

KNOX eNews: LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH

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WORSHIP AND ARTS MINISTRY

JOIN US... FOR ZOOM COMMUNION EVENSONG

FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT, BEGINNING THIS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29th AT 7:00 PM, A ZOOM SOCIAL TIME BEGINS AT 6:30 PM.

Check your congregational emails to learn all about the new zoom worship this coming Sunday. If you don't know how to zoom, try not to be intimidated please contact the people mentioned in the email for guidance. For this Sunday and for Christmas Eve you are asked to prepare your own communion celebration. We welcome guest musician Patricia Plumley and other musical guests over the Advent and Christmas season. Here is the Knox Advent Christmas Schedule:

Sun, Nov. 29, 7:00 PM	I Believe in Hope (prepare communion)
Sun, Dec. 6, 10:00 AM	I Believe in Peace
Sun, Dec. 13, 10:00 AM	I Believe in Joy
Sun, Dec. 13, 7:00 PM	A Blue, Blue Christmas (a service of comfort)
Sun, Dec. 20, 10:00 AM	I Believe in Love
Thu. Dec. 24, 7:00 PM	Christmas Eve

SOCIAL JUSTICE & OUTREACH MINISTRY

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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE & OUTREACH MINISTRY

COVID-19 has brought challenges to all of us this Christmas and it has particularly impacted those who are already on the margins of society and finding it difficult to make ends meet. For that reason, the Social Justice and Outreach Team of Knox is organizing three projects in keeping with our mission for you to consider helping this Christmas. When all the details are finalized you will receive a congregational email outlining the specific needs of these **three projects**:

- a) **WHITE GIFTS:** This annual **United Church campaign** will be held on **Dec. 8th** from **10:00** to **noon** when you can drop off your **unwrapped gifts** to Knox. These gifts will enable SOS and other organizations in the community to assist those in need.
- b) **OPERATION CHRISTMAS ANGEL:**
 - (i) This new project focuses on families or individuals who have been receiving help from our Minister's Discretionary Fund over the last year and need a **CHRISTMAS BASKET**. We have identified **9 families** and individuals so far who could use the help of some Christmas Angels.
 - (ii) As well, we are working on collaborating with other churches in the area to provide waterproof **BACKPACKS WITH ESSENTIALS** to those living on the street with a Christmas message reminding each one that they are God's beloved and remembered by the churches of Oceanside.

While the organization of the White Gift Sunday is almost completed, we are needing people who would like to help us organize the two Operation Christmas Angel projects. **Please contact Diane Jones (PLEASE CHECK THE KNOX PHOTO DIRECTORY FOR CONTACT INFORMATION)** if you would like to attend an organizational zoom meeting on **Monday, November 30 at 10:00 a.m.** and she will send you the link.

ZATOUN PRODUCTS Zatoun Sales were great on Tuesday! Thanks to those who came to buy. There are a few \$20 bottles of oil left and one packet of herbs for \$5. If you would like to purchase either contact Karen Freeman at facility@kucparksville.ca to set up a time when you can pick up your purchase at the church. Thanks again for supporting the Palestinian farmers.

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FUN, FAMILY, FRIENDS & FOOD MINISTRY

THE GATHERING PLACE—If you're missing connecting with others, join us at the Virtual Gathering Place on Zoom, Tuesdays from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Get your coffee or tea ready and join in casual conversation and maybe a few laughs. Come for the whole hour or any part of it. If you've never been on Zoom, contact Anne W. for help. **(PLEASE CHECK THE KNOX PHOTO DIRECTORY FOR CONTACT INFORMATION)**
Meeting ID 820 6760 6176 Password 522446

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

Where? Rath Trevor Park, Parkville

When? Thursday, November 11th

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 – **T** **to Meet**

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CANCELLED

Homework: Quotes! Quotes! Quotes!

Bring your favourite quote

Why did you choose it?

What do the words mean to you?

RSVP: Please let me know if you are attending as there is limited seating. Don't forget your coffee and please wear a mask. Thanks!
Shane

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

SACRED SPACES MINISTRY

Watch this space for future updates!

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE MINISTRY

GROUNDZERO & KNOX PRESENTS... DAVID VEST

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 Leaf* Award winner. He is an award-winning boogie-woogie pianist, a blues entertainer, and a member of the staff of legend.

David Vest 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



MAUREEN WASHINGTON We are thrilled to welcome back the velvet voice of **Maureen Washington** and her band of phenomenal musicians on **Saturday, December 12th** at **7:30 pm** and **4:00 pm**

Maureen has been staying in the spotlight with her powerful, yet rich and smooth voice.

Maureen will bring Christmas and Non-Christmas music to the stage, a nice change through the Christmas Holidays! It's a fun event for the whole family to enjoy! Backing her up are 3 stellar musicians known far and wide on the island!

Joey Smith, Damian Graham & Ashley Wey Tickets are **\$30.00** and are available through the GroundZero website:

www.gzalounge.com

- **We will keep everyone updated when we have new dates**
- **Refunds are available through the GroundZero Website**

All attendees must wear non-medical masks and follow COVID-19 safety protocols

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 McI. and he will be willing to provide you with a modified distance prayerful healing session. **(PLEASE CHECK THE KNOX PHOTO DIRECTORY FOR 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>

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

CHURCH HOURS 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.**

STRICT SAFETY PROTOCOL -EVERYONE WHO ENTERS

Will be required to:

- **wear a mask (your mask must be in place before entering)**
- **use hand sanitizer**
- **sign-in (for contact tracing purposes)**
- **Always maintain social distance**
- **limit the areas you access in the church check with the staff first**

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

MEETINGS

- Masks are mandatory *even* during meetings.
- 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.
- Limit what you bring into the building. You should not be bringing in food to consume or items into the church.

WASHROOMS

- Only the washrooms in the kitchen wing are to be used

The virus can and does live on different surfaces and can also be spread this way. Get your information from a reliable source, the BCCDC, not Dr. Google! [Go to the BCCDC website](#) for more info.

How is COVID-19 SPREAD?

Coronavirus is spread from an infected person through:

- Droplets spread when a person coughs or sneezes
- It can be spread by touch if a person has used their hands to cover their mouth or nose when they cough or sneeze.
- Touching an object or surface with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes before washing your hands.

How long can the COVID-19 virus LAST ON SURFACES?

- The main way that COVID-19 is spread is from person-to-person.
- You may also be able to get COVID-19 from touching a surface that has the virus and then touching your face without washing your hands.
- The research shows that the virus lasts longer on smoother surfaces like plastic and glass compared to porous materials like cloth or paper. The virus may also last longer at lower temperatures, below 4 degrees C, compared to room temperature. This research used special techniques in laboratory settings to examine how long the virus can last, so the results of these studies may not reflect the behaviour of the virus in everyday life.
- Regular cleaning and disinfecting of high touch surfaces can prevent the spread of COVID-19. To learn more, visit the [cleaning and disinfecting page](#)

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

Length of time COVID-19 virus stays on different surfaces

SURFACE	VIRUS NO LONGER DETECTED AFTER
Paper (print and tissue)	Up to 3 Hours
Copper	4 Hours
Cardboard	24 Hours
Plastic or Stainless Steel	2 – 3 Days
Glass	4 Days

Info courtesy of the BC Centre for Disease Control

COMMUNICATIONS

WEBSITE UPDATE – MEMBERS AREA Just a reminder that you can access Council Minutes, Financials and Team Reports on the Knox website. You will find these documents in MEMBERS AREA - here is the link <https://www.kucparksville.ca/members/knox-council>

It is password-protected for security, but it is easy to access. When you go in you will be asked to insert the password which has been sent to you separately. It is case sensitive, so type it in exactly as shown. You will then find the latest Council minutes and Team Reports.

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.

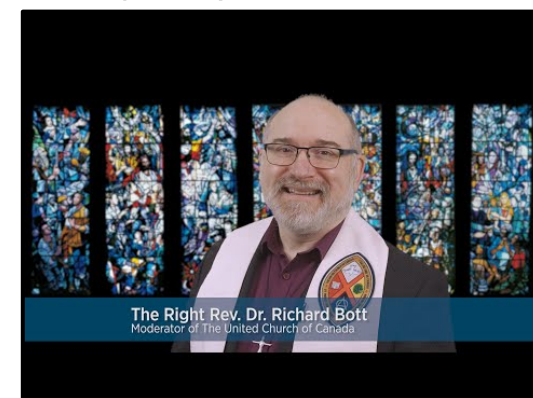
COUNCIL NEWS

Watch this space for future updates!

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

MODERATOR'S ADVENT MESSAGE (VIDEO)

In his Advent message this year, Moderator Richard Bott reminds us that for everything there is a season. Advent and Christmas will be different this year; we will need to keep our physical distance and cover our faces. Perhaps the distance this pandemic brings can allow us to prepare our spiritual life for the coming of the Christ child.



One step at a time. Each in its own order. There is a time for everything.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND – Please donate today to the [United Church's Emergency Response Fund](#) to support our Mission & Service partners' critical and lifesaving work. Your gifts will support partner response to the 2020-2021 hurricane and typhoon season as they provide food, safe drinking water, and shelter and help restore livelihoods for the thousands of people affected by Hurricane Iota in Central America, and Typhoon Goni in the Philippines.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

FOR SALE – Drive full electric hospital bed with Roho insert mattress, \$300 Call 250.752.3360 (Nov 17, 2020)