

## **KNOX eNews: LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH**

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**January 24, 2021 edition**

### **WORSHIP AND ARTS MINISTRY**

#### **JANUARY WORSHIP SERVICE THEMES – AWAKENINGS**

**Jan 24** - Awakening to The Kingdom of God vs the kingdom of the World.

**Jan 31** - Awakening to the Things that Hold Us Back

**ZOOM WORSHIP INFO:** Meeting ID: 812 7823 4982 Passcode: 261349 Link:

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

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE & OUTREACH MINISTRY**

#### **SOCIAL JUSTICE & OUTREACH TEAM – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are looking for volunteers to join our team. If you are looking for a new and different challenge and have a desire to make a difference in our community and the world, we would like to hear from you. No experience necessary. The skies the limit. We meet monthly. For more information, please call Margaret Warburton, Jan Lucas, or Alison Stewart. You won't regret it.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE AND OUTREACH PURPOSE:** Work for local, national, and global social justice and environmental causes through education, service and advocacy within Knox and the wider community. [For more info click here](#)

### **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 Passcode: 522446 Link:**

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

### **FUN, FAMILY, FRIENDS & FOOD MINISTRY**

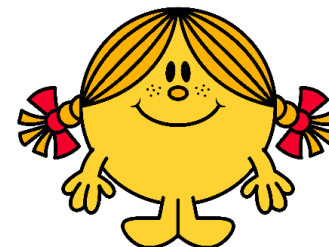
#### **KNOX SUNSHINE LADY**

**WHO:** Mary Allison Bell

**WHAT:** Sends Get Well, Thinking of You, Birthday, Golden Wedding Anniversary, and Sympathy cards on behalf of Knox.

**WHAT DO I DO?** Know someone who is celebrating a special birthday or anniversary? Or are you aware of someone who is hospitalized or has passed on to their next life?

**HOW?** Contact Mary Allison Bell **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!

Carol L., Group Lead **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 shutdown, they can call Bruce Mc. 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](mailto:minister@kucparksville.ca)

**Knox United Church Staff Email Addresses** Follow this link to the Knox Website: [www.kucparksville.ca/pages/contact-us](http://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**

**REDUCED HOURS IN EFFECT** 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](mailto:minister@kucparksville.ca).

**ROOM or ZOOM BOOKINGS** - If you have any questions concerning facility bookings or zoom meetings contact Karen Freeman directly at [facility@kucparksville.ca](mailto: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)

## FROM THE CHURCH OFFICES

- 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](mailto: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=957519MjRlZjJGJmR4NSF1bWpBY71TBPD3>

**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

The Council completed the first Zoom workshop, in a series of three, on January 14. All Council members were invited as well as members of the nine Ministry Teams; Gail Miller, Regional Minister for Pastoral Relations & Community Faith Support led this workshop. Attendees were given several documents to read in preparation: the BC Societies Act, the United Church of Canada Act, the United Church Manual 2019---[https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/the-manual-2019\\_0.pdf](https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/the-manual-2019_0.pdf), and the Knox Constitution, 2011. These prepared us for our discussion on Governance.

After some discussion, the group recommended that we follow The Manual 2019 as our primary Governance document. This manual includes Policy Handbooks, for example, Ministry and Personnel Committees: Policy, Procedures, Practices

Our next step in this process is to establish the "Terms of Reference" which are the local, specific policies and procedures that we follow at Knox. This document will replace our current Constitution and draw on that Constitution.

Then we took our current Team Descriptions and with our teams, began revisions based on the 2011 Knox Constitution and The Manual 2019. These will be presented at the February Council meeting to understand the purpose, structure, and boundaries of all teams so that we can work together better.

And oh yes, there are two more workshops, one in February (Mission-based goal setting) and one in March (Leadership).

Submitted by Marg Conn, Communications Team Lead

## UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

**CALLED TO BE THE CHURCH 2021** - Good things happen when a church focuses time, energy, and money on others—it stimulates generosity and creative thinking that will enliven YOUR congregation. Called to Be the Church is a congregational giving program that offers resources and tools to encourage generosity and gratitude in your community of faith. It's coming soon to United Church communities of faith! Watch for it and launch your giving programs for 2021!

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**GUARANTEED LIVABLE INCOME NETWORK** - As the movement for a [Guaranteed Livable Income](#) continues to grow among the people of The United Church of Canada, the Guaranteed Livable Income network is seeking individuals to come forward to help grow the effort further as we plan actions in 2021! The network's co-chairs are Lois Wilson and Barry Morris. Please contact Lori Neale at [justice@united-church.ca](mailto:justice@united-church.ca) for more details, and to join the network.

**WEBINAR SERIES: Faith on the Move: An Online Journey Through Lent** Are you aching for a community of friends to walk through Lent with this year? Yearning for a few wise souls to share the risky, surprise-filled adventure and explore the places that will challenge you and stretch you to your limit? This year's [Lenten book](#) is full of reflections on hope and change to help us cherish the complex stories of the Bible. It's good to read by itself; it's even more exciting to read together with others. [Find out more!](#)

**UNITED CHURCH BOOKSTORE: Faith on the Move** - Lent is almost upon us; instead of giving something up, why not think about what you'd like to learn from your journey this year?

The 2021 United Church Lenten devotional features daily reflections by diverse contributors and invites us to reflect on and embody God's welcome and love for people who are on the move for a variety of reasons. [Pick up your copy](#) today!

### INSPIRING STORIES OF MISSION & SERVICE for the New Year

Not long ago, we shared [a story](#) about why the format for Minutes for Mission is changing in 2021. In a nutshell, we want to tell relevant, timely stories about the difference that your gifts are making, especially amid the crisis. So, the new Minutes For Mission booklet called [Your Generosity Matters](#) features eight people whose lives are changed through Mission & Service. These stories are accompanied by [videos](#), as well as slides and devotions. And each week, all year long, we are sharing [current news stories](#) that will keep you informed about how your generosity helps change lives right now.

Don't miss a single story! Subscribe to the [philanthropy newsletter](#), God's Mission – Our Gifts, and receive all of the news stories straight to your inbox a month in advance of when they are scheduled to be shared in congregational worship. Thank you for helping transform lives through Mission & Service!

## OUR KNOX COMMUNITY

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**feb. 20, 2021**  
it's cold out there

walk with us! #cnoy21  
The Coldest Night of the Year is a covid-safe, family-friendly walk to raise money for charities serving people experiencing homelessness, hurt, and hunger. Walk virtually or in-person - there's a place for everyone!

coldest night OF THE YEAR

walk / donate / volunteer / share / cnoy.org

### COVID Won't Stop Us! CNOY is Going Virtual

What is **Walking Virtually**? Option to walk any time in February, along your own route (or one of our suggested routes) but still signing up to fundraise and create awareness about the importance of Coldest Night.

Need help Registering?  
Contact Sara - 778-842-0263 ext 107  
Tuesdays between 1-3pm.



## KNOX CALENDAR January 24 – January 31, 2021

<b>Sunday, Jan 24</b> Zoom Worship Service	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Zoom
<b>Monday, Jan 25</b> Tai Chi Staff Meeting	<b>Burns Night</b> 9:15 am – 11:45 am 11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Sanctuary Lounge/Zoom
<b>Tuesday, Jan 26</b> Tai Chi Gathering Place	9:15 am – 11:45 am 10:00 am – 11:00 am	Sanctuary Zoom
<b>Wednesday, Jan 27</b> Bible Study	10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Zoom
<b>Thursday, Jan 28</b> Tai Chi Worship & Arts Meeting	9:15 am – 11:45 am 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Sanctuary Zoom
<b>Friday, Jan 29</b>		
<b>Saturday, Jan 30</b>		
<b>Sunday, 31</b> Zoom Worship Service	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Zoom

[For the monthly calendar click here](#)