

KNOX eNews: LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH

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WORSHIP AND ARTS MINISTRY

UPCOMING EASTER SERVICES AT KNOX

Good Friday, April 2nd Service at **7 pm** via Zoom

Easter Sunday, April 4th at **10 am** via Zoom

While we had hoped to have a wonderful musical celebration on Sunday morning with trumpet and 6 singers from the Knox choir, the new guidelines do not make that possible.

To keep everyone safe, our singers and trumpet will not be able to participate at this time, however, we are blessed to have our guest musician Patricia Plumley enthusiastically agree to record the music from the sanctuary with its wonderful acoustics. Musical recordings will be downloaded into the service so you will be able to sing along to the hymns or listen and enjoy the Hallelujah Chorus on piano as our postlude.

We thank you for your continued participation and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Zoom for both the Good Friday service at 7:00 pm this Friday and Sunday morning at 10:00 for our Easter celebration. Thank you to everyone for sending in your Inukshuks so far...they look amazing!

May we all enjoy a safe and blessed Easter and be surprised by joy despite these continued Lenten times.

LIVE ZOOM WORSHIP INFO Meeting ID: 812 7823 4982, Passcode: 261349 Link:

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE & OUTREACH MINISTRY

REDress AWARENESS CAMPAIGN PROJECT focuses on the issue of missing or murdered Indigenous women across Canada. Knox's Social Justice & Outreach team attached a red dress in front of the church last Thursday in support of this project. On Friday morning, a young Indigenous woman in need was struggling to get this dress down when Sandy and Karen arrived. They listened, helped her, ushered her to the washroom and soon she emerged smiling, freshened up and dressed in the clean Red Dress instead of her unwashed clothes.

Jennifer arrived, heard her story, comforted her, helped her with food cards etc. and she went on her way, happy! This is our church in action!

GREEN TEAM - The Knox United Green Team invites you to join us in a **Faith-in-Action** campaign organized by For the Love of Creation a Canadian ecumenical organization. The campaign's goal is to "*mobilize people across Canada to reduce household greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and demonstrate support for increased federal climate action*". Online resources include a pledge card and letters to federal government ministries.

For information go to the Knox website [Green Team Faith in Action](#) or [For the Love of Creation Advocacy](#)

Together let us renew our commitment to our well-being and the health of our beautiful planet.

GUARANTEED LIVABLE INCOME VIGIL DAY - Light a candle on April 8 to support the guaranteed livable income movement. For more information contact Lori Neale at justice@united-church.ca

VANCOUVER ISLAND 2021 FUNDRAISER for Child Haven International 35th Anniversary, a Canadian organization on April 3, 2021, 3:45 – 6:00 PDT Free Zoom Event [Click here to read the news article from the Comox Valley Record with more info](#)

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.

Meeting ID: 820 6760 6176, Passcode: 522446, Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82067606176?pwd=SEtRUUZxZDgyYmVXYU5zMUK3VUE4Zz09>

HOSPITALITY – As we look forward to getting back to a regular Worship Service, I am taking names of individuals, couples, families, and grandparents that might enjoy greeting folks at the door on Sunday mornings. This is a fun job and a good opportunity to meet new people. If you are interested, please contact Lorna K.



GMO – Looking for a person to take over the lead for Grumpy Men Only! A fun group of men that were meeting twice a month. The Lead person picked a topic for discussion at the meeting, PIE was a big part of the gathering which happened outdoors or indoors (when permitted) Interested in leading a small group of grumpy men give me a shout! Contact: Gayle H.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE MINISTRY

KNOX ENVELOPE STEWARD - To donate to *Knox United Church* or to go onto **PAR**, (Pre-Authorized Remittance) or 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.* 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. Thank you for considering this invitation!

HEALING - The Healing ministry is **not** taking appointments until further notice 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.

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL MINISTRY

Rev. Jennifer Ferguson: Jennifer will continue to be available **Monday-Thursday from 9-4** and for pastoral emergencies beyond those hours. If there is a death, please phone her directly. (*below*)
NOTE: Her days off are Friday & Saturday. Jennifer makes her own appointments. If you would like to meet with her for a phone or FaceTime pastoral care visit, please call **250.927.6061** or email her at 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

KNOX eNews submissions emails to admin@kucparksville.ca
Deadline noon Wednesdays
Font: Arial **Size:** 11, **Length of submission:** 100 words maximum
Subject: Include words eNews and name of the applicable ministry

UPDATE CHURCH HOURS – In keeping with Provincial and Regional guidelines of the United Church of Canada, we will be closing the church for at least the next 3 weeks, with the minister and support staff only entering the church building when necessary. The staff will still be available via **email** and **phone calls** but on a limited basis. 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. While all church meetings will return to Zoom meetings, one-on-one spiritual guidance is still allowed.

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.

CONCERTS, RENTALS, ROOM/ZOOM BOOKINGS – Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the church is not allowed to offer in-person worship services, concerts, or rentals for external meetings, other than our local support groups (OA & AA). Please use Zoom meetings whenever possible. Please contact **Karen Freeman** at facility@kucparksville.ca to schedule your zoom meetings or for questions concerning bookings or zoom meetings. Stay safe!

SPIRITUAL FORMATION MINISTRY

BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM – Wednesdays 10:30-12. **March 31 Bible Study** will cover *Matthew Chapter 28 Verses 1-10*

Meeting ID: 844 1018 3121,
Passcode: 957519 **Meeting Link:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81278234982?pwd=WG1NVTJyMngxa3ppKzgyV0hBeTJ3QT09>

LOST & FOUND - Spiritual Formation is looking for the **DVD Saving Jesus Redux**. It was loaned out and never returned. We need it for a course starting in April. If you have the video, please contact Jennifer as soon as possible.

COUNCIL NEWS

Council NEWS for March 18 Workshop

Council completed the third Zoom workshop in a series of three, on March 18. Gail Miller, Regional Minister for Pastoral Relations & Community Faith Support and Jennifer Ferguson led this workshop. They are both attending a workshop series led by Susan Beaumont, the author of *How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going, Leading in a Liminal Season*, which formed a strong basis for our workshop. Martin Homan's review on Amazon gives a helpful chapter-by-chapter that provides an overview. Susan writes for the Congregational Consulting Group and you can subscribe to email articles. You can read the workshop outline on our member's page on our website. <https://www.kucparksville.ca/>

The workshop was presented in three sections:

1) Characteristics of a Leader

This section focused on "liminal leadership?" which was defined as "a state of ambiguity in a transitional time" which certainly describes our living through COVID! This is a challenging time for all of us, not knowing what will happen when all plans must be flexible, and we must have faith. Susan leads us to bring more contemplative spirituality into our leadership, to pray through our decisions.

2) The Council Model within the United Church and Knox

The United Church Manual states that we can follow any of several models in leading the church. We have chosen to continue as a Council which is defined in The Manual as a body of representatives, who represent their team or committee, but more importantly, represent the body and mission of the church. It is not hierarchal and no one person holds power. There are two mandated ministries, the M & P Team, and the Board of Trustees. Council can't meet without a minister present.

3) Decision Making and Relationship.

This was a brief session, touching on some of the changes taking place in our governance procedures. We are learning to use the Consent Agenda and reducing the size of the Council by phasing out co-leads at the table.

On behalf of all of us, I would like to extend appreciation to Dana, Jennifer and Don for their planning and organization of these workshops.

Submitted by Marg Conn, Communications Team Lead

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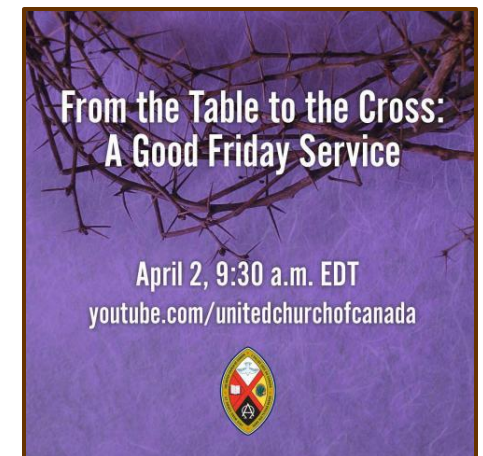
MODERATOR'S EASTER MESSAGE – This year's Easter Message is a unique take on the Easter story after Mary Magdalene visits the tomb. Eavesdrop on a conversation between Mary and the disciple Peter on what she saw or didn't see. *(Written by Moderator Richard Bott – and thank you to Alydia Smith for her participation)*



INVITATION TO WORSHIP: Moderator's Good Friday Service

On the morning of April 2, join the Moderator and members of the General Council Executive for a Good Friday service on the United Church's [YouTube Channel](#). We will gather online to remember stories of Jesus' final hour, and sing and pray together.

[Find out more...](#)



KNOX CALENDAR
April 4 – April 11, 2021

Sunday, April 4 Zoom Worship Service	Easter Sunday 10:00 am – 11:00 am	Zoom
Monday, April 5	Easter Monday	
Tuesday, April 6 Gathering Place Community Outreach Meeting	10:00 am – 11:00 am 11:00 am – 12:30 pm	Zoom Zoom
Wednesday, April 7 Bible Study M & P Meeting	10:30 am – 12:00 pm 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Zoom Zoom
Thursday, Apr 8 Worship & Arts Meeting	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Zoom
Friday, Apr 9		
Saturday, Apr 10		
Sunday, Apr 11 Zoom Worship Service	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Zoom

[For the monthly calendar click here](#)

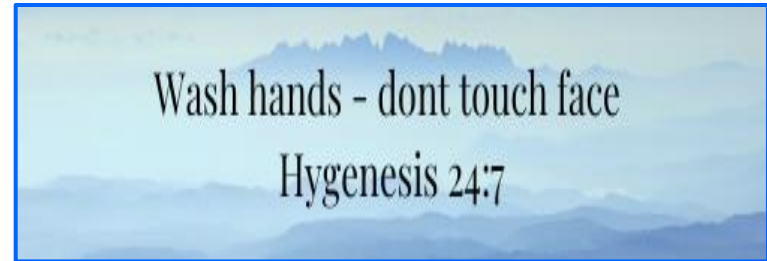
OUR KNOX COMMUNITY

IMPORTANT VACCINATION INFORMATION FOR SENIORS

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 can also find this information on the Knox website [click here](#)



PARKSVILLE SHORES TAI CHI - New Class -starts **Monday, April 12, 9:30-11:30 am** at Knox United Church. **Class** -starts every *Monday 9:30-11:30 am* at Knox United Church. **month or \$50 for 3 months.** You must be 18 years of age and class space is limited to **25** participants. **COVID-19 safety protocols** are adhered to – to register go to [Parksville Shores Tai Chi](#)

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

