

KNOX eNews: LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH

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WORSHIP AND ARTS MINISTRY

We welcome guest musician Patricia Plumley and other musical guests over the Advent and Christmas season. For Christmas Eve you are asked to prepare your own communion celebration. Here is the Knox Advent Christmas Schedule:

Reminder: Print the Order of Worship so that you may sing along with the carols. For those who will be attending the Blue Christmas service, please have Memory Candles at home to light as a sign of your loved one's presence among us.

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=WG1NVTJyMngxa3pKZgyV0hBeTJ3QT09>



SOCIAL JUSTICE & OUTREACH MINISTRY

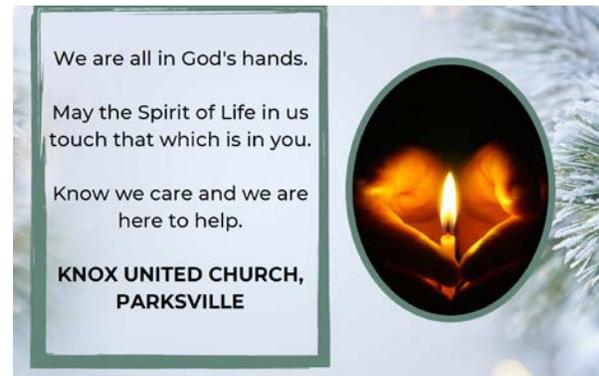
GREEN TEAM CANDLE RECYCLING PROJECT - Once again this year, the Green Team is collecting your old and unused candles which there are usually plenty of at this time of year! These will be delivered to The L'Arche Centre in Comox Valley where they are recycled and turned into unique new candle designs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

ZATOUN PRODUCTS We have a few bottles of Zatoun Extra Virgin Olive Oil for sale at \$20 a bottle. If you are interested in purchasing one or two bottles please contact Karen Freeman at facility@kucparksville.ca The proceeds from the sale go towards helping the Palestinian people. Thank you from the SJ&O Team!

WHITE GIFTS: Thanks to all of you who came out this morning to donate to the SOS Caring for Community at Christmas program on behalf of Knox. We had a wonderful turnout. If you were unable to donate today it is not too late. SOS has a tent set up on the back of the SOS building on Hirst Avenue on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 am-11:30 am where gift donations will be accepted. Thank you on behalf of the **SJ&O Team**

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.



The final day to drop off donations for the Christmas Backpacks is Monday, December 10 from 9 am to 12 pm.

CHRISTMAS GIFT BOXES THANK YOU! We will be delivering 12 Christmas Gift Boxes to some folks connected to Knox through our thanks to your generosity. Thank you!

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 (**PLEASE CHECK THE KNOX PHOTO DIRECTORY FOR CONTACT INFORMATION**)

Meeting ID: 820 6760 6176, Passcode: 522446

Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82067606176?pwd=SEtRUUZxZDQyYmVXYU5zMUk3VUE4Zz09>

SACRED SPACES MINISTRY

THANK YOU - It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at Knox...thanks to Don Emerson and Stephen Torrence who have decorated our Knox entrance with beautiful lights. A big thank you to both and to all the kind people who donated Christmas lights for this project.



STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE MINISTRY

CONCERT UPDATES – For those of you that are missing our live concerts at Knox Hermann's Jazz Club in Victoria are hosting a few virtual performances and you can watch them online for a donation. Many of the performers have previously performed at Knox. [Access Hermann's Jazz Club here](#) Note: You will need to click on history to see all the past performances that are available for online viewing. Enjoy!

HEALING AND PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

HELP! KNOX PRAYER SHAWL GROUP – Our prayer shawl closet is empty. If you can knit a shawl or make a prayer Square it would sure help us out. There is yarn in the closet in Room 5. Come and help yourself. If possible, the shawls should be about 46 inches long and at least 15 inches wide. Thank you! Carol Lyons – Group Lead, Ronine Sharp & Marg Conn. (**PLEASE CHECK THE KNOX PHOTO DIRECTORY FOR 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 call Bruce Mcl. 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.**

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

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

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!

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/tZApdumppjgrGNVkgCETK7DiDhc1oLtHGnDI/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGsqjoqG9yWsRuGRpwlBoj4c-vxiHZcjY1rlzjGJhR4NSf_EupBY71TBPD3](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZApdumppjgrGNVkgCETK7DiDhc1oLtHGnDI/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGsqjoqG9yWsRuGRpwlBoj4c-vxiHZcjY1rlzjGJhR4NSf_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!

OUR KNOX FAMILY

SAD NEWS - It is with sadness that we inform you of the passing of George Millar early this morning. In the words of June McIntyre, "George will be missed by many Knox folks, he was a gifted, kind, and generous man, who loved his family." Please keep Bev and George's family and friends in your prayers as they grieve the loss of a beloved husband and father.

SAD NEWS -We also, with sadness, inform you of the passing of Leslie Lauzer on Monday, December 7th. According to June McIntyre, "Leslie was a lovely and caring person, who took responsibility for the Prayer Shawl Ministry while attending Knox." Please keep Andy and Leslie's family and friends in your prayers as they grieve the loss of a much-loved wife and mother.

OUR KNOX FAMILY

Christmas Tree in the Knox Sanctuary



KNOX CALENDAR December 13 – 20, 2020

Sunday, Dec 13		
Zoom Worship Service	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Zoom
Blue, Blue Christmas	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Zoom
Monday, Dec 14		
Social Justice & Outreach	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Parking Lot/Narthex
Backpack Drop-off		
Staff Meeting	1:30 – 2:30 pm	Lounge/Zoom
Tues, Dec 15		
The Gathering Place	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Zoom
Council Meeting	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Zoom
Wed, Dec. 16		
Bible Study	10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Zoom
Thursday, Dec. 17		
Social Justice & Outreach	Backpack Filling	Sanctuary/Narthex
Friday, Dec. 18		
Office Closed		
Saturday, Dec. 19		
Sunday, Dec. 20		
Zoom Worship Service	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Zoom

[For the monthly calendar click here](#)