

KNOX eNews: LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH

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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 which 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 22 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 our upcoming concerts 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 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. **PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO KNOX IN PLASTIC BAGS.** Many thanks!

GREEN TEAM CANDLE RECYCLING PROJECT - Once again this year, the Green Team is collecting your old and unused candles which there are usually plenty of at this time of year! These will be delivered to The L'Arche Centre in Comox Valley where they are recycled and turned into unique new candle designs for sale. A Collection Box can be found in the Knox Narthex. Thank You.

SALE OF ZATOUN PRODUCTS BY SJ&O TEAM - The United Church of Canada is encouraging congregations to support Palestinians by purchasing their products from Zatoun. We will be selling Medjool dates \$20 for 900g; Organic Cold-Pressed Extra Virgin Olive Oil \$16 small; Regular Cold-Pressed Extra Virgin Olive Oil \$20 large; Soap \$5; and Herbs \$5. You may place your order by emailing Sallie D. at slidabb@telus.net or come to the Narthex before or after church on Sundays and make your purchase by cash or cheque made out to Knox United Church. The Zatoun products make excellent Christmas gifts.

FUN, FAMILY, FRIENDS & FOOD MINISTRY

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. The Zoom meeting information has been sent under separate cover.

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ROAD CHALLENGE RESULTS Once again, I would just like to extend a big "Thank You" to all that participated in the Road Challenge. Now I am ready, after several recounts, to declare the winners!

1st Prize.....Ray & Jane Walker
2nd Prize.....Shirlene Donnelly & Frances
Booby Prize.....Steve and Jan Lucas. (They got lost!) Thanks again!



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

Where? Rathtrevor Park, Parking Lot #1

When? Thursday, **November 19, 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 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



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 (CHECK IN KNOX PHOTO DIRECTORY FOR CONTACT INFORMATION)** and together we will work to make it happen!

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KNOX UNITED CHURCH WOMEN DISBANDS

After 58 years, Knox UCW has voted to disband. Our membership numbers, along with collective energy have declined, and with the impact of the COVID-19 19 Pandemic we are no longer able to continue functioning and at the same time fulfil our much-beloved purpose:

“To unite women of the congregation for the total mission of the church and to provide a medium through which they may express their loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ in Christian witness, study, fellowship and service.”

As President of UCW, I have been pondering all sorts of memories from my 20 years as a member here at Knox. I realize that we have lost so many dear and valued members who have transitioned to their next life: The self-named “Kitchen Queens” Muriel Dash, Bea Murley, Thelma Denninger; and Beth Machan, President Margaret Edwards, Irene Cormie, Flora Corman, Laurie Hettle, Francis Barnum, Madge Highfield, Lorraine Thompson, and Secretary Maxine Cox, and due to relocating to Courtenay: Secretary Gwen Staton. We have missed each and every one of them.

Over the years, UCW has raised thousands of dollars and donated much of that money to the Operating Fund of Knox, along with thousands of dollars that were given to the Mission and Service Fund. We have provided financial assistance to women from the congregation who have attended women’s retreats at Naramata and Banff. Camperships have been given to children in need wishing to attend camp Moorecroft or camp Pringle, and the Summer Bible camps held here at Knox. We have made donations to First United Church in Vancouver, not only with cash donations but also with warm winter clothing; also, Our Place in Victoria has benefitted from our donations of money and warm winter clothing.

Now all this was made possible by the generous response UCW would **always** receive when we would appeal for home baking, folks kindly brought their baked goods on the day of the Bake Sales, and then come and buy their baking back! We are ever so grateful to the congregation for their generous support of our projects over the many, many years! We believe we have been good and faithful stewards of our funds.

FUN, FAMILY, FRIENDS & FOOD MINISTRY

UCW has always been willing to help out at the Turkey and Pasta suppers, we have pitched in as individuals at every one of the Fall Fairs; we have initiated Plant Sales, and then helped out at the Plant sales when we were no longer able to organize the Plant sale on our own. We have cooperated with the Pastoral Care team with Teas, and Cookies Cuz We Care. UCW has recognized 80th & 90th birthdays by making a \$25. donation to a Knox Fund of the recipient’s choice; and we would purchase a bouquet for those couples celebrating their 50th or 60th anniversary (this was done on behalf of the Church Council.)

Please accept our gratitude for the ongoing support over these nearly 60 years! May we keep the faith as a congregation as we do our best to overcome the impact of the Pandemic, and in the words of Dr. Bonnie Henry: Be calm, be kind, and be safe. I believe that in the coming days Knox can depend on us to be there with helping hands as individual members of Knox!



SACRED SPACES MINISTRY

Watch this space for future updates!

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."

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.gzallounge.com



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.

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

BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM – Wednesdays 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.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION SURVEY - 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 and on the website 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's 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 & 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

SMILE OF THE DAY VIDEO – submitted by Ken F. [Click here to view](#)

