

KNOX eNews: LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH

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WORSHIP AND ARTS MINISTRY

IMPORTANT – *IN-PERSON WORSHIP CANCELLED*

All British Columbia is now under the same stay-at-home orders that health officials imposed last week on the Lower Mainland.

Provincial health officer Dr. Bonnie Henry announced Thursday that all of BC residents are urged to socialize only with fellow household members and avoid social gatherings of all kinds and sizes for the next two and a half weeks.

These gatherings include attending places of worship, which have been ordered not to hold in-person services until December 7th.

We hope that as we can reduce the number of cases on the Island, we might be able to offer in-person worship once again very soon.

In the meantime, our Worship and Arts Team is researching and exploring creative ways of offering worship opportunities that can maintain our connection with one another throughout this special advent and Christmas season.

We welcome your input and invite anyone interested in joining our worship design team to contact Shirlene, our Team Lead. **(PLEASE CHECK THE KNOX PHOTO DIRECTORY FOR CONTACT INFORMATION)**

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR FURTHER UPDATES

WORSHIP AND ARTS MINISTRY



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 **this 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

THE NEED FOR WARM OUTERWEAR SUCH AS COATS ETC: At this point, to the best of our knowledge, the need for warm outerwear has been satisfied according to the various agencies in our area. Thank you for your generous response to our request for donations. We will keep you informed if we need your help sometime in the future.

DONATIONS TO OUR FAMILY IN NEED: The response to the request for donations for a family in need in our area by the Knox congregation has been overwhelming. We can't thank you enough for your kind support. We will keep in touch with the family and when it is determined how else we can help them we will advise the congregation accordingly.

ZATOUN PRODUCTS: On Sunday after church in the Gathering Place, Zatoun products will be available, payable by cheque made out to Knox United Church or by cash. The list of products and their prices is available in last week's eNews. The United Church of Canada is encouraging congregations to support Palestinians by purchasing Zatoun products.

WHY SUPPORT ZATOUN? Zatoun does the following:

- Supports Palestinian farmers facing many obstacles in their work - the destruction of trees, poisoning of soil, requiring permits to tend their land.
- Zatoun pays a fair price to the farmers and buys them olive trees with donated money.
- Robert Massoud the founder was nominated for a Peace Medallion by a Jewish group in Toronto. More info at the Zatoun table at church or Zatoun.com.

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.

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.

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

Where? Rathtrevor Park, Parking Lot #1

When? Thursday, **November 26, 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. or Shirlene D. (**PLEASE CHECK THE KNOX PHOTO DIRECTORY FOR CONTACT INFORMATION**)

GMO – The Loyal Order of Grumptors Continues to Meet

When: Nov. 24, 2020, at 7:00 pm
BE A QUODOPHILE!

Where: Knox Church – Room 6

Homework: Quotes! Quotes! Quotes!

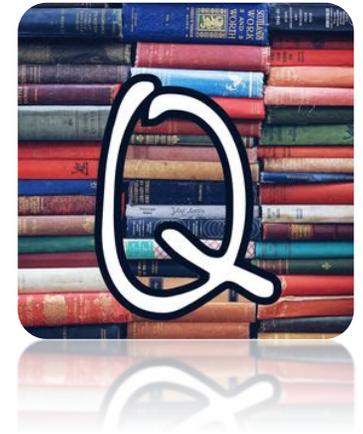
Bring your favourite quote

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

FUN, FAMILY, FRIENDS & FOOD MINISTRY

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 Pandemic we are no longer able to continue functioning and at the same time fulfill 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.

UCW has always been willing to help at the Turkey and Pasta suppers, we have pitched in as individuals at every one of the Fall Fairs.

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we have initiated Plant Sales, and then helped 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... 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 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!

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

(THIS CONCERT DATE IS POSTPONED IN COMPLIANCE WITH PROVINCIAL HEALTH REGULATIONS)



STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE MINISTRY

MAUREEN WASHINGTON

We are thrilled to welcome back the velvet voice of **Maureen Washington** and her trio of phenomenal musicians on **Saturday, December 12th** for two shows, **1:30 pm** and **4:00 pm**

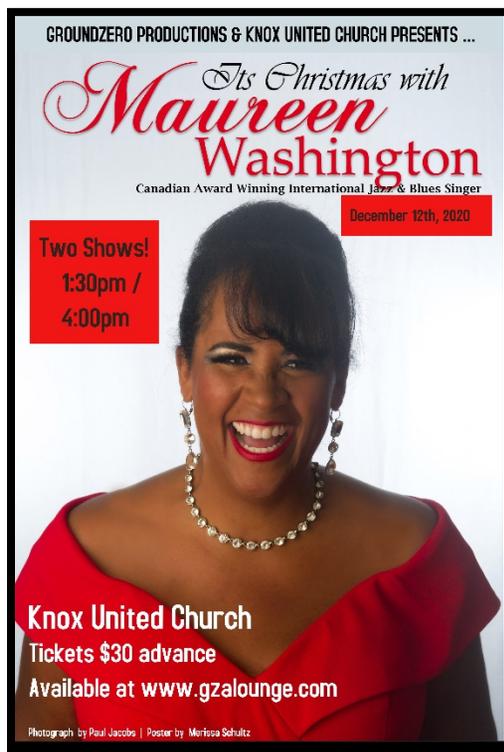
Maureen has been stunning crowds for years with her powerful, yet rich and smooth vocals, she is a true Canadian jewel.

Maureen will bring a mix of Christmas and Non-Christmas music to the stage, a nice treat to get you 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

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 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**

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

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

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](#)

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 BCCDC

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 privacy, but it is easy to access. When you go in you will be asked to insert the password which is *****. It is case sensitive, so type it in exactly as it is here. 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

ADVENT UNWRAPPED 2020: New Video



Check out the new video for Advent Unwrapped 2020.

For more information check out the [United Church Website](#)

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

MINUTES FOR MISSION 2021: A Sneak Peak

Minutes for Mission will look different in 2021! United Church communities of faith will receive a new *Minutes for Mission* booklet in the mail before the new year, featuring the stories of eight people whose lives have been changed with our support, accompanied by prayers and scripture passages. The online stories will include links to videos and social media graphics. In addition to these eight stories, there will be special online Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas stories available in multiple formats. And all year long, we will be sharing news features that describe up-to-the-minute ways your gifts are making a difference.

Minutes for Mission will continue to share as many stories as ever, but now they will be delivered differently so that we can share the good news of what your support is doing right now in these challenging times.

[Find out more](#) and sign up to receive the latest Minutes for Mission updates in your inbox.

OUR KNOX FAMILY

WITH THANKS - My sincere thanks to the wonderful team at Knox who helped me through the planning of Tom's celebration of life service. I had no idea how much time and effort it would all take and how much was involved to make this available on Zoom to relatives and friends overseas plus the COVID-19 cleaning of the environment and spacing of chairs. To Jennifer, Sandy Jane, Karen, Rane and Shirlene my grateful thanks. Also, to Leslie who arranged the flowers so beautifully. To David who played the piano at last-minute notice and to Lara who sang from her heart so beautifully. To George, David and Foster who spoke so well about Tom thank you. For Ray who dug the grave and entombed the urn on such a bitterly cold day. If I've left anyone out, please forgive me and know that your help was needed. I want everyone to know that because of you all Tom's service was so special and a tribute to his memory. I don't think I can adequately thank you all, but I hope you know that I am deeply grateful for the help and love showed to me, Blessings to all of you, Marlene

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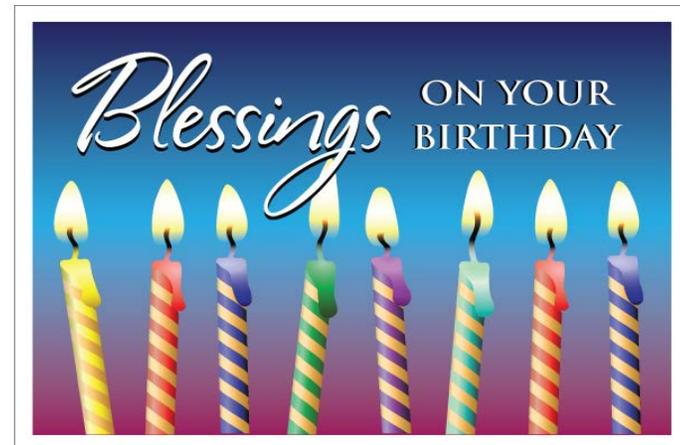
SAD NEWS – John “Jack” Macnab - It is with sadness that we inform you of the passing of Jack Macnab who died peacefully in his sleep at the age of 86 on the morning of Saturday, November 14, 2020. Please keep Helen, his wife of 62 years, and his family and many friends in your prayers as they grieve his passing.

“At this time due to COVID-19 restrictions, there will be no celebration of life however Helen would love to hear from you via Facebook.

Here is the link to Helen's Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/jackandhelen>

BIRTHDAY AND GET-WELL WISHES - Our love and best wishes go to Shirley Hill who attains the wonderful age of 91 today. Shirley is a beloved member of the Knox congregation known for her generosity and grace. She now resides in Greater Victoria. Shirley is currently in hospital and so we send our healing prayers to her also.



COMMUNITY NEWS

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