

KNOX eNews: LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH

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WORSHIP AND ARTS MINISTRY

JOIN US... FOR ZOOM WORSHIP

If you don't know how to zoom, try not to be intimidated please contact the people mentioned in the email for guidance. 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:

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| 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 |

ZOOM WORSHIP INFO:

Meeting ID: 812 7823 4982, Passcode: 261349

Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81278234982?pwd=WG1NVTJyMnQxa3pKzgyV0hBeTJ3QT09>

KNOX TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO HELP YOU GET CONNECTED

Ian Ward: sacredspaces@kucparksville.ca

Myrt Omnes: PLEASE CHECK KNOX PHOTO DIRECTORY FOR CONTACT INFO.

Jane Williams: admin@kucparksville.ca



Blue Blue CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 13th @ 7 PM

A special virtual service to remember loved ones who cannot be with us this Christmas because they have died, or because of concerns around Covid-19.

We would like to honour their presence with us in spirit and invite you to send photos of your loved ones who have died and/or a photo of your living friends or family members to tech@kucparksville.ca by December 6th to ensure their inclusion in the slideshow.

Knox United Church 345 Pym Street, Parksville

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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.

ZATOUN PRODUCTS Zatoun Sales were great on Tuesday! Thanks to those who came to buy. There are a few \$20 bottles of oil left. 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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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.

WATERPROOF BACKPACKS FOR FOLKS WITHOUT SHELTER

Waterproof backpacks have been purchased thanks to a ProVision grant of \$2000 from the Pacific Mountain Region of the United Church. We hope to fill these backpacks and distribute them to those on the streets and in the bush surrounding Parksville to remind them that they are loved of God and that the church cares.

While there are some women on the streets, we will be purchasing some of their special needs through the Minister's Discretionary Fund so if you would like to donate to that and earmark it for the backpacks that would be gratefully received and tax receipt offered.

There will be a message to the congregation today with further details including suggestions for the backpacks.

CHRISTMAS GIFT BOXES We will be delivering 11 Christmas Gift Boxes to some folks connected to Knox through our Minister's Discretionary Fund and they have all been matched with Knox gift-givers who responded to last week's announcement. We still have one family in need of a giver so if you would like to help out please contact Jennifer Ferguson at minister@kucparksville.ca or consider giving to the Minister's Discretionary Fund which will be sponsoring Save On Food Cards for each family.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS & CROCHETERS We are needing some prayer shawls, prayer scarves, prayer squares, or crocheted squares with a bead for our CHRISTMAS GIFT BOXES. Contact Carol L if you can help. **PLEASE CHECK KNOX PHOTO DIRECTORY FOR CONTACT INFO.**

FUN, FAMILY, FRIENDS & FOOD MINISTRY

THE VIRTUAL 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.

Meeting ID: 820 6760 6176, Passcode: 522446

Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82067606176?pwd=SEtRUUZxZDgyYmVXYU5zMUk3VUE4Zz09>

SACRED SPACES MINISTRY

Watch this space for future updates!

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE MINISTRY

- With the current Government of BC COVID-19 restrictions, the church is not currently allowed to offer concerts, or rentals for external meetings, other than our local support groups (OA and AA)
- We will keep everyone updated when we have new concert dates
- Refunds are available through the GroundZero Website

HEALING AND PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

KNOX PRAYER SHAWL GROUP -

Knitters & crocheters, we need your help! We need prayer shawls as our supply is running low. What a generous way to gift someone at Christmas. We can supply the yarn. Please contact one of the following for more info or yarn.



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| Carol Lyons, Group Lead | tclyons@shaw.ca | 250-586-3842 |
| Ronine Sharp | memorynurse@shaw.ca | 250-586-6972 |
| Marg Conn | muggins46@shaw.ca | 250-594-1244 |

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 Mcl. and he will be willing to provide you with a modified distance prayerful healing session. **PLEASE CHECK KNOX PHOTO DIRECTORY FOR CONTACT INFO.**

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

UPDATE IN-PERSON WORSHIP, CONCERTS AND RENTALS

Given the current Government of BC COVID-19 restrictions, the church is no longer allowed to offer in-person worship services, concerts, or rentals for external meetings, other than our local support groups (OA and AA). We are also recommending that our own internal meeting groups use Zoom meetings whenever possible. Please contact Karen Freeman at facility@kucparksville.ca to schedule your zoom meetings. Stay safe!

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

COMMUNICATIONS

NEW KNOX SIGN - Sending out a BIG THANK YOU to all the people who contributed to the new Knox sign: Myrt Omnes, Jeannette Mousing and 2 others for their generous donations that made this project possible. Shane Conn & Ian Ward for research, Colleen Welsh for design expertise and Ian Ward for shepherding the project through all of the stages on behalf of Sacred Spaces as well as the Knox people who guided us with the initial survey. Take a drive-by at night and see it lit up!



SPIRITUAL FORMATION MINISTRY

BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM – Wednesdays 10:30-12.

Meeting ID: 844 1018 3121, Passcode: 957519

Meeting Link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZApdumppjgrGNVvKGCETK7DiDhc1oLtHGnDI/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGsqjoqG9yWsRuGRpwIBoj4c-vxiHZcjY1rlziGJhR4NSf_EupBY71TBPD3](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZApdumppjgrGNVvKGCETK7DiDhc1oLtHGnDI/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGsqjoqG9yWsRuGRpwIBoj4c-vxiHZcjY1rlziGJhR4NSf_EupBY71TBPD3)

"Reading is a great way to explore and expand one's spiritual foundation. The Spiritual Formation Team will, from time to time, highlight books that we have read that may be of interest to members of our Knox community. Here's a book I recently read: *The Way of Jesus: Living a Spiritual and Ethical Life* by Jay Parini. I found it to be a very thought-provoking book. Accessible and engaging, it lays out a plan for living out what Jesus meant by putting love first. It's available at Mulberry Books in Parksville and Qualicum." --Stephen

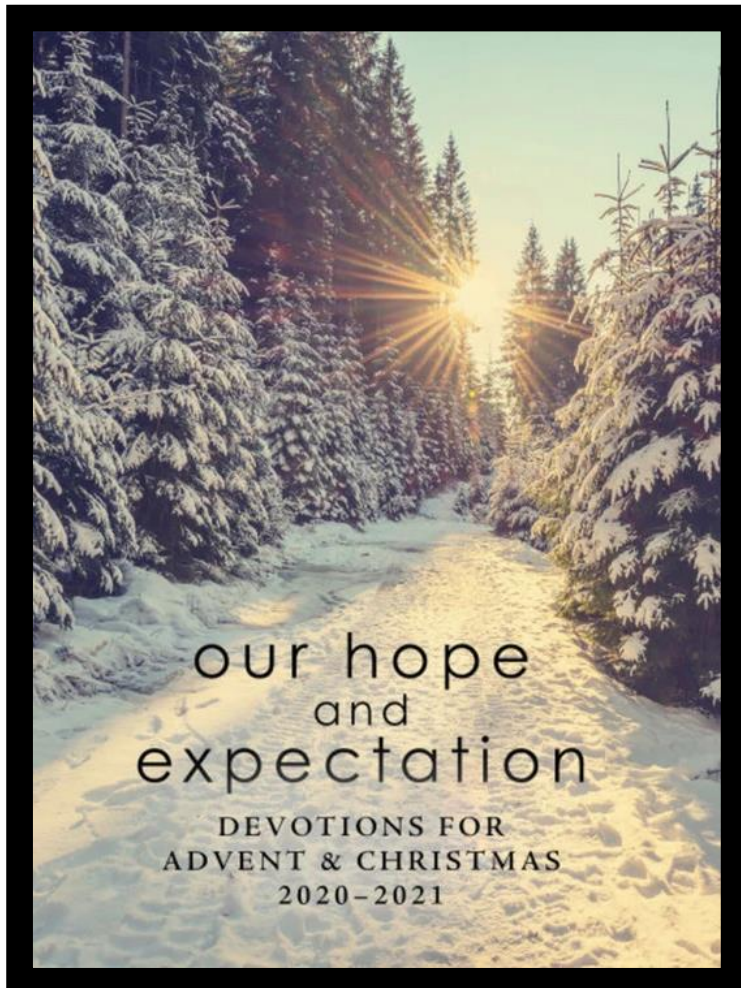
COUNCIL NEWS

Watch this space for future updates!

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

UCRD Store: New Advent Resource!

Looking for a new advent devotional? From Augsburg Fortress, *Our Hope and Expectation: Devotions for Advent and Christmas* explores the Advent Season and celebrates the joy of the 12 days of Christmas and the day of the Epiphany. In addition to devotions, the book offers household blessings and prayers to enrich your preparations and celebrations. [Order your copy today](#)



KNOX CALENDAR December 6 – 13, 2020

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| Sunday, Dec 6 | | |
| Zoom Worship Service | 10:00 am – 11:00 am | Zoom |
| Monday, Dec 7 | | |
| Stewardship & Finance Meeting | 9:00 am – 10:30 am | Zoom |
| SJ & Outreach Meeting | 10:00 am – 11:30 am | Sanctuary |
| M & P Meeting with Staff | 1:30 – 2:30 pm | Zoom |
| Tues, Dec 8 | | |
| The Gathering Place | 10:00 am – 11:00 am | Zoom |
| White Gift Drop Off | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm | Knox Parking Lot |
| Council Executive | 11:15 am – 12:30 pm | Zoom |
| Wed, Dec. 9 | | |
| Bible Study | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm | Zoom |
| Music Leadership | 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm | Zoom |
| Thursday, Dec. 10 | | |
| Friday, Dec. 11 | | |
| Saturday, Dec. 12 | | |
| Sunday, Dec. 13 | | |
| Zoom Worship Service | 10:00 am – 11:00 am | Zoom |
| Blue, Blue Christmas | 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm | Zoom |

[For the monthly calendar click here](#)