

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

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September 6, 2020 edition

### **WORSHIP AND ARTS MINISTRY**

**QUESTION:** What has 100 legs but still obeyed all COVID protocols?

**ANSWER:** People, plus doggie and catty legs. Knox has gone to the dogs and cats, and hamsters! This past Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> Knox hosted a very successful **WILD CHURCH** on the grassy area of the church grounds. We had 39 people, 11 dogs and 3 very brave cats in attendance.

Knox people brought their pets on leashes and in carriers and we celebrated the many blessings in which the love and companionship of our pets and the wonders of creation strengthen and sustain us through these challenging times.



***Everyone listened very attentively to Jennifer's message this past Sunday and all were very good about sitting and staying.***

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

**GREEN TEAM CHALLENGE** – Stop using toxic loaded dryer sheets.

### **FUN, FAMILY, FRIENDS & FOOD MINISTRY**

**THE GATHERING PLACE** – During the summer, the Gathering Place will meet Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. at the Community Park near the parking area close to the labyrinth. Bring your chair and coffee and join us for a social time. If it's raining, we'll meet on Zoom at 10:00 a.m. See you there!

**BACKYARD WORSHIP** – Thank you kindly for hosting in your backyard and a special thank you to our Worship Leaders. Backyard worship was well-received. Now, if you wish to continue with hosting as long as the weather cooperates and you have a worship leader willing to continue, send the information to Jane and she will email the dates, times and rain dates to the congregation. Thanks! Gayle Haughn.

Due to privacy, details will be sent in a congregational email.

### **SACRED SPACES MINISTRY**

**THANK YOU** to Ian W and Chris D for removing some dead trees on the Knox property. What would we do without our volunteers? Margaret Warburton, Co-Lead, Sacred Spaces.

### **STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE MINISTRY**

**FALL FAIR TEAM, ITEMS FOR SALE** – Please note the attachment that was emailed with this week's eNews which 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!

#### **KNOX "QUALITY" GARAGE SALE**

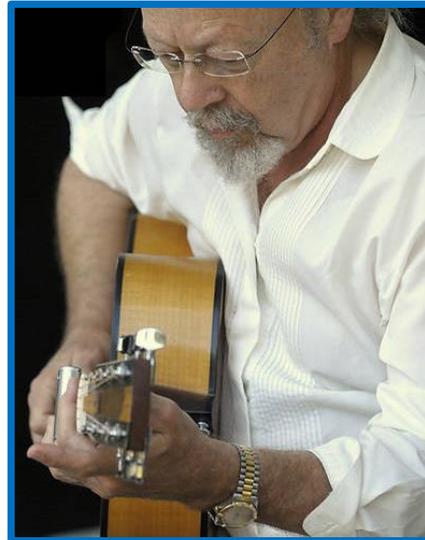
**September 12 and 19<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

To members of the Knox congregation: I am inviting you to donate quality items to the KNOX "QUALITY" GARAGE SALE to be held in my garage on September 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Please only donate items that you think will sell. No clothing or books, please. Bring your donations, already priced, to my home on Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, and September 18<sup>th</sup> between noon and 8:00 pm. Due to limited space, I would appreciate receiving only good quality items. Thanks, Margaret Warburton 250-951-5990 or [warburton59@shaw.ca](mailto:warburton59@shaw.ca)

**GROUNDZERO & KNOX PRESENTS...**

**DAVID ESSIG (with GERRY BARNUM) TWO SHOWS Saturday, Sept 12<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm and 7:30 pm**

David Essig was introduced to Canadian audiences in 1971 as a “talented newcomer” at the legendary Mariposa Folk Festival. Now, nearly 40 years later, he has an international career as one of Canada’s finest interpreters of original, contemporary folk music. Always paying homage to his roots in Bluegrass and Country Blues, David uses these traditions to create timeless new songs.



Singer, songwriter, bluesman. Often described as a musician’s musician, Gerry Barnum is a seasoned and soulful artist. His songs range from tender to foot-stomping and his guitar technique and harmonica playing are excellent.

**TICKETS \$30** available via [the GroundZero website](#)

**DIANA BRAITHWAITE & CHRIS WHITELY**

**TWO SHOWS Friday, Sept 25<sup>th</sup> 5 & 7:30 pm. Limited Seating.**

Diana Braithwaite is a vintage and classic blues and jazz performer. Dubbed “a national treasure” by JAZZ FM’s Radio Host Danny Marks, Diana Braithwaite combines elements from Dinah Washington, Esther Phillips, and others to create her own unique appealing and expressive blues style.

A multiple award-winning international touring horn player Chris Whitely is also a sought-after recording artist and has appeared on over 250 recordings over his successful career as a trumpet and cornet player.

**DOORS OPEN AT 4:30 PM. TICKETS \$30** by [clicking here](#)

**LEEROY STAGGER TWO SHOWS Saturday, Sept 26<sup>th</sup> 5 & 7:30 pm**

Leeroy Stagger has returned with a heavy-duty follow up to 2017’s much-acclaimed Love Versus which laces pop hooks and glam-rock flirtations with cosmic reflections on loss, forgiveness, love, death and the path to get there.

This tour showcases an artist at his best, a singer, songwriter, performer, and producer who has stared down his past and faced down his demons, embracing the beauty and pain of a thoughtful life.

Genre: Alternative Country, Folk, Country, Songwriter, Singer from Lethbridge, AB.

**TICKETS \$30** through [the GroundZero Website](#)



## STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE MINISTRY

**KNOX UNITED HELPS WITH LIVE MUSIC SHOWS - RECENT PQB NEWS PODCAST PQBeat VI Free Daily/PQB News Editor Philip Wolf** chats with local music promoter/business owner **Doug Pickard** who talks about the local music scene and his partnership with Knox United Church and Karen Freeman, our facility coordinator and the summer concert series they have been putting on at Knox.

Here is an excerpt from the August 26<sup>th</sup> PQB News article.

Doug Pickard:

“Knox United are very progressive people. It’s just a fantastic organization. I’ve been working with Karen Freeman who oversees all the live music, the events that they have there. And Karen and I have done a few shows before COVID hitting us and had some success. I wanted the opportunity to bring in some acts that were just too big for our little venue at Ground Zero. So, we started working together and once Ground Zero was forced to close I contacted Karen and we looked at going forth if there is an opportunity there because of their larger space to have some live music acts and she didn’t hesitate. She was all over it. And I owe a lot to Karen and the Knox United Church for having faith in us to do this right. So, we have created the summer series. Five acts bring them in and set up a protocol. So that it’s completely safe. We have followed every requirement, including plexiglass shields in front of the musicians at this point. The audience must wear masks. Everybody has hand sanitizer when they come in and it’s a big space.”

Read the full abridged and edited version of the conversation in the August 26<sup>th</sup> edition of the PQB news by clicking [here](#)

You can also listen to the full broadcast on [www.pqbnews.com/tag/podcast/](http://www.pqbnews.com/tag/podcast/), or visit soundcloud.com and search for PQBeat. You can also search for PQBeat on iTunes via the podcast app on your iPhone.

## STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE MINISTRY

**"THE ACORN TREE EARLY LEARNING CENTRE" UPDATE** as a new tenant at Knox United Church in Room 1/2, Elidah has been hard at work transforming Room 1/2 into a magical space for kids to imagine, learn, and grow! This week saw the addition of a fenced area in the back of the church for an outdoor play space for the centre. We also will be restricting the use of the classroom wing washrooms (between Room 3 and 4) to Acorn Tree only during their hours of operation (Monday - Friday 7:30-5:00, the centre is open from 8:00-4:00 pm but staff will be there before and after). We appreciate your cooperation with this change as restrictions have increased during the Pandemic. Washrooms adjacent to the kitchen are available for use at any time.

**The Acorn Tree Early Childhood Centre is a full day, licensed group program for children 2.5 to 6 years of age, offering a nature-based, play-based, enriched preschool curriculum.**

**The Acorn Tree Early Childhood Centre is open Monday to Friday, September to July.**

**address: 345 Pym Street, Parksville BC**

**email: [elidah@theacornree.ca](mailto:elidah@theacornree.ca)**

**mail: PO Box 451 Qualicum Beach BC V9K1S9**



## 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

Watch this space for future updates.

## 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

Stay tuned for future news.

## UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

**WARNING** - Several churches and churchgoers continue to be targeted by phishing emails, often seemingly from people they know. So, how do you identify emails that are potential scams or “phishing” attempts? Check out this video or [click on this link](#)



More great info, including what to do if you think your email has been hacked is also available [in this blog post](#)

When in doubt, it is always best to call the sender on the phone and ask, if possible!

**NOTE:** This is the third time that scammers have created an email address that *looks like* Jennifer’s Knox email account to try and solicit funds from congregants by posing as Jennifer. Please delete any personal emails from Jennifer soliciting funds for someone. Knox helps people legitimately through the Minister’s Discretionary Fund. We have included an example of an actual fake email exchange for your reference. The **fake email address** for Jennifer is **high-lighted in red**. As you can see, it is remarkably like Jennifer’s actual email address.

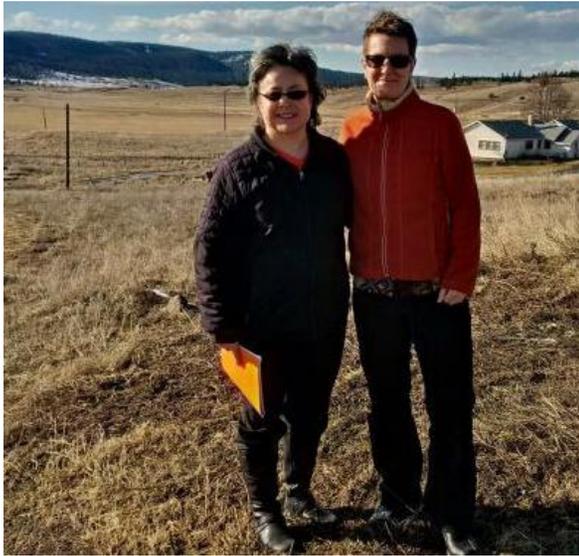
**From:** Rev. Jennifer Ferguson <[minister.kucparksville.ca@gmail.com](mailto:minister.kucparksville.ca@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** August 25, 2020 11:27 AM  
**To:** <Name>  
**Subject:** Re: HAVE YOU GOT A MINUTE?

You there? I emailed you earlier, asking if you had a minute to assist me with something urgently. I’m still in a meeting, so I’ll be awaiting your email. Thanks.

On Tue, 25 Aug 2020 at 17:43, Rev. Jennifer Ferguson <[minister.kucparksville.ca@gmail.com](mailto:minister.kucparksville.ca@gmail.com)> wrote: Hello <Name> how are you? I need you to help me with something very urgently. I am in a meeting now and I can’t talk, so just email me back. Thanks.

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**ORANGE SHIRT DAY** – On September 30, people across Canada will wear orange shirts to remember and honour Indigenous children who attended Residential Schools. Indigenous Ministries and Justice at the United Church of Canada asks you to participate in Orange Shirt Day!



[Find out more](#) about how you can mark Orange Shirt Day in your community of faith, home, school, or place of work.

### MICHAEL BLAIR

#### APPOINTED GENERAL SECRETARY

The United Church of Canada is pleased to announce the appointment of Rev. Michael Blair as its new General Secretary beginning November 1, 2020.

The Rev. Michael Blair replaces Nora Sanders, who is retiring after almost 14 years as General Secretary. The Rev. Blair was appointed by the church's General Council Executive during their online meeting on August 27 after a search process that lasted 10 months. Sanders says, "I have worked with Michael for 12 years. I know his deep faith and sense of call to continue the life and work of the United Church in this time, with all its complexities."

[Read the full news piece](#)

## UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

**UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME** – CERB is set to end this fall. Help make history and [call on our government](#) to roll out a universal basic income program that would ensure a guaranteed annual income for everyone adequate to meet basic needs, allowing all people to live with dignity regardless of work status. Email our prime minister and deputy prime minister today.

#### NEW: INFOPAC IS GOING DIGITAL!

As a result of the recent General Council Office reorganization, staff reductions, and cost-cutting measures, our quarterly infopac mailing to the church will be coming to an end effective immediately.

Information about General Council Office programs, events, and resources that have traditionally been included in Infopac will now be shared through our other existing communication vehicles, such as E-ssentials, the United Church website, and our social media channels.

E-ssentials comes out weekly and is sent to all communities of faith and regional councils. Individuals are also encouraged to [subscribe to the newsletter](#)

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