

KNOX eNews: LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH

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February 21, 2021 edition

WORSHIP AND ARTS MINISTRY

WORSHIP SERVICE - Feb 21

A Lenten Journey from Brokenness to Healing -

Treasure: Physical Health

Matthew 11:28-30.

LIVE ZOOM WORSHIP INFO Meeting ID: 812 7823 4982,

Passcode: 261349 Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81278234982?pwd=WG1NVTJyMngx3ppKzgyV0hBeTJ3QT09>

RECORDING – If Sunday morning Zoom isn't convenient for you, you can still watch a recording of the service through the Knox website by visiting www.kucparksville.ca and clicking on the "worship" tab or you can [click here](#). The service is usually uploaded by Monday morning. The recording will also be sent by email on Mondays.

SOCIAL JUSTICE & OUTREACH MINISTRY

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 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 W., Jan L. or Alison S.* 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 W.* for help.

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Meeting ID: 820 6760 6176

Passcode: 522446

Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82067606176?pwd=SEtRUUZxZDgyYmVXYU5zMUK3VUE4Zz09>

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE MINISTRY

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS - The Income Tax Receipts for donations to Knox are in the mail. Please watch for them and if you do not receive yours please let *Mary Allison B.* know.

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 knitters or crocheters out there. We are still in need of prayer shawls to restock our cupboard. In this time of Covid-19 relaxing & working on a shawl is restful & helpful.

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 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 OFFICES

ADMINISTRATOR AWAY – *Jane* will be out of the office from **Feb 12 to March 17 inclusive**. No one will be monitoring her emails and voicemails during this time so please do not send her either.

Colleen Welsh will be looking after the eNews and *Karen Freeman* will be covering for Jane should there be any other issues. Thank you, ladies!

KNOX eNews – From **Feb 12 to March 10** please forward eNews submissions to **Colleen Welsh** at marketingkuc@gmail.com
Submissions Deadline noon Wednesdays

Font: Arial **Size:** 11

Length of submission: 100 words maximum

Subject: Include words eNews and name of the applicable ministry

PASTORAL CARE - *Jennifer* will continue to be available Monday through Thursday from 9-4 and for pastoral emergencies beyond those hours. If there is a death, please contact Jennifer directly at **250.927.6061**.

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.)

If you have questions concerning your **PAR**, or contributions to Knox, please contact **Mary Allison B.** (PLEASE CHECK THE KNOX PHOTO DIRECTORY FOR CONTACT INFORMATION)

If your question is **finance-related**, please contact our **Treasurer, Brenda A.** at acctg@kucparksville.ca

REDUCED HOURS IN EFFECT. For many reasons we have had to reduce staff hours and therefore, 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 **pre-scheduled appointments**. We ask for your patience and understanding when waiting for a response. We all look forward to the time when Knox can reopen.

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

COVID-19 Immunization Plan

The following contains excerpts from the BC Government website. For full information follow this link:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/vaccines#register>

PLEASE NOTE THIS INFORMATION IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE KNOX WEBSITE – HERE'S THE LINK: <https://www.kucparksville.ca/resources/pages/covid-19-resources-information>

IT IS IMPORTANT TO TAKE NOTE OF THE NEED TO REGISTER FOR YOUR SHOTS. See below.

B.C.'s COVID-19 Immunization Plan happens in four phases. Certain populations receive prioritization for early COVID-19 vaccinations.

Eligibility for all phases is based on the age you are turning in **2021**.

Starting in mid-to-late February, Health Authorities will be reaching out to seniors aged 80 years and older, ...to provide information on how to pre-register for immunization appointments. We will be providing an update on this process in the coming weeks.

Step 1: Pre-registration

Pre-registration helps us book appointment reservations quickly and easily. When you pre-register, you select your preferred method of communication. This is how we will contact you to reserve a vaccine appointment.

You can pre-register two to four weeks before you are eligible to reserve a vaccine appointment. Eligibility is based on your phase and age, working backwards in five-year increments.

Pre-registration opens March 2021. There will be two options to pre-register: **Online or By Phone**

Submitted by Marg Conn w/thanks to Don Kelly for the alert



Are you a crocus or a rose? Effective communication can be difficult, messy and require courage. God bless our members of Council who persevere during these difficult times when we can't meet face to face. This poem is taken from the book *Bless This Mess and Other Prayers* by Jo Carr. Thanks to Ken F. for sharing it.

Crocuses

It takes courage to be crocus-minded.
Lord, I'd rather wait until June, like the wise roses,
When the hazards of winter are safely behind
And I'm expected,
And everything's ready for roses.
But crocuses? Highly irregular.
Knifing up through hard-frozen ground and snow,
Sticking their necks out
Because they believe in spring
And have something personal and emphatic to say about it.
Lord, I am by nature rose-minded.

Even when I have studied the
Situation, and know there
Are wrongs that need righting,
Affirmations that need stating,
And know that my speaking out may offend,
For it rocks the boat -
Well, I'd rather wait until June.
Maybe later things will work themselves out,
And we won't have to make an issue of it.

Lord, forgive.
Wrongs don't work themselves out.
Injustices and inequalities and hurts don't just dissolve.
Somebody has to stick their neck out.
Somebody who cares enough
To think through and work through
Hard ground,
Because they believe
And they have something personal
And emphatic to say about it.

Me, Lord?
Crocus-minded?
Could it be that there are things that need to be said,
and you want me to say them?

I pray for courage. Amen

Author Unknown

SPIRITUAL FORMATION MINISTRY

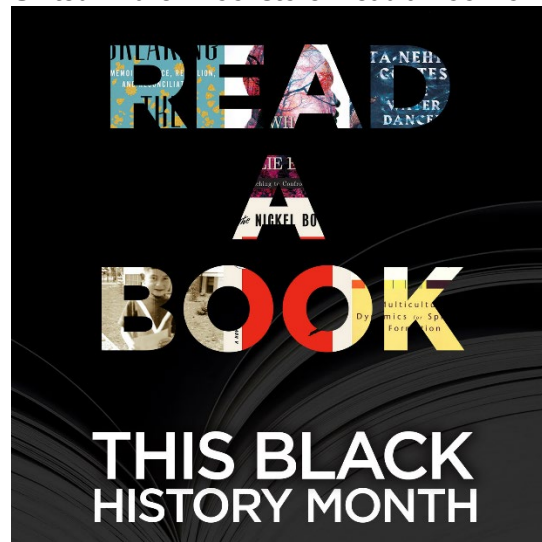
BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM – Wednesdays 10:30-12. Meeting ID: 844 1018 3121, Passcode: 957519 Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84410183121?pwd=957519>

COUNCIL NEWS

Stay tuned for future updates.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

United Church Bookstore: Read a Book for Black History Month



Read a book for Black History Month! Take a look at [our collection](#) of history, fiction, resources, and other works highlighting the experience and legacy of Black people and other diverse communities.

OUR KNOX COMMUNITY

Forward House Community Society Changing Lives on a Daily Basis

We know that people who are living with addiction and recovery challenges are living and working in our community. We provide compassionate, non-judgmental, and non-clinical social supports for community members in all phases of the recovery journey.
(from the initial steps to maintaining complete abstinence).

Let's take this journey together!

If you or someone you know would benefit from 1:1 recovery coaching and group support, with a skilled recovery coach, contact Sareh at 250-927-6303 or at recovery1@forwardhouse.com.

"Having someone who you can count on to always be honest and compassionate has been an enormous support on my recovery journey." – *client*.

Join our NEW Recovery Support Group

**Tuesdays 6:00-7:30 pm
At the Bayside Oceanfront Resort**

KNOX CALENDAR February 21 – February 28, 2021

Sunday, Feb 21 Zoom Worship Service	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Zoom
Monday, Feb 22	11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Zoom/Lounge
Tuesday, Feb 23 Tai Chi Gathering Place	9:15 am – 11:45 am 10:00 am – 11:00 am	Sanctuary Zoom
Wednesday, Feb 24 Bible Study Pre Marriage	10:30 am – 12:00 pm 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Zoom Zoom
Thursday, Feb 25 Tai Chi	9:15 am – 11:45 am	Sanctuary
Friday, Feb 26		
Saturday, Feb 27		
Sunday, Feb 28 Zoom Worship Service	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Zoom

[For the monthly calendar click here](#)