY

CELEBRATION OF LIFE for Beryl Hamilton will be held at Trinity United Church in Nanaimo, (the Ecumenical Centre) on Saturday, March 14th at 1:30 pm. Address: 6234 Spartan Rd Nanaimo.

WANTED TO RENT – Retired, quiet, responsible, active lady looking for long-term rental in Parksville for Spring 2020. One bedroom, bright, walk-in, separate entrance suite, above ground. No pets, non-smoker. Prefers unfinished and open with laundry facility. Need parking for one vehicle. Please call Brenda Riley at 250.586.4300 (Feb 2, 2020)



KNOX CALENDAR

February 16 – February 23, 2020

for the monthly calendar go to: <https://www.kucparksville.ca/events/calendar>

Sunday, February 16		
Worship Service	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Sanctuary
God Talk	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Chapel
Adam Brakel Concert	2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Sanctuary
Monday, February 17		
Family Day Stat Holiday		
Line Dancing	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Rooms 1 & 2
Centering Prayer	11:00 am – 11:45 am	Sanctuary
In This Together	1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Room 6
Oceanside Consort Singers	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Rooms 1 & 2
Tues, February 18		
The Gathering Place	9:30 am, 12:00 & 3:00 pm	L/K
Healing Ministry	9:30 am – 11:30 am	Room 6
Healing Ministry	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Room 6
Community Choir	7:00 pm – 9:15 pm	Sanctuary
Council Meeting	7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Lounge
AA	7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Rooms 1 & 2
OA	7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Room 5
Wed, February 19		
Healing Ministry	9:30 am – 11:30 am	Room 6
Drop-in Bible Study	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Chapel
Healing Ministry	1:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Room 6
Membership Class	1:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Lounge
Knox Choir	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Sanctuary
Thursday, February 20		
Book Study	10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Lounge
OA	10:30 am – 1:00 pm	Room 5
Cold Weather Shelter	12:00 – 3:30 pm	Rooms 1 & 2
Rainbows	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	All Rooms
Friday, February 21		
OCC Rehearsal	3:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Sanctuary
Saturday, February 22		
Foothills Brass Quintet	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Sanctuary
Sunday, February 23		
Worship Service	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Sanctuary
God Talk	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Chapel
Board Game Café	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Lounge

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

MODERATOR'S RESPONSE TO MIDDLE EAST PLAN

Moderator Richard Bott has written a letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau urging Canada to maintain a principled policy position in accordance with international law, and to strongly oppose the United States' Middle East "peace plan". The Moderator also asked that Prime Minister Trudeau urge other world leaders to denounce the idea that the U.S. plan could offer a framework for negotiating peace, lamenting that "it is far from being a 'win-win' in advancing peace for Israelis and Palestinians." They tell us that this plan offers nothing to Palestinians but a perpetual state of occupation, says Bott. Read more at



https://www.united-church.ca/news/moderator-urges-prime-minister-oppose-us-middle-east-plan?mc_cid=bb636fb3b2&mc_eid=2b5e323d91#downloads

KNOX COMMUNITY NEWS

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE BRUNCH February 25th 11:30 to 1:30 pm at St. Mary's Anglican Church 2600 Powder Pt. Rd Nanoose Bay. All Welcome! Admission by donation. For more info please call 250-468-5684 or email admin@stmarynb.ca

UPCOMING LENTEN FILM SERIES: Since 2015, Trinity United Church (at Nanaimo Ecumenical Centre) has hosted a 6-week Lenten Film Series, led by Phyllis Thompson and the Rev. Foster Freed. The 2020 Lenten Series will be a *special* one: A **Retrospective** of what Phyllis & Foster consider to be six most meaningful to them of the thirty movies they've chosen during those years. It's also special because in June Foster retires from full-time active ministry after thirty years, seven of which have been at TU. So, the 2020 Lenten Film Series will be their **last**. Watch for forthcoming notices of this Series.

WANTED: PART TIME HOME & COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKER

- 20 hours a week, consisting of 5 afternoons
- Working with a young adult female with Cerebral Palsy who is in a wheelchair and is G-tube fed

Full job posting details on poster board outside of the Knox Office.