

KNOX eNews: LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH

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WORSHIP AND ARTS MINISTRY

LENTEN JOURNEY FROM BROKENNESS TO RECOVERY RESTORATION: ENVIRONMENTAL 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

RECYCLING

"Hi everyone. For those of you who bring household glass to the church for collection and transfer to *Nanaimo*, please make sure the items are washed and as clean as possible. Also, *Sallie Dabb* is happy to take soft plastics and styrofoam whenever there is enough to make the trip worthwhile. Thanks for helping to **GO GREEN**".

Don Emerson

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](#)

MISSION AND SERVICE GIVINGS:

2019 - \$34,999.00 2020 - \$25,959.64

Goal for 2021 - \$30,000 (approved by Council)

Submitted by: Margaret W.

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 Bl.* **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

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 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 - 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
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, www.kucparksville.ca/about/our-leadership--13

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICES

KNOX eNews – Jane is back and you can, once again, forward all submissions to her at admin@kucparksville.ca

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.

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 meeting. Stay safe!



COMMUNICATIONS

HELP WANTED:

Facebook: We have a **public page** named Knox United Church - Parksville, BC www.facebook.com/knoxparksville and a **private group** named Friends of Knox United, Parksville, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/KnoxParksville> Marg has been managing both of these for some time and needs help and fresh ideas. **Can you help?** You can take on as much or as little as you like. You 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! Everyone can help by visiting, giving likes, commenting, and sharing the good news from *Knox*! Suggestions always welcome.

Here is a quote from one of our favourite sources, *Bob Holmes*:
"Church is not something we go to; it's how we live together. It's how we live heaven on earth."

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.

Submitted by *Marg C., Communications Team Lead*



SPIRITUAL FORMATION MINISTRY

BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM – Wednesdays 10:30-12.

Meeting ID: 844 1018 3121, Passcode: 957519 Meeting Link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?z=ZApdumpjgrGNVKGCEtk7DiDhc1oLTHGnDI/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGsqjoqG9yWsrRuGRpwlBoj4c-vxiHZcjY1rlziGJhR4NSf_EupBY71TBPd3

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

Submitted by *Marg C., Communications Team Lead*

OUR KNOX COMMUNITY

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

Just a reminder about the community **Drive Thru Baby Shower**. 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."

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!!)

IMPORTANT VACCINATION INFORMATION FOR SENIORS

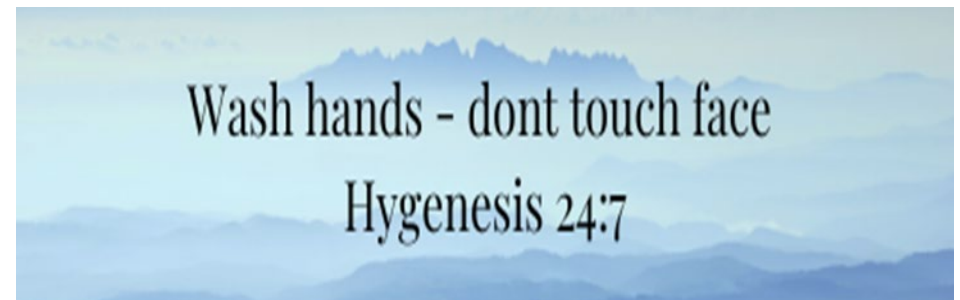
VIHA is working quickly to book appointments and have accelerated the call-in schedule. If you were born in 1938 or earlier (83+) you can call now.

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



NEWS FROM THE REGION

EMAIL SCAMS – a message from

Treena Duncan
Executive Minister



If you get an email that looks like it has come from someone you know and trust, but suspect it is spam, please follow these steps:

- don't click on any links in the email
- don't open any attachments attached to the email
- don't use the Reply feature to respond to the email

If you feel and think that the email may be a legitimate message you can:

- hover your cursor over the From name to reveal the email address that the sender has used. If the details are different from the minister or church staff person's usual email address, it is not legitimate and follow the three steps above
- call the minister or staff person who is supposedly sending the email, or
- compose a NEW email (not Reply to) to the staff person or leader, using their trusted email address, to gain clarity and information about the email you received.

Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre hosted a live session for **March 2021**, that you can watch on Facebook: <https://fb.watch/4frG-Y7Kt8/>

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION



March 21 is the [International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination](#). This day provides another excellent opportunity to further focus and continue to commit to dismantling racism in worship and community life.

This day could be an opportunity to share more about the *United Church's* [commitment to becoming an anti-racist denomination](#), and then to consider making a similar commitment in your

community of faith. *The United Church* worship resources focused on [anti-racism](#) and the [International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination](#) can also be used throughout the year.

KNOX CALENDAR March 14 – March 21, 2021

Sunday, Mar 21		
Worship Service	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Zoom
Monday, Mar 22		
SJ&O Meeting	9:30 am – 11:30 am	Lounge
Staff Meeting	11:00 am – noon	Zoom/Lounge
Tuesday, Mar 23		
Tai Chi	9:15 am – 11:45 am	Sanctuary
Gathering Place	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Zoom
Wednesday, Mar 24		
Bible Study	10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Zoom
M&P Meeting	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Lounge
FFFF Meeting	1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Zoom
Thursday, Mar 25		
Tai Chi	9:15 am – 11:45 am	Sanctuary
Worship & Arts	1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Zoom
Friday, Mar 26		
Saturday, Mar 27		
Sunday, Mar 28		
Worship Service	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Zoom

[For the monthly calendar click here](#)