

KNOX NEWS: LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH

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WORSHIP AND ARTS MINISTRY



POINSETTIAS Please help decorate the church for Advent and purchase poinsettias to honour someone or in their memory. Poinsettia order forms will be available in the narthex. Last day for orders is **Dec. 1st**. The price is **\$15**. Plants may be picked up after any of the Christmas Eve Services. This year's poinsettia sale is a fundraiser for a "to be determined"

recipient. Thank you. Worship & Arts Committee.

MUSICIAN NEEDED We need someone who can play the guitar for our Sunday services. Bill Laurie, whose musical expertise has added so much to our singing for many years, is dealing with injuries a common complaint of musicians! If you can play and are interested, please contact Jenny or Bill.

SOCIAL JUSTICE & OUTREACH MINISTRY



THE REDress PROJECT is the inspiration of Jaime Black, a Winnipeg artist. This project focusses on the issue of missing and murdered Indigenous women. The initial

project involved 600 red dresses installed in public spaces across Canada from November 25 to December 15. This year the local University Women's display opens with the blessing of two displays on November 25 — at Qualicum Beach Town Hall at 9:30 AM, and at the Parksville Community Centre at 1:30 PM. At Knox we will hang 2 dresses in support of this project.

ZATOUN PRODUCTS will be on sale again starting Sunday, Dec. 1st. Organic oil \$16. larger regular oil \$20, herbs and soap \$5. They make great Christmas gifts. You will also be able to donate to the planting of more olive trees. They need our help.



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR

Knox members are asked to remember others in our community.

White Gift Sunday Dec 8 – Donations of unwrapped gifts to the SOS Toy Shoppe for low-income families.

Comfort Tree Dec. 1 to 22 – Donations of stocking stuffers for residents of Orca Place and Hirst House.

See the attached list or bulletin insert for suggestions. Many thanks for your generosity

FUN FAMILY AND FRIENDS MINISTRY

GMO IN NOVEMBER A HOME GROUP FOR MEN

It's all about *Grumpy* men connecting, laughing and enjoying each other's company.

WE CAN'T DO LIFE ALONE! Dues: None!

Administration: None! All welcome!

Tues. Nov. 26th 7:00 pm

For more information:

Shane at

grumpymenonly@gmail.com



THE GATHERING PLACE

Tuesday, Nov. 26th will be your last chance to sample The Gathering Place Menu

It's a great way to meet and engage with people over a cup of coffee or tasty lunch.

If it's Tuesday, it's The Gathering Place.



The Gathering Place

Chalkboard Special \$10

Lunch MENU

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

Cream of Mushroom Soup

Mini Quiche

Cherry Bars



You are invited to our special Gathering Place Family Dinner & Advent Wreath Making event.



**FAMILY DINNER & ADVENT WREATH MAKING
TUESDAY, NOV 26TH 5 - 7 PM**

Each family participates in making their very own Advent Wreath – we supply the fixings as well as a delicious dinner. Cost: \$30 per family.

SISTERS UNITED MEETING Monday, Dec. 2nd in the Lounge at 5:30 pm. Bring your favourite Potluck dish, along with your own dishes and cutlery. We are very pleased to have as our guest speaker: Jerrold Paetkau, Chaplain to the MANNA MINISTRIES. We will have a social time until 6 p.m... when we will enjoy the delicious potluck dinner, to be followed by Jerrold's presentation by 7 pm. Come, bring a friend and join us. Your hosts for the evening are: Mryt Omnes, Melayne Gough, and June McIntyre. Questions: call 250-248-3119.

TEA + COFFEE SERVERS ARE NEEDED following our Worship Services on **Sunday, December 8, 15, 22 and 29**. Please contact Barb Roberts at barb664@shaw.ca or 250-248-7171 if you can help. Thanks!

SACRED SPACES

THANK YOU Many thanks to Barb Roberts for purchasing a new mirror for Room 5 and to Les Dabb for installing the mirror.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE MINISTRY



TOURTIÈRE MEAT PIES We will be selling frozen Tourtière Meat Pies, a French-Canadian dish, on November 24th after church today for \$5.00 each.

IT'S CHRISTMAS WITH MAUREEN WASHINGTON!

Fri. Dec. 20th 7-9 pm at Knox
For the first time in Parksville with Groundzero Productions and Knox

Presents...

Maureen is bringing her stellar Christmas Show, that has become a 2-day tradition in Victoria and highly requested in other cities! She will bring a mix of Christmas and Non-Christmas music helping to stage (or for you to cope) through the Christmas Holidays! It's a fun event for the whole family to enjoy! Backing her up are 3 stellar musicians known far and wide on the island!

- Karel Roessingh
- Joey Smith
- Damian Graham



Tickets \$30 in advance **\$35** at the door available at www.gzalounge.com or at Fireside Books Parksville or in-person from our facility coordinator extraordinaire, Karen Freeman. *Use your mouse to click on the video to the left to have a listen to Maureen sing "White Christmas"*



HEALING AND PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

COOKIES CUZ WE CARE is a day where 3,500 cookies are delivered to those in our congregation as a gesture of welcome, appreciation, support and to say we care! We start packing trays at **9:30 DEC 5th** the Christmas spirit fills the room as we laugh, eat and enjoy each other's company. We care and we share! Pretty please sign up on "the wall" if you can help bake, pack or deliver. With over 130 visits this year, your help is really needed! On behalf of Pastoral Care & UCW, thank you! Mary-Anne Slack (slack.ma@gmail.com or 752-8242)

"IN THIS TOGETHER" - Knox's emotional health, peer support, group meets every **Monday, 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm**, in room 6. We extend an open invitation to anyone who wants support in a time of emotional or mental health challenge. A desire to improve is the only thing you need to participate.

HEALING MINISTRY- Give yourself the gifts of peace, healing and compassionate care...Knox's Healing Ministry is part of the national Healing Pathway program. Volunteer practitioners are trained to provide a safe, channel of loving Divine energy. "The foundation of the program lies in the long tradition of healing within the Christian faith. The aim of healing is to restore balance and harmony within the energy system and thus enable the self-healing of the individual." Call the church office at **250-248-3927** to book a healing session for one hour: Tuesday: morning, or afternoon, and Wednesday mornings. Appointments are by donation.



CHILDREN'S GRIEF AWARENESS DAY Thursday, Nov. 21st.

Rainbows for All Children Canada has partnered with Children's Grief Awareness Day to recognize the children who are struggling from loss.

Grief is not a topic that is widely and openly shared with children. But children face an abundance of events that would be a platform of grief.

Children's Grief Awareness Day is designed to help us all become more aware of the needs of grieving children – and any of the benefits they obtain through the support of others. Children's Grief Awareness Day is an opportunity to make sure that grieving children receive the support they need and is observed every year on the third Thursday in November.

This year Rainbows will be lighting Niagara Falls, The Peace Bridge, High Level Bridge and Fitzsimmons Creek Bridge along with a few others.

This day is an opportunity to let grieving children know that they're not forgotten amid their grief. Join us by wearing blue on Thursday as we come together to show our support of children.

Go to www.ChildrensGriefAwarenessDay.com and learn ways to help a grieving child.

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL MINISTRY

Rev. Jennifer Ferguson: Monday-Thursday, days off are Friday & Saturday.
(Please note Jennifer's schedule varies with meetings etc. If you would like to meet with her for pastoral care, please call her to make an appointment at **250-927-6061**, or email minister@kucparksville.ca or leave a message in the office.)

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>

SPIRITUAL FORMATION MINISTRY

DROP-IN BIBLE STUDY - With Jennifer, Wednesdays at 10:00 am. With those gathered, we will delve into the scripture to be discussed in Worship for the upcoming week and discover how it applies to our own lives. All perspectives and insights are welcome.

GOD TALK - A new opportunity on Sundays, after church. Grab a coffee in the lounge and make your way to the chapel to continue the conversation begun in the reflection where we will delve deeper into the scripture, reflection and theme of the day.

COMMUNICATIONS

HELP WANTED! Communications needs team members. We need a Secretary to take minutes once a month, free deluxe pen included! We need creative writers, photographers and worker bees to help us promote Knox events, ministries and create special projects such as the Photo Directory. Beth Brown, the Knox Publicity Coordinator needs someone to take charge of poster distribution. For more info, Marg Conn, Communications Team Lead, communicate@kucparksville.ca 250-954-1244

ANNOUNCING THE KNOX PHOTO DIRECTORY! PHOTOSHOOTS THIS MONTH! We are excited to be producing a Knox PHOTO Directory this year thanks to some very giving volunteers, our photographers Don Emerson and Nicole Aube and Cathy McNeil our scheduler. Our goal is that ALL members and adherents will be in this Directory. Please join us. Cathy McNeil will be making appointments on Sunday November 24 for your shoots. You can also book appointments with Cathy by phone or email 250-248-1259 ccatbob@shaw.ca We need a receptionist and a guide for each photoshoot. Please sign up on "The Wall".

USED TO GET THE KNOX e-NEWS and NOW YOU DON'T?

The Knox office has been experiencing intermittent, random email issues. The Knox e-News is emailed to the congregation every Thursday afternoon. Should you encounter any issues receiving the e-News, please let me know. Thanks!
Jane

OUR KNOX FAMILY

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY Have been placed by Marlene Cmikiewicz in loving memory of her daughters Rosemarie and Susan.



ASSORTED SIZED BUTTONS WANTED

for an after-school daycare craft project run by a friend of Martha Pow. Coloured buttons are ideal. Please leave in the orange box provided in the copier room. Any questions, please contact Martha Pow at 250-248-2028.

MISSING 1 black card table chair, belonging to Allen Brown is missing. Please check your chairs to see if you took it home by mistake. If so, please call Allen at 250-586-7080 or email: bibrown@hotmail.com.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA



PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES; OVERVIEW

Pacific Mountain Region is committed to providing select, professional services and resources to assist the work and life of congregations and other church ministries.

Learn more at <https://pacificmountain.ca/programs-and-resources/programs-and-resources-overview/>

E-SENTIALS Moderator's Advent Message

In his Advent video message, Moderator Richard Bott reflects on his baking skills and invites us to unwrap and celebrate what is most dear to our faith.

As we look forward to the season of Christmas, it is often a time filled with patterns, habits, and traditions and sometimes a sense that it's not quite right, not quite what it used to feel like, not quite what we expected.

But are these expectations from the past getting in the way of how we experience the present? Advent is a season of unwrapping something new in our faith life. This year let's take some time to unwrap what God has wrapped for us.

Take a look at the full message

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hkLRWlSfAE4&feature=youtu.be&mc_cid=3b4ec4e36c&mc_eid=2b5e323d91

KNOX CALENDAR

November 24, 2019 – December 1, 2019

for the monthly calendar go to: <https://www.kucparksville.ca/events/calendar>

Sunday, Nov 24		
Worship Service	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Sanctuary
Newcomer Meet & Greet	11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Lounge
Nanaimo Chamber Orchestra	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Sanctuary
Monday, Nov 25		
Library Committee	9:00 am – 11:00 am	Library
Line Dancing	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Rooms 1 & 2
Centering Prayer	11:00 am – 11:45 am	Sanctuary
Jenny Vincent Practice	1:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Sanctuary
In this Together	1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Room 6
Oceanside Consort Singers	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Rooms 1 & 2
Handbell Choir	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Sanctuary
Tues, Nov 26		
The Gathering Place	9:30 am, 12:00 & 3:00 pm	Lounge
Healing Ministry	9:30 am – 11:30 am	Room 6
Family Dinner	5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	L/K
AA	7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Rooms 1 & 2
OA	7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Room 5
Wed, Nov 27		
Healing Ministry	9:30 am – 11:30 am	Room 6
Drop-in Bible Study	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Chapel
Library Committee	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Library
Jenny Vincent Practice	1:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Sanctuary
Healing Pathways	1:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Room 6
Knox Choir	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Sanctuary
Thursday, Nov 28		
Book Study	9:45 am – 12:15 pm	Lounge
OA	10:30 am – 11:30 am	Room 5
Tone Chimes Practice	3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Sanctuary
Rainbows	6:45 pm – 8:00 pm	All Rooms
Friday, Nov 29		
OCC Dress Rehearsal	7:15 pm – 9:30 pm	Multiple
Saturday, Nov 30		
Ben & Vanessa Show	5:30 pm – 10:00 pm	Sanctuary
Sunday, Dec 1		
Worship Service	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Sanctuary
God Talk	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Chapel
Oceanside Concert Choir	2:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Sanctuary

KNOX COMMUNITY NEWS

THE ISLAND CONSORT PRESENTS MUSIC FROM THE HEART

The Island Consort - Nanaimo's Classical Chamber Choir, presents a fall program of great emotional depth and variety. "Music from the Heart" begins with two Early Music works followed by two 19th Century pieces. The rest of the program comprises contemporary material ending with a nod to Christmas by way of three traditional carols. The ensemble will be accompanied by organist Jenny Vincent, violinist Karl Rainer, and cellist Hannah Wilson.

For more information about the choir, see www.islandconsort.ca

7:30pm November 29th, 2019 – St. Mark's Anglican Church, Qualicum Beach

Tickets \$20, available at the door or at Mulberry Bush in Qualicum Beach

Parksville & District Musical Association presents



Handel's

Messiah

**Sunday,
Dec. 1
2:30 p.m.**

Knox United Church
345 Pym St., Parksville

Oceanside Concert Choir
Nanaimo Chamber Orchestra

Conducted by Ann Barber

Andrea Rodall, Soprano Aaike Biglow, Alto
Adam Dyjach, Tenor Michael MacKinnon, Bass

Tickets \$20 in advance at Mulberry Bush Bookstores in Parksville
& Qualicum Beach, \$22 at the door



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QUALICUM BEACH
RETIREMENT COMMUNITY



Arrowsmith
MOVING & STORAGE

WHITE GIFT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th

SOS Christmas Program

Gift ideas for babies, 0 – 2 yrs.

- Bath toys
- Pop-up or Board books
- Playmats
- Plush or stuffed toys
- Baby Einstein or Fisher-Price toys
- Rattles
- Teething toys or rings
- Doll
- Building blocks
- Crib mobile
- Musical toy or instrument

Gift ideas for teens & tweens

- Hoodies for girls and boys
- Belts, handbags, scarves or other trendy accessories
- Head apparel (trendy toques, or hats)
- Hygiene products: deodorant, shampoo, body spray etc.
- Hair or nail studio products and gift certificates
- Current movies/DVDs
- Scooter, bike, skateboard or rollerblades
- Downhill sleds
- Trendy room décor items (not candles)
- Cell phone accessories
- Pyjamas, Slippers, Robes
- Teen books or youth-adult colouring books
- Sports equipment – hockey helmets, sticks, nets, baseball bats and gloves
- Play Station, X-Box or educational electronic games

Gift ideas for teens & tweens continued...

- Clothing store gift certificates: (for local stores): Wabi Sabi Board Wear; The Other Side Artisan Collective in Coombs; In Qualicum Beach: Covet Boutique, Arbutus Fashion & Lifestyle and MOD Apparel; in Parksville: Close to You, Wild & Sparrow, Mercedes Lane and Refresh Clothing
- Woodgrove Mall gift certificates (accepted by all Woodgrove Mall stores)
- Sport Store gift card, such as Cabela's
- Pizza, Starbucks, Tim Hortons or other fast-food gift certificates
- RDN Recreation Gift Certificates or accessories (swim or skate passes, goggles, etc.)
- Board Games: Cranium, Mastermind, Life, Pictionary, Apples to Apples
- Teen backpacks
- Bike helmets or other bike accessories
- Movie passes to Galaxy or Avalon theatres in Nanaimo
- iPod docking stations (available for around \$25-\$30), or audio headphones or earbuds
- Microscopes, telescopes or scientist kit

COMFORT TREE GIFT IDEAS

Stocking Stuffers for Orca Place (12 women and 40 men) and Hirst House (6 men)

- Sewing Kit
- Can Opener
- Toothpaste, soap
- Hand cream, Deodorant
- Razors, Tweezers
- Kleenex (Small packs)
- Band-Aids, Q-Tips
- Socks, Mittens
- Gum, Small Chocolate bars



Poinsettia Order Form

Name of Donor: _____

In Memory/In Honour of:

Number of Plants Ordered: _____ at \$15.00 each

= Total Cost

Paid by Cheque _____ or Cash _____

Thank you for your order.



POINSETTIAS

Sunday, December 1st is the last day to order poinsettias "In Memory of" or "In Honour of" someone.

Fill out this order form and, along with your payment in the amount of **\$15.00** (cheque made payable to Knox United Church or cash), drop it off at the church office or hand it to a member of the Worship & Arts Committee

in the narthex after church on

Sunday, November 17th, 24th, or December 1st.

The plants will be placed in the church for

Sunday, December 15th. The plants may then be

picked up following any of the services on Christmas Eve.

A portion of the monies collected from the sale will go to a "to be determined" recipient.

Thank you for your support of this project.

