

KNOX e-NEWS: LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH

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January 19, 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



GREEN TEAM CHALLENGE Reduce paper by printing or photocopying on both sides.

ZATOUN – Sales went well and donations of \$50 were made to “Trees for Life” which will be used to purchase more olive trees for the Palestinian Farmers. Thank you!

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 each Tuesday until **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 eannedward52@gmail.com or signing up on the bulletin board.

ARE YOU NEW TO KNOX? If so, you may not have had a chance yet to discover **SISTERS UNITED**. We meet on the first Monday of each month from October to June, alternating between lunchtime and dinnertime. We're all about fun and friendship, NOT about work! Gatherings include a time to visit, delicious potluck meals and a short presentation or fun activity. ALL women of Knox, AND your friends, are welcome! If you need a ride, please let us know. For more information, contact our Sisters Coordinator, Barb Roberts at barb664@shaw.ca or 250-248-7171. We'd love to see YOU at SISTERS!

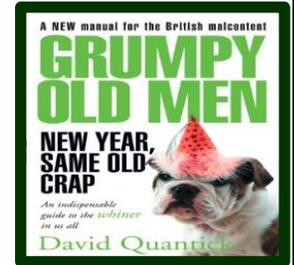
GMO (GRUMPY MEN ONLY) IT'S A GRUMPY 2020! NOT OLD ... JUST GRUMPY!

ALL KNOX MEN ARE WELCOME!

WE GATHER ON JAN 28

FOR MORE INFO: grumpymenonly@gmail.com

SISTERS UNITED will be meeting on Monday, February 3rd beginning at 5.30 pm with dinner at 6 pm. This will be a fun night with games to play. A chance to get to know the Sisters around you. Bring a dish to share and your own cutlery and dishes. Come and have fun.



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

URGENT – Sacred Spaces is looking for a volunteer to clean the water cooler every 3 months. It takes approximately one hour to complete this task. Please call me if you can help. Thanks, Margaret Warburton. 250-951-0538.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE MINISTRY

URGENT - WE NEED YOUR HELP

KNOX 16TH ANNUAL FALL FAIR 2020 will take place on September 19th. Planning has already begun. The Coordinators will be happy to train volunteers who will gradually replace us by the end of December. We **MUST** have your help if we are to continue to have an annual Fall Fair. Please remember that the income of this event is an important part of Knox's operating funds. Please call any one of us for more information. Thank you. Gerry Garnett, 250-752-8916, Beth Brown, 250-586-7080 and Margaret Warburton 250-951-0538.

KNOX PRESENTS...CONCERTS @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. Tickets are available at Fireside Books, 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

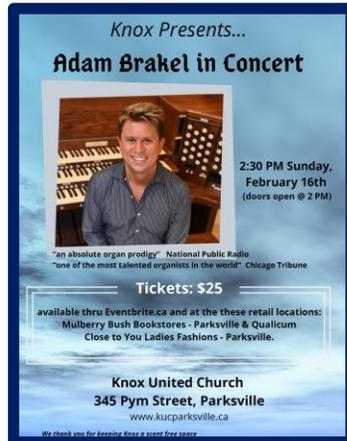
SUN. FEB. 16th 2:30 pm, Doors: 2 pm

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 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 right to hear Adam play *Stars and Stripes Forever* (John Philip Sousa, arr. Edward Marsh)

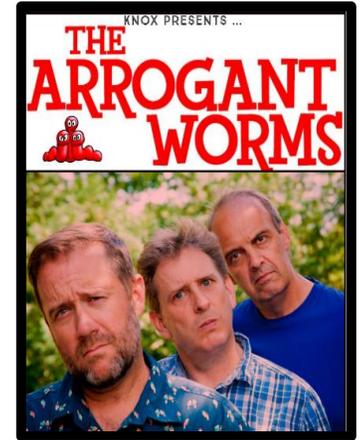


IN MARCH KNOX PRESENTS...THE ARROGANT WORMS

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

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

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:

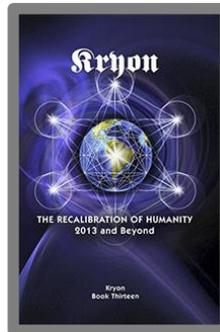
- 1) **Baptized if they haven't already,**
- 2) **Decide to become members of the United Church and be confirmed if they haven't already,**
- 3) **Transfer their membership from another Church,**
- 4) **Reaffirm their faith at a worship service on Sunday, March 29th. If you don't want to have a public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

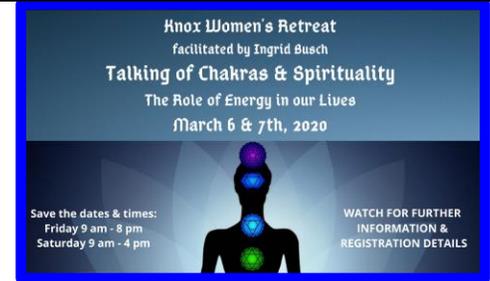
BOOK STUDY- Our current book study is on Thursdays and is until February 27th, 2020. The book title is *"Kryon Book 13: The Recalibration of Humanity."* This is a continuation of last year's theme on life after death - fascinating and thought-provoking. This study will be led by two members of our Spiritual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



KNOX WOMEN'S RETREAT - MARCH 6 & 7, 2020

Mark these dates in your calendar and join us for "Talking of Chakras & Spirituality" - the role of energy in our lives!

Facilitated by Ingrid Busch. The retreat will be held at Knox and lunch will be served both days, plus dinner on the Friday. Registration will not start until approximately February 5th when we know all costs. Look forward to seeing you there! **Jan du Monde - Spiritual Formation**



COMMUNICATIONS

MINI SURVEY ON KNOX e-NEWS – When the Knox e-NEWS was originally presented in the summer we agreed to reassess its effectiveness after 6 months. We would appreciate your feedback in the brief survey which is included with the Knox e-NEWS. You can fill it right on your device or print a blank and fill it out by hand. Copies are also available on a table in the narthex and the Hospitality Table on Sunday. Thank you for your time and input. Marg Conn, Team Lead, Communications

OUR KNOX FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS & richest blessings to Rosemary Callaway on your 90th birthday! A \$25 gift will be given from the UCW to the Knox Operating Fund in honour of this special day. God bless you from the congregation of Knox United Church.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

PRAYERS FOR AUSTRALIA – The United Church of Canada is horrified, as is the rest of the world, by the scenes of utter destruction from Australia. As we witness what is happening in God's creation, we want to respond in love and compassion to support our sisters and brothers in this moment of crisis. We have been in touch with our sister church, the Uniting Church in Australia, offering prayers, love, support, as well as inviting them to share with us how we, The United Church of Canada can best help them in the long journey of crisis response and recovery.

You may wish to reflect on this Prayer for the People, Animals, and Land of Australia by Moderator Richard Bott and this piece by Helen Reed, Presiding Officer, Chinook Winds Regional Council.

For more information please click on the following link

https://www.united-church.ca/news/wildfires-holding-australia-our-prayers?mc_cid=f5660ba5e0&mc_eid=069233a630

KNOX CALENDAR
January 19 – January 26, 2020

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

Sunday, January 19		
Worship Service	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Sanctuary
God Talk	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Chapel
Monday, January 20		
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
Tone Chimes Practice	4:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Sanctuary
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
Tues, January 21		
Grandmothers	9:30 am – 11:30 am	Rooms 1 & 2
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
Council	7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Lounge
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 22		
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 23		
Book Study	10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Lounge
OA	10:30 am – 11:30 am	Room 5
Rainbows	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	All Rooms
Friday, January 24		
Manna	10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Kitchen
Saturday, January 25		
The Kerplunks	2:00 pm	Multiple
Sunday, January 26		
Worship Service	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Sanctuary
God Talk	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Chapel
Meet & Greet	11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Lounge
Board Game Café	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Lounge

KNOX COMMUNITY NEWS

HEALTHY MASCULINITY A Special Gathering for Men

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

WHERE - Bethlehem Centre, 2371 Arbot Road, Nanaimo

COST – (includes all meals and refreshments) For all-inclusive participants \$150.00, 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.

For more information or to register either call 250.592.4605 or email perkinsdale82@gmail.com

THE KERPLUNKS – Award-winning children’s entertainers Jan 25 at 2 pm

Knox United Church, Parksville. **Tickets:** Mulberry Bush Bookstores or at the Source in Qualicum Beach
\$10 Children (must be accompanied by an adult) **\$20 Adults** **Any remaining tickets will be sold at the door.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2020 You are invited to the closing service at **Trinity Catholic Church in Nanaimo on Sunday, January 26 at 2 pm.** A reception will follow. For more information or call 250.390.2442.

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

THE HESHAM REFUGEE
SPONSORSHIP GROUP PRESENTS

THE KERPLUNKS, AWARD WINNING CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINERS



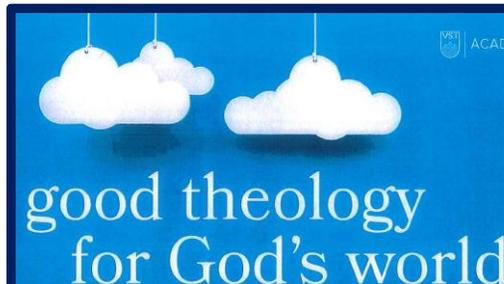
JANUARY 25, 2020
2:00PM
Knox United Church
545 Pym Street, Parksville

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:
Mulberry Bush Bookstores
Qualicum Beach & Parksville
The Source Qualicum Beach

\$10 CHILDREN*
\$20 ADULTS.
* children must be accompanied by an adult

The Kerplunks get the whole audience singing along, on their feet and participating in the action.
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!!!

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