

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

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**January 31, 2021 edition**

### **WORSHIP AND ARTS MINISTRY**

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

**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>

“**SECOND CHANCES**” – If Sunday morning Zoom isn't convenient for you, you can still watch the service through the Knox website by visiting [www.kucparksville.ca](http://www.kucparksville.ca) and clicking on the “worship” tab or you can [click here](#) The service is usually uploaded by Monday morning.

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

**DRIVE-THROUGH EVENT Mon. Feb. 8 10 to 2 pm at Knox.** -The social justice and outreach team has been approached by OHEARTS (Oceanside Homelessness Ecumenical Advocacy Response Team Society) for assistance from the Knox congregation in highlighting the ongoing crisis that exists within the homeless community in Oceanside. In March 2020, the RDN called on partners at various levels of government and community to replace the shelter option at St. Anne's church that had valiantly tried to meet the need last fall and winter. The shelter at St Anne's closed as it was not possible in that setting to meet public health requirements related to the COVID-19 pandemic such as social distancing, basic hygiene, and ability to isolate. Almost a year later, few safe shelter options exist for this very vulnerable population. OHEART is asking that our congregation sign and submit a letter to remind those with the ability to activate change that the need is more urgent than a year ago. The Social Justice and Outreach Team will be hosting a drive-through event to make a letter available for signatures on February 8 between 10-12 at Knox. At the same time, we will be collecting food bank donations. Hope to see you there.

Submitted by Nona Klontz on behalf of SJ&O team

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

**COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR** - This is your very own self-organized micro-walk!  
**Virtual CNOY DAY!** Pick up your WALK PACKAGE before walking on Tue Feb 16, 12-3 pm or Wed Feb 17, 10-12 pm. Pick up location ORCA PLACE – PARKING LOT, 222 Corfield Street South under the BIG WHITE TENT. See Coldest Night of the Year online for more information.



**HOW WE CAN HELP THE PALESTINIANS** - The United Church of Canada supports the millions of Palestinians who are currently under Israeli occupation and are excluded from Israel's COVID vaccination plan. Please consider emailing your Member of Parliament, Gord Johns at [Gord.Johns@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Gord.Johns@parl.gc.ca) to express your concerns regarding the plight of the Palestinians.

#### **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. **PLEASE CHECK THE KNOX PHOTO DIRECTORY FOR CONTACT INFORMATION**

**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 for help. **PLEASE CHECK THE KNOX PHOTO DIRECTORY FOR CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Meeting ID: 820 6760 6176**

**Passcode: 522446** Link:

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

## STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE MINISTRY

**KNOX ENVELOPE STEWARD** - To donate to Knox United Church or to go onto PAR, (Pre-Authorized Remittance) please contact Mary Allison B. **PLEASE CHECK THE KNOX PHOTO DIRECTORY FOR CONTACT INFORMATION** For more information, including a brochure and the PAR forms, [click here](#)

## 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 at 250.248.3119 and he will be willing to provide you with a modified distance prayerful healing session.

## 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 - Submissions Deadline** noon Wednesdays, **Font:** Arial **Size:** 11, **Length of submission:** 100 words maximum

**REDUCED HOURS IN EFFECT** Due to lack of financial resources, our support staff's hours have been reduced. The church will be open on Monday mornings from 9:30-11:00, otherwise, the staff will continue to be available from home and church through **email, phone calls** and

## FROM THE CHURCH OFFICES

**pre-scheduled appointments.** We ask for your patience and understanding when waiting for a response. We all look forward to the time when we can resume the usual office hours. Our minister will continue to be available Monday through Thursday from 9:00-4:00 and for pastoral emergencies beyond these 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)
- 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!

**FROM THE OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR** - I would like to offer my sincere thanks to Kathleen Howard who has provided faithful and excellent support to me in her capacity as my relief administrator and to Brigitte before me. As a new hire and someone new to the employment world of churches, Kathleen also provided me with much-needed training and guidance. Like everyone at Knox, I appreciate Kathleen's kind and gentle ways and her sweetness of spirit. I always knew that the office was in capable hands during my absence and that anything that I needed to know would be efficiently communicated to me upon my return. Kathleen has been a joy to work with and I will miss working with her, but I am happy to know that she will still be an integral part of Knox's Healing Pathways Team. Thank you, Kathleen!

## COMMUNICATIONS

We would like to extend a BIG THANK YOU to Cathy McNeil who has supported Communications and Knox with her time, expertise, and knowledge on the Photo Directory and her management of the Broadview subscriptions. Along with all the other Ministry Teams, we have been attending the Council workshops and doing our homework, a lot of reading and rewriting our Team Description. We completed our Annual Report 2019-2020. We are learning how to manage the LED sign which is a bit of a technical challenge and fun creating the messages.



### HELP WANTED:

1. **Broadview Subscription Manager:** to collect subscription requests and send them into the magazine.
2. **Facebook:** We have a public page named Knox United Church-Parksville, BC [www.facebook.com/knoxparksville](http://www.facebook.com/knoxparksville) and a private group named Friends of Knox United, Parksville, [www.facebook.com/groups/KnoxParksville](http://www.facebook.com/groups/KnoxParksville). Can you be an Administrator, a friendly host chatting in the group, a poster posting inspirational posts or prayers, about Knox? Pick one or more! Suggestions always welcome.
3. **Other social media???** Would you like to start an Instagram page or any other type of online site/group etc. for Knox?
4. **Blogger?** Would you like to start a Knox blog???
5. **Photo Bank:** Would you like to maintain a photo bank for Knox?

Marg Conn, Communications Team Lead

## MINISTRY & PERSONNEL MINISTRY

**STAFFING CHANGES** A big shout out to Kathleen Howard our former relief administrator! Kathleen has decided to devote her time to our Healing Pathways Ministry Team as well as other volunteer work. We certainly appreciate all the help backing up our office staff over the past few years. Thanks, Kathleen!

## 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/tZApdumpjqrGNVkgCETK7DiDhc1oLthGnDI/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGsqjoqG9yWsRuGRpwlBoj4c-vxiHZcjY1rlzjGJhR4NSf\\_EupBY71TBPD3](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZApdumpjqrGNVkgCETK7DiDhc1oLthGnDI/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGsqjoqG9yWsRuGRpwlBoj4c-vxiHZcjY1rlzjGJhR4NSf_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. **PLEASE CHECK THE KNOX PHOTO DIRECTORY FOR CONTACT INFORMATION**

## COUNCIL NEWS

### Knox United Church Zoom Council Meeting Jan. 19, 2021, 7:00 PM

On behalf of Council and the congregation, Don expressed gratitude for the past work of the retiring Council members, Gillian Stewart, and Diane Jones. He welcomed the new members Jan Lucas as Team Lead for Social Justice & Outreach and Mary Denholm as Secretary for Council.

**Caring, Sharing & Daring;** A highlight of this sharing was Andrew's expression of joy in hearing the voices and laughter of children in the halls and play area.

**Discussion: PLEASE NOTE:** Our Treasurer, Brenda Astle noted that when anyone asks for reimbursement, they need to fill out the relevant form and attach a receipt. They should also communicate directly with her, in person, by phone or by email. Forms are available in the Office.

Follow up on January 14 workshop: A template will be provided for the revision of Team Descriptions. Attendees appreciated the opportunity to work together in break out rooms on Zoom.

**Decision:** The next Council workshops will be on February 18 and March 18, both 1-4 p.m. All members were asked to contribute to the Annual Report, 2019-2020 with a deadline of January 31. The next Council meeting will be on February 16.

Submitted by Marg Conn, Communications Team Lead

**OUR KNOX COMMUNITY**

**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!

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 31 – February 7, 2021**

<b>Sunday, Jan 31</b>		
Zoom Worship Service	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Zoom
<b>Monday, Feb 1</b>		
Staff Meeting	<b>Burns Night</b> 11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Lounge/Zoom
<b>Tuesday, Feb 2</b>		
Tai Chi	9:15 am – 11:45 am	Sanctuary
Gathering Place	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Zoom
<b>Wednesday, Feb 3</b>		
Bible Study	10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Zoom
<b>Thursday, Feb 4</b>		
Tai Chi	9:15 am – 11:45 am	Sanctuary
Worship & Arts Meeting	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Zoom
<b>Friday, Feb 5</b>		
<b>Saturday, Feb 6</b>		
<b>Sunday, Feb 7</b>		
Zoom Worship Service	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Zoom

**[For the monthly calendar click here](#)**