

## **KNOX e-NEWS: LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH**

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**January 12, 2020 edition**

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

**COLD WEATHER SHELTER VOLUNTEER UPDATE** We are still welcoming homeless people to our church. However, during this time of transition from the Pray and Stay Vigil at St. Anne's church to a formal shelter, we do not need any in-house volunteers. We thank everyone who volunteered for their support. Look for updates in future e-NEWS editions or, you are welcome to speak with any of the **SJ&O members**: Janice Lucas, Diane Jones, Marilou Paterson, Margaret Warburton, Lynda Janson or Vivian Chu.

**COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR** takes place on Saturday, February 22, 2020. Let's hope that Knox United Church can build a big team this year and raise lots of money for the Island Crisis Care Society. I have chosen not to be the captain this year, so I am looking for a replacement. It's a lot of fun and not a lot of work. Please contact me if you are interested and I will show you the ropes. Margaret Warburton 250.951.0538 or [warburton59@shaw.ca](mailto:warburton59@shaw.ca)



**GREEN TEAM THANKS** Andrew Slack for installing the two new "environmentally friendly" toilets in the women's washroom. Now all the toilets there are low-flush; flushing efficiently and saving water.

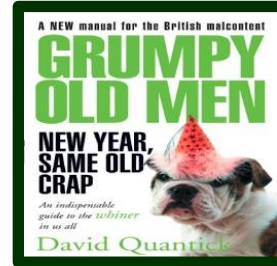
**L'ARCHEWORX COLLECTIVE** - Please save your candle stubs etc. so that the Green Team can take them to L'ArcheWorx in Comox. This Company provides meaningful employment for people who cannot work in a mainstream setting. **NOTE:** We will be collecting them until the end of January.

### **FUN FAMILY AND FRIENDS MINISTRY**

**THE GATHERING PLACE** is catching its breath and Barb is taking a well-deserved break, but we will still welcome everyone to Good Morning Coffee Break & Youth After School Drop-In starting **Tuesday, January 14th thru February 4th, 2020**; same time **9:30-11 am and 3 - 5 pm**. February 11th will see us back in full swing including our exceedingly popular lunch service at noon. Look for more information on the website. On Sunday, January 26th there will be a multi-generational gathering from 3 - 5 pm. It will be full on-Board Games and refreshments will be available. So please join us and remember ... *If it's Tuesday it's The Gathering Place*

**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](mailto:eanneward52@gmail.com) or signing up on the bulletin board.

**KNOX U.C.W.** will hold their AGM on **Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2020 at 1:30 pm** in Room 1-2. We will be setting our budget and goals for the new year. All women of the congregation are welcome at our meetings. For further information contact June McIntyre, 250-248-3119, or email: [jbmciintyre@shaw.ca](mailto:jbmciintyre@shaw.ca). Need a ride? Please call.



**GMO (GRUMPY MEN ONLY)**  
**IT'S A GRUMPY 2020!**  
**NOT OLD ... JUST GRUMPY!**  
**ALL KNOX MEN ARE WELCOME!**  
**WE GATHER ON JAN 14 and 28**  
**FOR MORE INFO: [grumpymenonly@gmail.com](mailto:grumpymenonly@gmail.com)**

**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!**



### **STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE MINISTRY**

**KNOX PRESENTS...CONCERTS @KNOX**  
**SATURDAY FEB 15<sup>th</sup> 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. Tickets are available at Fireside Books, [gzalounge.com](http://gzalounge.com) or at Eventbrite by clicking the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/barney-bentall-tom-taylor-and-shari-ulrich-btu-tickets-84812816417>





Listen to BTU perform "*Disappearing*" by clicking on the video to the left.

Tickets \$40 advance, \$45 @ door.  
Doors open at 6:30, Show at 7 pm



**ADAM BRAKEL in Concert**  
SUN. FEB. 16<sup>th</sup> 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 available on Eventbrite or click on the link on the next page.

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



Click on the video to the left to hear Adam play *Repeated Notes Etude of Jeanne Demessieux* at St. James Cathedral, Orlando Fla.



**KNOX PRESENTS... ADAM BRAKEL**  
**POSTER DISTRIBUTION**

We are fortunate to have WORLD RENOWNED ORGANIST, Adam Brakel, to perform in Oceanside. We still need **5 volunteers** to distribute posters during the week of **Jan 26** for this exciting concert. Beth Brown will be in the Narthex this Sunday after the service with a sign-up sheet for those who can help. Many thanks, Beth.

**IN MARCH 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.

**PRAYER SHAWL GROUP** meets Tuesday January 28, 1 p.m. in Rm 5. All are welcome. You can also work on projects for Manna, Comfort Tree, Orca Place. Don't knit/crochet anymore? We need Help sort our new yarn collection. Come and visit with us.

**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@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

**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 25<sup>th</sup>** 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:

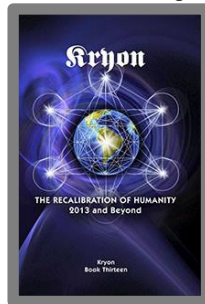
- 1) Baptized if they haven't already,
- 2) Decide to become members of the United Church and be confirmed if they haven't already,
- 3) Transfer their membership from another Church,
- 4) Reaffirm their faith at a worship service on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. If you don't want to have a public affirmation 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 deeper into the scripture, reflection and theme of the day.

**BOOK STUDY**- Join us for our next book study starting on Thursday, January 9th - 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.



## COMMUNICATIONS

**BROADVIEW MAGAZINE SPECIAL RATE ENDS SOON** - Special Gift Subscription Discount - only \$20 (plus tax) Makes an inspiring year-round gift for family and friends Please Contact Sharon Ainslie, 250-954-2234 for your Order Form and Gift Card. Note: This is a special rate and the offer is valid only until January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

## UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Leadership Theological Banquet January 11 @ 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
- Faith Quest Youth Retreat – Lower Mainland January 24 @ 3:00 pm – January 26 @ 11:30 am
- Imagine Children's Retreat – Regional Event February 21 @ 4:00 pm – February 23 @ 12:00 pm
- Faith Quest – Island February 28 – March 1
- Young Adult Retreat March 20 – March 22

### PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES; OVERVIEW

Pacific Mountain Region is committed to providing select, professional services and resources to assist the work and life of congregations and other church ministries.

Learn more at <https://pacificmountain.ca/programs-and-resources/programs-and-resources-overview/>

The advertisement for MODCON ONLINE features the United Church of Canada logo on the left. The logo is a shield-shaped emblem with a white dove, a book, and a triangle. The text 'UP FOR A CHAT?' is at the top, followed by 'MODCON ONLINE' in large, bold letters. Below this, it says 'Join Moderator Richard Bott for a regular cross-Canada conversation.' and lists the times for the 3rd Thursday of the month and the 3rd Sunday of the month. At the bottom, it says 'We'll be connecting by Zoom https://zoom.us/j/592865212'.

KNOX CALENDAR

January 12 – January 19, 2020

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

**Sunday, January 12**

Worship Service	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Sanctuary
God Talk	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Chapel

**Monday, January 13**

Stewardship & Finance	9:00 am – 11:00 am	Lounge
Line Dancing	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Rooms 1 & 2
Centering Prayer	11:00 am – 11:45 am	Sanctuary
Jenny Vincent Practice	1:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Sanctuary
In This Together	1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Room 6
Creative Worship	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Lounge
Oceanside Consort Singers	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Lounge
Cold Weather Shelter	4:30 pm	Rooms 1 & 2
Handbell Choir	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Sanctuary
Oceanside Consort Singers	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Lounge

**Tues, January 14**

The Gathering Place	9:30 am – 11:00 am	L/K
Healing Ministry	9:30 am – 11:30 am	Room 6
The Gathering Place	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	L/K
Healing Ministry	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Room 6
Community Choir	7:00 pm – 9:15 pm	Sanctuary
AA	7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Rooms 1 & 2
OA	7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Room 5

**Wed, January 15**

Social Justice & Outreach	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Lounge
Healing Ministry	9:30 – 11:30 am	Room 6
Drop-in Bible Study	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Chapel
Jenny Vincent Practice	1:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Sanctuary
Healing Ministry	1:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Room 6
Knox Choir	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Sanctuary

**Thursday, January 16**

Book Study	10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Lounge
OA	10:30 am – 11:30 am	Room 5
Tone Chimes Practice	3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Sanctuary
Rainbows	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	All Rooms

**Friday, January 17**

**Saturday, January 18**

**Sunday, January 19**

Worship Service	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Sanctuary
God Talk	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Chapel

**KNOX COMMUNITY NEWS**

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2020** Every year between January 18 – 25, Christians around the world are invited to celebrate a Week of Prayer for the unity of all Christians and to participate in jointly-organized ecumenical services. This year, you are invited to the closing service that will be held at **Trinity Catholic Church in Nanaimo on Sunday, January 26 at 2 pm**. A reception will follow. In attendance will be the Very Reverend Dr. Logan McMenamie, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of BC, Most Reverend Gary Gordon, Bishop of Victoria, Reverend Terry Richardson of Hope Lutheran in Nanaimo, and Reverend Foster Freed of Trinity United Church, Nanaimo. For more information or call 250.390.2442.

**HEALTHY MASCULINITY A Special Gathering for Men**

**WHEN** - Friday (4:30 pm) to Saturday dinnertime, Jan. 24th & 25th, 2020

**WHERE** - Bethlehem Centre, 2371 Arbot Road, Nanaimo

**COST** – (includes all meals and refreshments)

For all-inclusive participants \$150.00

For commuters \$100.00

Pre-registration advised \$20.00

**WHY** - A time for men to come together to discuss important themes/topics concerning our current roles and functions in life. Each topic presented by outstanding male leaders from our region, with ample time for discussion. This is an event for men of all ages and stations in life: single or married, religious or not, retired or employed, parent or childless, etc. who are looking for a safe space when beliefs and/or doubts might be spoken and heard.

For more information or to register either call 250.592.4605 or email

[perkinsdale82@gmail.com](mailto:perkinsdale82@gmail.com)

**VST ACADEMY LECTURE & WORKSHOP**

**New Eyes for Reading the Old**

**Testament** with the Rev. Dr.

Patricia Dutcher-Walls. **Public**

**Lecture:** January 31, 2020

7-9 pm (Free admission)

**Workshop:** February 1, 2020

10 am-3 pm (Registration

Required) St. Paul's Anglican

Church 29 Church Street,

Nanaimo BC \$25 Registration

Fee. Lunch is provided by donation. Register online at [www.vst.edu/vst-academy](http://www.vst.edu/vst-academy)

