

KNOX eNews: LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH

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WORSHIP AND ARTS MINISTRY

THIS SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE the Baptism of Jesus - please have a bowl of water ready at the end of the reflection for self-anointing for the ritual of water.

ZOOM WORSHIP INFO:

Meeting ID: 812 7823 4982

Passcode: 261349

Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81278234982?pwd=WG1NVTJyMngxa3ppKzgyV0hBeTJ3QT09>

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.

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.

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Meeting ID: 820 6760 6176

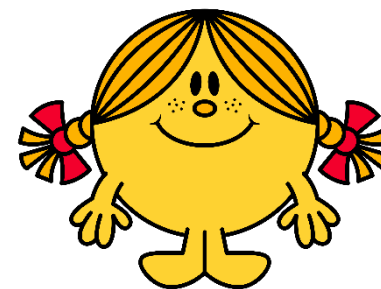
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FUN, FAMILY, FRIENDS & FOOD MINISTRY

SUNSHINE LADY RETIRES; NEW SUNSHINE CONTACT: Many thanks to **MARTHA POW** who has been the Knox Sunshine Lady for several years, sending Get Well, Thinking of You, Birthday, Golden Wedding Anniversary, and Sympathy cards for several years on behalf of Knox. Martha is retiring from this position; and thankfully, **MARY ALLISON BELL** has volunteered to fill her shoes! Thank you, Mary Allison! Over the years, U.C.W. has recognized 80th and 90th birthdays, and 50th or 60th wedding anniversaries; along with sending cards of sympathy to the bereaved, and while U.C.W. no longer exists, we are grateful Mary Allison is willing to carry on this tradition. However, she will need everyone's help. If you know of someone celebrating a special birthday or anniversary; or if you know of someone who is hospitalized; or passed on to their next life, please contact Mary Allison **PLEASE CHECK THE KNOX PHOTO DIRECTORY FOR CONTACT INFORMATION**



STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE MINISTRY

WELCOME PARKSVILLE SHORES TAI CHI CLUB – We are pleased to welcome the Parksville Shores Tai Chi Club to Knox. They will be holding classes in the sanctuary on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday mornings from 9:30 – 11:30 am. The Monday class is for beginners and Tuesday and Thursdays are for on-going members. The Provincial COVID-19 restrictions allow for low-intensity exercise to take place indoors as long as all protocols are being followed (masks, sanitize, physical distancing), up to a maximum of 25 participants.

HEALING AND PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

KNOX PRAYER SHAWL GROUP – To all our amazing crafters out there please keep knitting or crocheting. Due to COVID, our church will be closed unless you have an appointment to enter, so I would suggest that you use yarn that you have at home. The staff need to be kept safe. Please keep in mind that although we could use a couple of shawls we would also like to get a head start on hats, mitts, scarves for all our next winter projects. Thank you! Contact Carol L (Group Lead), Ronine S. or Marg C. **PLEASE CHECK THE KNOX PHOTO DIRECTORY FOR CONTACT INFORMATION**

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 OFFICES

KNOX eNEWS *New* Submissions Deadline **noon Wednesdays**

CHURCH CLOSURE-JANUARY 4TH Due to our church's current financial challenges, at the recommendation of the Stewardship and Finance and the Ministry and Personnel Team in consultation with the staff, the Council has had to make the difficult decision to reduce the hours for both our Office Administrator and Facility Coordinator to 15 hours per week which is almost a cut in half of their current hours. We are grateful to Jane and Karen for their understanding, cooperation, grace, and sacrifice. To allow them time to do their work and to ensure their continued health and safety, as we did earlier in the COVID-19 crisis, the Church Offices will be closed effective January 4. Our staff will continue to be available through email, phone calls and pre-scheduled appointments but on a more limited basis. Staff are primarily working a combination of hours both remotely and on-site. We ask for your understanding when waiting for a response and we thank you for your patience. We all look forward to the time when we can resume the usual office hours.

PASTORAL CARE - Jennifer makes her own appointments. (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.

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICES

ROOM or ZOOM BOOKINGS - If you have any questions concerning facility bookings or zoom meetings contact Karen Freeman directly at facility@kucparksville.ca

STRICT SAFETY PROTOCOL -EVERYONE WHO ENTERS

Will be required to:

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

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

Watch this space for future updates!

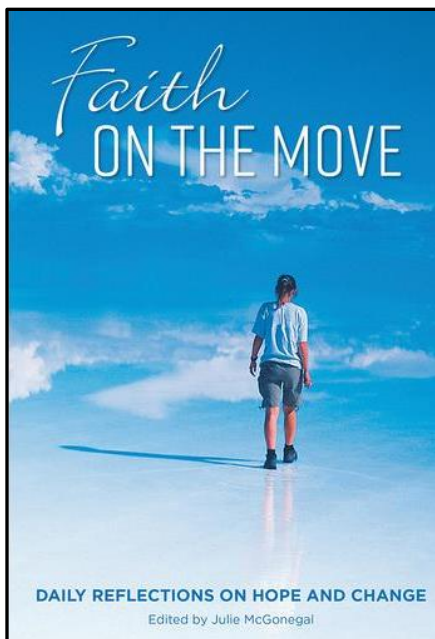
SPIRITUAL FORMATION MINISTRY

BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM – Wednesdays 10:30-12. **Meeting ID: 844 1018 3121, Passcode: 957519 Meeting Link:**
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84410183121?pwd=QzY1RlZjGJhR4NSF_EupBY71TBPD3oLThHGnDI/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGsqjoqG9yWsRuGRpwIBoj4c-vxiHZcjY1rlziGJhR4NSF_EupBY71TBPD3

KNOX LIBRARY - The Knox library and its resources serve the Knox community. We are planning to reopen the library in the near future. We need volunteers to assist in its operation. If you are interested in making a gift to the church by helping in the library please contact Mary D.
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COUNCIL NEWS

Watch this space for future updates!



**UNITED CHURCH BOOKSTORE:
2021 Lenten Devotional Now Available**

New from United Church Publishing House, [Faith on the move: Daily reflections on hope and change](#) focuses on themes of movement and change, physical and spiritual journeys. United in Learning will also be hosting [Six Webinars](#) throughout Lent to explore the book so you can connect with others walking the Lenten journey.

CHURCH CALENDAR NOW ON SALE! For those of you who have yet to purchase their 2021 Canadian Church Calendar – it's now on sale! This beautiful, full-colour, bilingual calendar features interior and exterior photos of 12 United Churches from across Canada. [Pick up yours today!](#)



MISSION AND SERVICE: You can help make 2021 a better year.

In 2020, your Mission & Service gifts were hard at work during the global pandemic. Over the last year, your gifts:

- helped people at home and abroad struggling to put food on the table for their families.
- ensured those who are most vulnerable receive medical care and personal protective equipment.
- supported those who struggle with addiction and mental health issues to access counselling services.
- created networks of support for young people whose rhythms and relationships are disrupted because of the virus.
- provided emotional and spiritual care for those in the hospital and their families as well as the medical staff.

These are just some of the concrete ways your reliable support through Mission & Service has already made a huge difference during this crisis. Your ongoing support will continue to go directly to those who are most impacted by the pandemic at home and around the world.

Help the world recover in 2021. [Make a gift](#) through Mission and Service and help make this a better year. Thank you for your support!



OUR KNOX FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS AND RICHEST BLESSINGS to Alison S. on the occasion of her 80th birthday from the Congregation of Knox United Church!



KNOX CALENDAR January 10 – January 17, 2021

Sunday, Jan 10

Zoom Worship Service	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Zoom
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Monday, Jan 11

Stewardship & Finance Meeting	9:00 am – 10:30 am	Zoom
Tai Chi	9:15 am – 11:45 am	Sanctuary Lounge/Zoom
Staff Meeting	11:00 am – 12:00 pm	

Tuesday, Jan 12

Tai Chi	9:15 am – 11:45 am	Sanctuary Zoom
Gathering Place	10:00 am – 11:00 am	

Wednesday, Jan 13

Bible Study	10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Zoom
Membership Class	2:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Zoom

Thursday, Jan 14

Tai Chi	9:15 am – 11:45 am	Sanctuary Zoom
Council Zoom Workshop	9:30 am – 12:30 pm	

Friday, Jan 15

Saturday, Jan 16

Sunday, Jan 17

Zoom Worship Service	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Zoom
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[For the monthly calendar click here](#)