

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

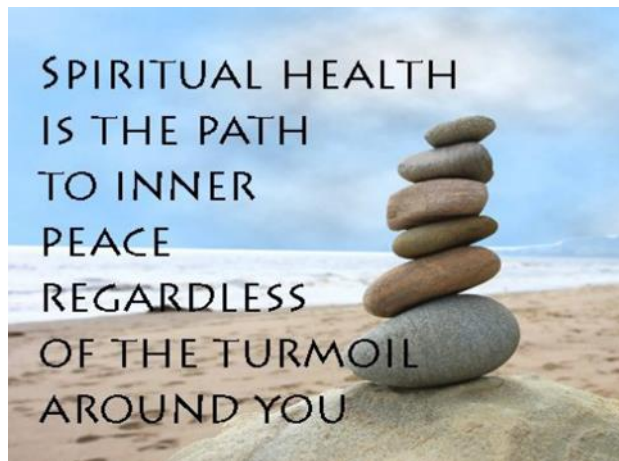
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**March 14, 2021 edition**

### **WORSHIP AND ARTS MINISTRY**

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

##### **DIFFERENT PICTURES: SPIRITUAL HEALTH**



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

**Passcode: 261349 Link:**

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

### **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](#)

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

### **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.

## 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, [www.kucparksville.ca/about/our-leadership--13](http://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 17** 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

**Broadview**  
SPIRITUALITY, JUSTICE AND ETHICAL LIVING

**Broadview Magazine:**  
We organize a group subscription which gives our members a lower subscription rate to this magazine. This

month Cathy McN. will be contacting you for your renewals/orders. We extend a **BIG THANK YOU** to Cathy for continuing this work for Knox.

Our United Church Region has opened a new Communication Hub, the **PMRC Forum** <https://forums.pacificmountain.ca/>  
This is an opportunity for you to connect with others in our Region. You can reply to posts, start your own topic, or start your own section to communicate with others in our region. For example, there is a thread "What do you Meme, share your own memes. Communications is making memes for our Knox Facebook page with quotes from Jennifer during the Sunday Worship Service. We shared one on this forum. Check it out..

The Victoria Times Colonist has an **interfaith blog** *Spiritually Speaking*. Rev, Julianne Kasmer, a former member of Knox, is a regular contributor. Her work is down to earth and inspiring. Her most recent contribution is *We Can Find the Time to Pray in a Busy, Demanding World* [We Can Find The Time to Pray](#)

#### OUR KNOX FAMILY

Have you noticed that sometimes we have a section "Our Knox Family" in the **Knox eNews**? What could we put in this space that would help us to connect and support each other? Classifieds, inspiration, birthdays, appreciation? And of course, it depends on your participation! Your ideas and submissions welcome.

#### IT'S ALL ABOUT COMMUNICATION!



#### 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>  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84410183121?pwd=957519>

Bible study next Wednesday will cover the following scripture:  
**Mathew: Chapter 8 verses 18-27**

#### COUNCIL NEWS

**COUNCIL NEWS:** In January Council worked on Team Description based on "The Manual" or the manual of the United Church of Canada. It has recently been updated and is available at [https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/the-manual-2019\\_0.pdf](https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/the-manual-2019_0.pdf)

Submitted by *Marg C.*, **Communications Team Lead**

#### OUR KNOX COMMUNITY

#### IMPORTANT VACCINATION INFORMATION FOR SENIORS

Booking appointments will soon start. Here is the schedule based on age:  
Starting the week of **March 8th seniors 90+ (born 1931 or earlier) and Indigenous people** in BC can phone and book an appointment for their *Covid-19* vaccination.

Starting the week of **March 15th those 85+ (born 1936 or earlier);**  
Starting the week of **March 22nd those 80+ (born 1941 or earlier).**

For more information, here is the

link: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/seniors>

You or a family member can phone **1-833-348-4787** to make the appointment.  
**YOU WILL FIND ALL THIS INFORMATION ON OUR KNOX WEBSITE**



#### BIRTHDAY WISHES:

To *Leona McK.* on March 13<sup>th</sup> and *Betty H.* on March 14<sup>th</sup> from all your friends at Knox United.

#### PARKSVILLE SHORES TAI CHI

**New Beginner Class** -starts **Monday, April 12 9:30-11:30**, classes are held every *Monday 9:30-11:30 am* at *Knox United Church*. Fee is **\$20 /month** or **\$50 for 3 months**. You must register before **April 12** and class space is limited to **25** participants. Masks must be worn at all times while inside *Knox United Church*. *Covid-19* safety protocols are strictly adhered to – to register go to: [Parksville Shores Tai Chi](#)

**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 20th & Saturday March 27th  
**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.**



*Happy St. Patrick's Day*

## KNOX CALENDAR March 14 – March 21, 2021

<b>Sunday, Mar 14</b> Worship Service	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Zoom
<b>Monday, Mar 15</b> Staff Meeting	11:00 am – noon	Zoom/Lounge
<b>Tuesday, Mar 16</b> Tai Chi	9:15 am – 11:45 am	Sanctuary
Gathering Place	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Zoom
Council Meeting	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Zoom
<b>Wednesday, Mar 17</b>		
Bible Study	10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Zoom
<b>Thursday, Mar 18</b> Tai Chi	9:15 am – 11:45 am	Sanctuary
Council Workshop	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Zoom
<b>Friday, Mar 19</b>		
<b>Saturday, Mar 20</b>		
<b>Sunday, Mar 21</b> Worship Service	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Zoom

[For the monthly calendar click here](#)