

KNOX eNews: LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH

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November 8, 2020 edition

WORSHIP AND ARTS MINISTRY

COME AND WORSHIP - Knox is open for in church worship. We are limited to a total of 50 participants (including worship leaders, musicians, tech support, etc.) so pre-registering is necessary to ensure that the proper guidelines are followed. Please register at worship@kucparksville.ca

Please include the number of persons in your bubble and your phone number. This is required so that the seating can be arranged accordingly, and the safe distancing guidelines are followed and that we have your contact details as required. **Registration is open until 5:00 pm the Friday prior.** Should you email after the deadline you may have to be put on a waitlist if the 50 allowed attendees have been reached.

Please email: **Phyllis @ worship@kucparksville.ca** if you have any questions or concerns. Registration is always open, and it is first come first served.

IMPORTANT - NEW TIME FOR SUNDAY SERVICE

During COVID, by necessity, we are changing the time of in-person worship **starting Sunday, November 8th.** It will begin at **9:30 AM** *instead* of 10:00 AM. As "Messy Church" starts at **11:30 AM** we need to allow a full hour between services for the sanitizing process to be completed. This will ensure that we are fully compliant with Provincial and Regional directives. Above all, we want everyone to be safe, be kind and be calm, and perhaps, just 'be'!

9:30 AM: In-church worship. E-mail <mailto:worship@kucparksville.ca> by Friday 5 PM. If the weather cooperates, and you would like to mingle a little after the service, please bring a chair and congregate (safely) 6 feet apart, outside!

11:30 AM: Family 'messy' church. The next Messy Church service will be held on **November 8th at 11:30 am.** Future family services will be held twice per month. Watch the eNews for dates. Please pre-register at <mailto:worship@kucparksville.ca> by Friday at 5 PM.

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POINSETTIA TIME – Help us decorate the church for the **Christmas Season!**

Poinsettias will once again be offered for sale over the next 3 weeks at a cost of **\$15.00 per plant.** These are **6.5” plants.** Available in **Red Pink and White.** They are sold in multiples of 6 so if you have a preference in colour please indicate when ordering.

The order sheet will be included in this week's eNews email. Please indicate if you would like a message such as "in memory of" or "in celebration of" or no message at all. The purchaser, along with their message, will once again be printed and the plan is to include it with the virtual order of service on Christmas Eve.

PURCHASE: Email Phyllis at worship@kucparksville.ca

INCLUDE: Your full name, the number of plants (colour preference), a message to be included (name of person or persons), type of payment – cash or cheque (made out to Knox United Church)

OR: You can drop off cheques or cash along with your name and contact information can be dropped in the secure mail slot outside the church doors. This is checked regularly. Please print the order form and enclose it with your payment. If you are attending the in-person worship, you can bring the order to church to put in the offering basket.

LAST DAY: To order is Monday, November 23.

DELIVERY: Thursday, December 10. This will add to the decorations to the two concerts – Maureen Washington December 13 and Ken Lavigne December 19 as well as our Christmas Eve services.

PROCEEDS: Will go towards our continuing support of Knox in the wider community.

PICK-UP: Flowers can be picked up following the Christmas Eve Service or other arrangements can be made.

QUESTIONS: Contact Phyllis at worship@kucparksville.ca

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

SOCIAL JUSTICE & OUTREACH MINISTRY

WARM WINTER CLOTHES FOR THE NEEDY - The SJ&O Team will be collecting warm winter coats, jackets, boots and other winter outerwear for the needy men,



women, and children in our community. If you have any warm clothes hanging in your clothes closet that you no longer wear please drop them off the **FIVE SUNDAYS in November** before the worship service and on **TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10 & 24** from 10:00 am until noon outside the church where we will be waiting to receive them. The SJ&O will deliver your donations to the Salvation Army and the Ascension Church where they will be warmly received.

A BIG THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

The Social Justice and Outreach Team would like to thank the members of Knox United Church for their generosity in donating new underwear and socks for men and women in the Oceanside community in their time of need. Your response to our request was overwhelming.

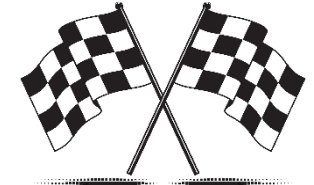
GREEN TEAM – HOUSEHOLD GLASS UPDATE - To alleviate any confusion as to where recyclable household glass can be left off at the church, the Green Team will leave plastic containers outside the kitchen door marked "glass". The team will then take it to the transfer station in Nanaimo. Please remember that Sallie D. is happy to look after soft and crinkly plastics in addition to Styrofoam. **PLEASE SEE THE KNOX PHOTO DIRECTORY FOR SALLIE'S CONTACT INFORMATION.** Thanks, everybody for helping with this issue. Don Emerson will gladly address any concerns.

GO GREEN!

SALE OF ZATOUN OIL - The Social Justice and Outreach team will be selling Zatoun Oil to the Knox congregation at a date and time to be announced in the Knox eNews next week.

FUN, FAMILY, FRIENDS & FOOD MINISTRY

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN...START YOUR ENGINES!



Time for Some Fun! Come and join us for a fun afternoon on **Sunday, November 8th at 1:30 pm**. The meeting place is Knox United Church, and the event is a Road Challenge. We ask you to preregister by contacting Gayle H. no later than November 6th. **PLEASE SEE THE KNOX PHOTO DIRECTORY FOR GAYLE'S CONTACT INFORMATION.**

This is a great event for families or join with someone in your bubble. The more eyes the better! Unfortunately, due to COVID we will be outdoors only and there will not be any coffee served or indoor socializing, but we do have some small prizes just to add a little interest. This adventure was planned by Marie Ducharme and Clay Thompson and should be a lot of fun so come and enjoy the afternoon in a safe, friendly way!

THE GATHERING PLACE—Join us at the Virtual Gathering Place on Zoom **Tuesdays from 10:00 am – 11:00 am**. Get your coffee or tea ready and come to connect and chat for the whole hour or any part of it.

KNOX WALKING CLUB – Interested in walking? We're starting a group just for you!

Where? Rathtreavor Park, Parking Lot #1

When? Thursday, **November 12, 10:00 am**

Who? Everyone – short or long-distance walkers welcome

Why? A chance to connect, exercise, go for coffee after, etc.

For more info: Jane W. 250.228.5368 or Shirlene D. 250.586.9687

GMO YES... WE ARE STILL MEETING!

2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7:00 pm

November 10th and 24th Knox United Church (room 6)

PLEASE:

1. Pre-register as there is limited space
2. Wear a mask
3. Bring your coffee
4. Do the homework ...

NOV 10th homework: Remembrance Day Reflections

Questions ... Suggestions ... Contact Shane grumpymenonly@gmail.ca



FUN, FAMILY, FRIENDS & FOOD MINISTRY

NEWCOMERS - We have had several new people arriving at Knox, and I have to say I would be amiss if I thought I knew them all. What do you think of a NEWCOMERS GROUP? It could be a group that meets on zoom until things open up again, but it could give people a chance to share with other newcomers so that you are not feeling like you are out floating around and nobody cares if you sink or swim. We care! If you are interested, please contact **Gayle H. PLEASE SEE THE KNOX PHOTO DIRECTORY FOR GAYLE'S CONTACT INFORMATION.** Together we will work to make it happen!

SACRED SPACES MINISTRY

CHANGES ARE TAKING PLACE – HAVE YOU NOTICED?

Knox is very fortunate to have a team of volunteer gardeners that are working diligently to upgrade our gardens at the front of the church. Have a look the next time you come by. These changes were long overdue. The team consists of Linda N, Jan L, Myrt O, and Brian W with considerable help from Ian W and Chris D. Sacred Spaces Co-Lead M Warburton

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE MINISTRY

GROUNDZERO & KNOX PRESENTS...

RYAN MACMAHON LIVE IN CONCERT

Saturday, November 21st, 7 pm
TICKETS \$25

[Through GroundZero's Website](#)

Legendary Canadian TV/Radio personality Terry David Mulligan may have summed up Ryan best:

"The complete package. Singer. Songwriter. Performer. Troublemaker. Passionate human being. For me...priceless."



STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE MINISTRY

Blues legend **David Vest** is coming to **Knox United Church** on **Saturday, Nov 28th at 7:00 p.m.**

David Vest is a five-time *Maple Blues Award* winner. He is an authentic, Southern-bred boogie-woogie piano pounder and a world-class entertainer, and his live shows are the stuff of legend!

He backed *Big Joe Turner* in the '60s, toured with *Jimmy T99 Nelson*, *Floyd Dixon* and *Lavelle White*, and was co-leader of the legendary *Paul deLay Band*, sharing vocal and frontman duties. His songs have been recorded by artists ranging from *Tammy Wynette* to *Downchild*.

David will be joined by **Tom Bowker** on guitar and **Ryan Tandy** on the upright bass. **Tickets are \$30.00** each and available on the **Ground Zero** website at www.gzalounge.com

The show starts at **7:00 p.m.**, doors open at **6:30 p.m.** **All Covid-19 protocols are strictly followed, and non-medical masks must be worn.**



HEALING AND PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S GRIEF AWARENESS DAY Thursday, Nov. 21st

Thursday, November 19, 2020, is National Children's Grief Awareness Day, and Rainbows for All Children Canada has partnered with Children's Grief Awareness Day to recognize the children who are struggling from loss. This year Rainbows for All Children Canada is doing a Blue Butterfly mask campaign. Join us in wearing blue Butterfly Masks on November 19, 2020, as we come together to show our support for children who have experienced grief and loss.

Purchase your mask today. The deadline for orders is November 8th. Masks are 2 for \$25. Purchase your mask at [Rainbows Canada's website](http://www.RainbowsCanada.ca)

If you would like to know more about Children's Grief Awareness Day, then please visit www.ChildrensGriefAwarenessDay.com and learn more ways to help a grieving child.

From Hurt. Through Hope. To Healing



PASTORAL CARE COMMUNICATION NETWORK - It looks as though the COVID situation will be longer than any of us thought. Pastoral Care has taken on the responsibility of a communication network that will help us to stay connected during this time. If you are a person who would like to receive an occasional phone call or e-mail, we would be happy to put you in touch with another member of the congregation. If you are someone who would enjoy making the phone calls and staying connected with a few people, your help would be appreciated. If you are interested, please contact Linda N. for more information. **PLEASE SEE THE KNOX PHOTO DIRECTORY FOR LINDA'S CONTACT INFORMATION.**

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 contact Bruce Mcl. and he will be willing to provide you with a modified distance prayerful healing session. **PLEASE SEE THE KNOX PHOTO DIRECTORY FOR BRUCE'S CONTACT INFORMATION.**

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL MINISTRY

Rev. Jennifer Ferguson: Monday-Friday, days off are Friday & Saturday. (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>

UPDATE CHURCH HOURS: Although the doors are locked for safety reasons, you can access the Knox building through **pre-scheduled meetings and appointments** or by ringing the buzzer from the hours of **9 am to 12 pm Monday to Thursday**. You can reach the office by email or phone between the hours of 9:00 am to 3:30 pm Monday to Thursday. **Please note we are closed from 12 to 1 pm and on Fridays.**

NEW SAFETY PROTOCOL - If you are planning on coming into the church for a meeting etc., please be advised that **there is a strict safety protocol in place for all who enter the church. You will be required to wear a mask, sign-in (for contact tracing purposes) and use hand sanitizer. (in that order)**

MEETINGS – Masks are mandatory *even* during meetings. Please be mindful of the start and end time of your booking. The room will require an hour's cleaning before it will be ready for the next group. This is in line with the current Provincial Health Directives. Please limit what you bring into the building. You should not be bringing in food to consume or items into the church. The virus can and does live on different surfaces and can also be spread this way. You can view more information [on the BCCDC Website](#)

WASHROOMS - We also will be restricting the use of the classroom wing washrooms (between Room 3 and 4) to Acorn Tree only. Please note that this is a health and safety requirement. Washrooms adjacent to the kitchen are available for use at any time.

We appreciate your cooperation with these changes. Please understand that there are health and safety reasons behind these restrictions which have increased during the Pandemic.

COMMUNICATIONS

KNOX PHOTO DIRECTORY – Are you new to Knox? The Knox Photo Directory can be a great help in placing names to faces. It also has contact info for those people. Get yours for the bargain price of \$5 at the church office.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION MINISTRY

CHANGE IN TIME DUE TO REMEMBRANCE DAY - BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM will be **Tuesday, November 10 at 1:30 pm** instead of the usual Wednesday at 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.

The Spiritual Formation team wishes to thank everyone who completed the recent survey. We are currently analyzing the results and will have more information in the future about our initiatives on behalf of the congregation. One thing that was identified as a high priority was the library. Bearing in mind the implications of COVID, we are planning to reopen the library soon for returns and withdrawals. Look for an announcement in eNews about the new procedures.

In the meantime, you can familiarize yourself with what is in the library by accessing the library resources online. [The link is here](#) Simply enter the author's name, book title or topic, press enter and the inventory of what is available will come up. Thanks again to everyone who completed the survey.

COUNCIL NEWS

1. Council is working with a Consent Agenda which places routine items in a bundle at the beginning of the meeting. It minimizes the number of motions and saves time.
2. Our Chair, Don Emerson has introduced a new agenda item to be included at the beginning of each meeting, giving 10-15 minutes for Council members to share positive stories/comments. In future, this segment of the agenda will be called the *Caring, Sharing and Daring Time*.
3. Three members of the Executive, the Chair, Vice-Chair, and the Minister will each serve as Executive Liaison to the Ministry Teams. The Chair will liaise with Fun, Family & Friends, Stewardship &

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Finance and Sacred Spaces; the Minister will liaise with Worship & Arts, Spiritual Formation and Social Justice; and the Vice-Chair will liaise with Ministry & Personnel, Healing and Pastoral Care and Communications.

4. Cell Tower: Council decided not to pursue the opportunity to erect a cell tower on Knox property.
5. Paid host positions will be discontinued and transitioned to volunteer positions.

OUR KNOX FAMILY

SAD NEWS - It has come to our attention that the young woman who so tragically died in the hit-and-run on Saturday, October 10, 2020, had a Knox connection. According to June McIntyre, about 10 years ago, Keana Hugh was brought to Knox by her grandmother, Jennie Hugh, who has since passed on. They attended Knox for several years and Keana also attended our Sunday school. Please keep Keana's family and friends in your prayers as they grieve her passing.

It is with deep sadness that we inform you of the passing of Joyce Deas on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, at the age of 93. Joyce was a long-time and faithful member of Knox who was known for her sweet disposition. Please keep Joyce's family and friends in your prayers as they grieve her passing. There will be no service at this time due to COVID. A link to the online obituary and further details have been provided [here](#)

We also, with sad news announce the passing of Merry Rae on Saturday, October 24, 2020, at the age of 91. According to June McIntyre, Merry was an active member of Knox for many years, especially with social justice issues and was an excellent first soprano in our choir. Merry and her husband Bob moved to Victoria and then Winnipeg where they were in a care home. Please keep Merry and Bob's family and friends in your prayers as they grieve her passing. A full obituary will follow, but for now, you can leave a tribute [here](#)