

KNOX NEWS: LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH

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WORSHIP AND ARTS MINISTRY

STONE CHIMES There is a new instrumental music group beginning this week at Knox. We are looking for several more players to join the Tone Chimes group. An ability to read music is not necessary. Enjoy the camaraderie between players while playing and hearing the beautiful sounds of the tone chimes.

The Tone Chimes group will begin this Thursday, Oct. 24 from 3:15 to 4:15 pm at Knox United Church in Parksville. Please contact Jenny Vincent at music@kucparksville.ca if you are interested in joining or just trying out for a while.

MEMORIAL HYMN SING During our Sunday service on Nov.24th, we will be celebrating Knox's anniversary by singing some of our favourite hymns that we have sung through all our hundred plus years of existence. If you have a favourite hymn, please contact Jenny Vincent in person or at music@kucparksville.ca

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 the guitar and are interested, please contact Jenny or Bill.

ADVENT WORSHIP DRAMA SCRIPT READERS WANTED We are looking for three women and three men of various ages (younger and older) to participate as required during the four Sundays of Advent in drama scripts and reading. Gifted performers not required just reading scripts at home with weekly rehearsal. Fun and laughter guaranteed. Phone Brenda Riley: 250-586-4300, or [e-mail: poco58@shaw.ca](mailto:poco58@shaw.ca)

SOCIAL JUSTICE & OUTREACH MINISTRY

CITIZENS FOR PUBLIC JUSTICE (CPJ), a United Church sponsored organization has a magazine called "*Catalyst*". The latest issue concerns the upcoming Federal Election with thoughts on Ending Poverty, Climate Justice and Refugee Rights. Pick up a copy in the narthex.

WORLD CRAFT BAZAAR – A Parksville/Qualicum KAIROS event at Knox. Saturday, Nov. 2; 10 am to 3 pm. Please check the wall for areas you might consider helping. NB A "Coffee and Muffin Cafe" will replace lunch.

ZATOUN - bottles of oil and packages of herbs are still available. If you would like oil – \$20, or herbs – \$5, contact Sallie Dabb at 250-752-7588 and she will bring them to church for you. Before Christmas we should have the organic oil and soap available too.

FUN FAMILY AND FRIENDS MINISTRY

TEA + COFFEE SERVERS ARE NEEDED following our Worship Services on **Sunday, November 3, 10 and 17.** Please contact Barb Roberts at barb664@shaw.ca or 250-248-7171 if you can help. Thanks!

THE GATHERING PLACE



Gathering Place Tuesdays: October 29, November 5, 12, 19 & 26th.

NOTE: Please note that the Good morning coffee break will be cancelled on Tuesday, October 29th. However, the Gathering Place "What's for Lunch?" will still go ahead as planned that same day from 12:00 to 1:30 pm.

9:30 - 11:00 AM	Good Morning Coffee Break - coffee, tea & delicious baked goodies	\$ 2.00
Noon - 2:00 PM	What's for Lunch! - entrée, dessert & coffee	\$10.00
3:00 - 5:00 PM	Youth After School Drop In - snacks, refreshments, ping pong & games	\$ 2.00

The Gathering Place

Chalkboard Special \$10

Lunch MENU

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

Turkey & Wild Rice Soup

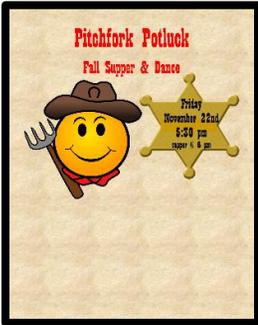
Ham & Cheese Melties

Assorted Squares

SISTERS UNITED NOON LUNCHEON will be held on Monday, Nov. 4th at 12:00 noon at Bayside Restaurant. We are mixing things up to combat winter chills! Bring a favourite Hot Soup Recipe to share and meet a new friend. Reserve your spot by contacting Gayle Haughn at gayleghaughn@gmail.com or call 250-951-2254 before Oct. 30th. See you there!

KNOX UCW Will be selling home baking & crafts (sewing, knitting etc.) in the library during the "Perfect Gift Craft" sale on Sat. Nov. 9th from 9:30 am-3:30 pm. Sale proceeds go towards the \$1000.00 that UCW donates annually to the Knox Operating Fund. Anyone wishing to assist the ladies with donations of home baking and/or crafts can do so by leaving them in the library on Fri. Nov.8th between 10-4. For more info, call Marg De Hart 250-947-9199.

PITCHFORK POTLUCK INVITATION FRI. NOV. 22 KNOX LOUNGE



Break out your Western duds and bring along something delicious that reminds you of the old West! A savoury dish or dessert - coffee & tea will be available. **(Please also bring your own plate & cutlery).** Do-si-do to a live band and join your friends in a down-home fun evening! (A small donation to pay the band will be appreciated and collected at the door) **Doors open at 5:30 pm and if you need to heat your dish you may do so at that time. Dinner will commence at 6:00 pm. Gayle Haughn - FF&F**

SACRED SPACES MINISTRY

A BIG THANK YOU TO – Mary Peterson for taking some of the recycling from the Knox kitchen to the Recycling Station; and another **BIG THANK YOU TO** – Linda Nelson for taking care of our Meditation Garden all summer long. What would we do without our volunteers? Margaret Warburton, Co-Lead Sacred Spaces.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE MINISTRY



WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!!!

We always have KNOX DONATION TABLES at our Perfect Gift Christmas Craft Fair. They provide an opportunity for us to offer some great bargains to our shoppers; for you to clear out items you no longer need; and for us to raise a few more dollars at this important fundraiser. We have received very few donations and if we don't receive MANY more, we won't be able to have Knox tables this year! If you have QUALITY items you'd like to donate, PLEASE leave them in the photocopy room. No garage sale type items please! --Thanks! Barb Roberts

TOWER OF SONG ... a creative tribute to Leonard Cohen, featuring celebrated BC singer-songwriters Oliver Swain and Glenna Garramore, who have produced a project that is a dialogue through song and a tribute to the legendary songwriter. Re-imagining both rare and classic works of Cohen, the duo have crafted a sound that resonates with both longtime Cohen fans and a younger audience. **Saturday, November 9th, 2019 @Knox United Church. Tickets \$25, Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7:00 p.m.**



HEALING AND PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

“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 Friday mornings. Appointments are by donation.

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.

CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP POSTPONED

The previously announced Introduction to Centering Prayer Workshop (October 26th) has been postponed.

COMMUNICATIONS

HELP WANTED! Communications needs team members. We need a Secretary to take minutes once a month. 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. Please step forward, we can't do it alone! For more info, Marg Conn, 250-954-1244

COUNCIL NEWS

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Council is making a more consistent effort to communicate Council news with the congregation.

1. We will share highlights from the Council meeting at the Sunday Service after each regular meeting.
2. We will have a regular space in the Knox News for Council news the Friday after the Council meeting.
3. The minutes of the regular Council meetings and the Executive meetings are available in a binder in the Library.
4. As a member of the congregation you can sign up to receive Council agendas and minutes directly by email.

Highlights for October 15

1. The Gathering Place is in operation for October and this pilot project has been extended into November. Join us for a coffee break from 9:30 to 11, for lunch. Bring a friend or your meeting group to lunch between noon and 2. Give a friendly hello to the youth from 3 to 5
2. The Annual Report has been prepared by the Church Administrator and will be distributed via email to you. There are printed copies on the table in the lobby. There will be extra copies at the Congregation meeting on November 27 for those without email.
3. Come to the Congregational Meeting on October 27, after the Service. Lunch will be provided by Council. The primary purpose of this meeting is to review the Annual Report.
4. Cold Weather Shelter: A meeting sponsored by Kairos took place at Knox on Oct 16. The Social Justice & Outreach Team will be sharing the outcome of that meeting.
5. Council has worked extensively with Keven Fletcher, a conflict resolution facilitator. We have started to enact some of them and are making plans for the others. We will be addressing them at the Congregation Meeting.

Quote shared by Phil Spencer during the meeting:

"We judge others by their actions and ourselves by our intentions. We need to offer grace to all, because we all need a little grace." Jayce O'Neal

OUR KNOX FAMILY

SAD NEWS – It is with sadness that we inform you of the passing of Glenn Peardon on Sunday, October 20th. Please keep Glenn and Isabelle's daughter Carol and their family and friends in your prayers as they grieve his passing. There are no service details at this point.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE AND RECEPTION – For Maxine Cox will be held at Knox on Tuesday, October 29th at 3 pm. Sweet donations would be greatly appreciated. Please drop off at the church October 28th any time or on October 29th in the morning. Thank you so much, Jan Lucas.

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.



FOR NOVEMBER 9TH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR CAFÉ Card tables and folding chairs needed. If you can lend some, please deliver the week of November 4th. Thank you, Jan Lucas. sjlucas@yahoo.ca or 250-468-9318

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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/>

KNOX CALENDAR

October 27, 2019 – November 3, 2019

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

Sunday, Oct 27		
Worship Service	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Sanctuary
Congregational Meeting	11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Sanctuary
Lunch will be provided		
Monday, Oct 28		
Library Committee	9:00 am – 11:00 am	Library
Line Dancing	10:00 am – 11:45 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
Creative Worship	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Lounge
Handbell Choir	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Sanctuary
Tues, Oct 29		
The Gathering Place	9:30 am, 12:00 & 3:00 pm	Lounge
Healing Ministry	9:30 am – 11:30 am	Room 6
Healing Ministry	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Room 6
Celebration of Life	3:00 pm	S/L/K
AA	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Rooms 1 & 2
OA	7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Room 5
Wed, Oct 30		
Healing Ministry	9:30 am – 11:30 am	Room 6
Drop-in Bible Study	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Chapel
Jenny Vincent Practice	1:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Sanctuary
Library Committee	1:00 pm -3:00 pm	Library
Healing Pathways	1:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Room 6
Knox Choir	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Sanctuary
Thursday, Oct 31		
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 1		
Kairos Set-up	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	S/N
Saturday, Nov 2		
Kairos World Craft Bazaar	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	S/N
Sunday, Nov 3		
Worship Service	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Sanctuary
God Talk	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Chapel

KNOX COMMUNITY NEWS

ANNUAL OLD-FASHIONED TURKEY DINNER is set for Saturday 2nd November at 5pm, downstairs in the Hall at the Nanaimo Ecumenical Centre, 6234 Spartan Road, Nanaimo. Tickets are \$20 each and available at the office. This event does sell out and tickets have already begun to go, so don't delay in purchasing them:)

AN UNTAMED GOD – Creation, Dwelling and Journey: Celtic Wisdom, Celtic Ways Saturday, Nov.2nd 9-3:30 pm. Explore the Celtic Christian relationships with creation, landscape and place. How do we balance the commitment to stability with the belief in the importance of the journey? We will look at Celtic practices for venturing alone, with others, and with God. Presenters: Frank Shibroun and Teresa Di Biase www.celticpilgrim.org

Watership, Discipleship and Creation Justice. The Ecumenical Watershed Discipleship movement asks “what does it mean to be a follower of the Jesus Way here, among the land, water creatures and people of a particular place? Presenter: Rev. Laura Dykstra www.salalandcedar.com Alberni Valley United Church. Suggested donation \$20. To register call 250-723-8332.

“BEHOLD THE EARTH” is a feature-length 'climate crisis' documentary film that inquires into our estrangement from nature. Conversations with Biological scientists and Christians raise the relationship between faith and environmental concerns. The movie features Dr. Katherine Hayhoe, a Canadian climate scientist who has recently received the United Nations 2019 Champion of the Earth Award." Tuesday, November 5th 7pm St. Stephen's United Church, 150 Village Way, Qualicum Beach Free admission.

OCEANSIDE GRANDMOTHERS 12TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS

EXTRAVAGANZA Looking for the perfect holiday gifts? Chances are you will find them at the 12th Christmas Craft Extravaganza. Select from handmade crafts, jewelry, hostess gifts, homemade baking, preserves and much more. Best of all, you will be giving twice since all net proceeds will go to the Stephen Lewis Foundation supporting grandmothers in sub-Saharan Africa raise children orphaned by AIDS. Parking is plentiful and admission is free.

WHEN: Friday, November 22nd from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, and Saturday, November 23rd from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

WHERE: The Bayside Resort
240 Dogwood St., Parksville