

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

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**February 28, 2021 edition**

### **WORSHIP AND ARTS MINISTRY**

#### **WORSHIP SERVICE THEMES – LENTEN JOURNEY FROM BROKENNESS TO HEALING**

#### **SafeKeeping: Community and Economic Health**

**LIVE ZOOM WORSHIP INFO Meeting ID: 812 7823 4982,**

**Passcode: 261349 Link:**

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

#### **SPECIAL INVITATION**



"We welcome you to Zoom Shabbat being held Fri, Feb. 26 at 7:00pm, with blowing of the Shofar, music, and reading Psalm 133.

Our guest speakers are Pastors Sergii and Tatania Kachanov of the Salvation Army serving in Williams Lake working frontline with native, homeless, providing meals and supports. They will share on Parasha (Torah portion), Q/A and concluding with prayer. Call *Dr. Fred and Carol Dowe*, 250-752-2104 and email: [caroldowe@gmail.com](mailto:caroldowe@gmail.com) to receive the Zoom link."

### **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](mailto:Gord.Johns@parl.gc.ca) to express your concerns regarding the plight of the Palestinians.

**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](#)

#### **COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR**

Thank you to all those who walked or contributed to *Coldest Night of the Year*.

In Canada **\$9,339,000** was raised which was way more than the goal of **\$8,000,000**. This was unexpected because of Covid.

In Oceanside we have raised **\$40,250** which was also more than the goal of **\$40,000** and may still go up.

*Sallie Dabb*

### **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.

**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**

**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). For more information, including a brochure and PAR form, [click here](#)

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](mailto:acctg@kucparksville.ca)

## HEALING AND PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

**KNOX PRAYER CHAIN** – If you are a person who believes in the power of prayer, then this may be an opportunity for you to participate in this vital ministry! It takes a commitment to pray for healing, courage, comfort, or the well being of those on the Prayer List which you would receive early each month. Those who are on the prayer list are assured of confidentiality. Please contact me, *June Mcl.* (Coordinator of the Prayer Chain/Team) for further information. **PLEASE CHECK THE KNOX PHOTO DIRECTORY FOR CONTACT INFORMATION.**

Thank you for considering this invitation!

**HEALING** - The Healing ministry is **not** taking appointments until further notice. This **MINISTRY** - 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 McIntyre* at 250 248.3119 and he will be willing to provide you with a modified distance prayerful healing session.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES** – Congratulations and many happy returns to Marj Wilkie on her **90<sup>th</sup> Birthday!**

## MINISTRY & PERSONNEL MINISTRY

**Rev. Jennifer Ferguson: Monday - Thursday, 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

**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](mailto: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](mailto:minister@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](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 meeting. Stay safe!



## COMMUNICATIONS

### HELP WANTED:

1. **Broadview Subscription Manager:** to collect subscription requests and send them in to 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 posts that are inspirational, 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? Contact Marg Conn [communicate@kucparksville.ca](mailto:communicate@kucparksville.ca)

## 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/tZApdumpjgrGNVkgCETK7DiDhc1oLthGnDI/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGsqjoqG9yWsRuGRpwlBoj4c-vxiHZcjY1rlziGJhR4NSf EupBY71TBPD3](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZApdumpjgrGNVkgCETK7DiDhc1oLthGnDI/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGsqjoqG9yWsRuGRpwlBoj4c-vxiHZcjY1rlziGJhR4NSf EupBY71TBPD3)

## COUNCIL NEWS

### KNOX COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS:

Last week Council held their regular meeting with all nine Ministry team leads and executive. Team leads, executive and team members attended the 2nd Council workshop, on mission-based goal setting to establish goals. The workshop was facilitated by Jennifer Ferguson and Gail Miller. Jennifer led us in opening and centering prayers. Gail, our Regional Minister, led a learning session. Gail commented that visionary leaders vision, hope and plan and that all goals link back to our mission statement. Our mission statement is *“Guided by the creative Spirit of God, we strive to build community that cares, shares and dares.”*

Then we broke into Ministry team sessions and went to work on writing goals using the template provided. Our homework was to have three mission-based goals submitted to Council by **February 28.**

Some points that Gail made about mission goal statements is that they:

- express the priorities of the community of faith
- are missional objectives
- are outcome statements
- convey how the community of faith is channeling its energy in accordance with overall strategy/mission
- sharpen focus and energy and align the community of faith
- provide purpose/direction/alignment.

Our next workshop on Leadership, the last in the series, will be held via Zoom in **March 18.**

If you were to write a goal for Knox, using the points above, what would you write?

Submitted by *Marg Conn*, Communications Team Lead

## OUR KNOX COMMUNITY

### A STRANGE TIME

A year on, separate,  
our normal lives constrained,  
awaiting the “jab” that can  
protect us, allow open smiles,  
hugs, shared meals, and conversation  
in each other’s homes.

The hope of returning to this  
sustains me. It is something  
that I pray I will never take for granted;  
the close presence of friends, deepened sharing.  
Technology has allowed contact but like a shadow,  
not nuanced presence; the spark of spirit  
between us, the rippled energy resting into  
Grace.

An original poem by *Jan du Monde*

## DRIVE THRU BABY SHOWER

The ladies of the *Catholic Women's League* of the **Church of the Ascension** have hosted a baby shower annually for all the churches in *Oceanside*, in support of the *Crisis Pregnancy Centre of Nanaimo Society*.

The *Society* is a faith-based organization that provides assistance to pregnant women in distress regardless of race, religion or creed. They serve clients between Campbell River to the north and Ladysmith to the south of the Island. This year, the need is still great, so we've decided to help them out in a rather unusual way.

We're having a **"Drive Thru Baby Shower"** instead! This is an open invitation to all the members of your congregation to drop by the parking lot at *Church of the Ascension*, to deliver baby items or cash donations to the van or vehicle parked close to Wembley Road. The area and the vehicle will be identified by white sandwich board signs with red lettering reading *"Drive Thru Baby Shower."*

We ask that you bring an unwrapped baby gift – ages birth to 3 years. - as your donation. Cash donations are also gratefully accepted as this enables them to purchase needed items. Please make your cheque payable to *The Crisis Pregnancy Centre of Nanaimo Society*. Every little bit helps, but most needed at this time is clothing for boys from six months to three years of age, and diapers in sizes 4, 5 or 6.



**LOCATION:** Church of the Ascension, 887 Wembley Road

**DATES:** Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup> & Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup>

**TIMES:** from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm – both Saturdays

**Please note: We are unable to accept donations at any other time or location. (Not parish office please!!)**

Should you have any questions, please call:

*Carmen Tellier* at (250) 586-5741 or *Viola Cyr* at (250) 468-5529

**PLEASE WEAR MASKS & PRACTICE PHYSICAL DISTANCING WHEN DROPPING OFF YOUR ITEM.**

## KNOX CALENDAR February 28 – March 7, 2021

### Sunday, Feb 28

Worship Service 10:00 am – 11:00 am Zoom

### Monday, Mar 1

M & P Meeting 9:30 am – 11:00 am Lounge

Staff Meeting 11:00 am – noon Zoom/Lounge

### Tuesday, Mar 2

Tai-Chi 9:15am – 11:45 am Sanctuary

The Gathering Place 10:00 am – 11:00 am Zoom

Pastoral Team Meeting 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm Zoom

### Wednesday, Mar 3

Bible Study 10:30 am – 12:00 pm Zoom

### Thursday, Mar 4

Tai Chi 9:15 am – 11:45 am Sanctuary

### Friday, Mar 5

### Saturday, Mar 6

### Sunday, Mar 7

Worship Service 10:00 am – 11:00 am Zoom

[For the monthly calendar click here](#)