

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday's Service: Please join us at 10:00 am next **Sunday, September 12th** for our service of worship for the 16th Sunday after Pentecost, also Rally Sunday when we celebrate with our children and youth as they begin a new year of learning. Lectionary readings for next Sunday are:

Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28

Psalm 14

1 Timothy 1: 12-17

*Luke 15: 1-10

(*Indicates the scripture passage on which the sermon

will be based)

Presbytery Prayer Cycle: This week congregations in Comox-Nanaimo Presbytery will be remembering in our prayers the Rev. Fran Darling and the congregation of Chemainus-Crofton Pastoral Charge.

Staff Office Hours: Please note that staff members may be in meetings during their office hours. In order to avoid disappointment we highly recommend that you phone to make an appointment with a staff member.

- **Church Office:** Closed **Monday** in celebration of Labour Day. Barb will be away on **Tuesday**, enjoying a visit with 2 of her children in Ft. St. John. Chenda Bishop will be in the church office during Barb's absence. Office hours - 8:30 am to 4:30 pm **Monday to Friday** (lunch from 12:00 to 1:00).
- **Foster:** In New York visiting his mother. Returning to his office on **Tuesday, September 21st**.
- **Alan:** **Tuesday** - 9:00 am-3:00 pm, **Wednesday** - 9:00 am-noon. Alan works part-time hours only.
- **Hilde:** **Tuesday** - 2:00 pm-5:00 pm, **Wednesday** - 10:00 am-3:00pm. **Thursday** 2:00 pm - 5pm. **Days off** - Friday and Saturday.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Please Remember Monika's Superwalk for Parkinson's: The annual walk takes place on the Fritzsche Hof Waldeck Farm, as usual. You can register and make a donation to the Parkinson's Society of British Columbia, then choose a lovely walk - - a short one - - a medium long one - - or a longer one with some short hills along the way. The walk begins at 12:00 noon on **Saturday, September 11th**. The site of Monika's Walk is at the far end of Lowry's Road, just over the railroad track and off to the right at the Hof Waldeck Farm. The route directions will be well marked. Come one, come all and support the annual Monika's Superwalk for Parkinson's. All donations over \$20.00 will receive an income tax receipt. Registration and donations can be made at the start line or **this morning** in the narthex at Knox.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Stitch by stitch.....prayer by prayer. Within the United Church is a growing ministry that offers conversation and friendship to those who gather to knit, and offers an important gift of compassion, support and loving care to those who receive a prayer shawl. We are starting a prayer shawl ministry here at Knox and you are invited to be a part of the fun, friendship and praying. Our first time to gather will be **Monday, September 20th** from 1:30 to 2:30. All are welcome to attend.

Rainbows - The Fall session is about to start and facilitators are needed. All that is required is a willingness to help children and a couple hours free on Thursday nights. No experience necessary. You are a facilitator not a counsellor and there is training available. If you are interested please contact Sandy Machan at (250) 248-5974 in the evenings.

Sunshine Card lady Gail Armstrong has returned from vacation and would like to thank Dulcie Spice for filling in during her absence. Please contact Gail when a Sunshine greeting is needed for a member of our Knox family at 250-248-0587 or email armstrong.gk@shaw.ca.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUN & FRIENDSHIP

SISTERS UNITED will hold our first meeting one month early on **Tuesday, September 7th** at 6:00 pm. This promises to be a special treat with a speaker by the name of Margot Coulter who will discuss her self-published book "The Terrible Land ... Hamburg Burning" about the life of a young girl growing up in Nazi Germany. Margot emigrated to Canada after World War II and presently lives in the Parksville area. Please remember to bring a dish for our pot luck supper as well as a plate, cutlery, etc. Our meetings are open to all women in the congregation and their friends.

--Margaret Warburton, Liaison, Sisters United

Moorecroft Ladies Craft Retreat. Do join us, it's the last one. Sept. 17, 18, 19 20. Fee, full weekend \$178.50. See website www.moorecroft.net for partial fees. Bring your crafts, games, instruments - a relaxing weekend of fellowship and fun!

Seniors' Carehome Service: All are invited to join Sandra Veenstra when she leads music at a Seniors' Carehome Service at Stanford Place on **Sunday, September 12th** at 2:30 pm. ***A worship leader is still required for this service. If you would like to take part in providing worship for senior residents of our community, please be in touch with Barb in the church office.*** Thanks!

The September Meeting of UCW will take place on **September 14** at 1:30 pm in the home of June McIntyre at 271 Crabapple Crescent, Parksville. Phone: 250-248-3119.

Inspire the World: A fundraiser for the BC Cancer Foundation's **Inspire the World** campaign, which will expand the BC Cancer Agency in Victoria to make it the biggest and best in the province, will be held here at Knox on **Saturday, October 2nd** at 7:00 pm. This concert will be a variety show, including Kumbana Marimba, Second Wind (sax trio), Ken & Lisa Yung (dancers), Cindy Speelman (flutist), Judy Shickerowsky (singer), Floyd Campbell (magician), Donna & Bill Konsorado (country songs), Dr. Brad Nelson (leading scientist at the Cancer Agency & guitarist), Crissa Constantine (MC & pianist) and Margaret Nelson (accompanist). Tickets are \$15.00 each and are available through the church office.

Island Christian Singles: Saturday, September 11th - Dinghy Dock Pub on Protection Island. Meet at dock at 11 am. Return Ferry cost is \$7. Any questions - call Shirley - 755-2060.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH & LEARNING

Your Very Own Visitor: Folks, keep an eye out for the Knox newsletter in your email, to keep you informed of all Knox doings. It will be going out later this week. To be sure this doesn't arrive in your junk mail and get overlooked, your VERY OWN VISITOR will be phoning to draw your attention to it. If you don't have email, your visitor will see to it that you have a hard copy of the newsletter, either in your mail box in the narthex or to your door at home. It is his or her responsibility to keep in touch with you, to be there for you in any time of need or celebration, to be a go-between you and any ministerial help required - in fact, just to be your friend. Please expect this call, show your gratitude for the friendship offered and feel free to trust the offer of help at any time.

New Time---Grief Support Group: Have you experienced a loss of any kind? Do you sometimes feel alone or lonely? Come and be uplifted by a small group of people in a similar situation. Grieving can last for months or years; come and learn more. This is a safe and confidential place to share. We care and understand. If you've been successful with your grieving, please come to offer support. Our meeting time has been changed to 4-5 PM **every Wednesday** at Knox and the **September 8th** meeting will be followed by a potluck dinner. Please bring your favourite dish. Phone the church office at 250-248-3927 for more information.

Creativity Within Silence: Local artist Brian Middleton will be offering a visual and sound presentation of his work, taking us on a spiritual journey reflecting on the events of September 11, 2001. His thought provoking pieces will inform and challenge the viewer to ponder relationships and world events. Brian has a deep connection with the Holy and awakens the divine spark for others through his art. You won't want to miss this unique experience. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 11th** at 6:30 pm.

Parksville/Qualicum KAIROS - Ecumenical Social Justice Initiatives, works to promote human rights, ecological justice, social justice, peace and viable human development. Our next monthly meeting will be at St. Edmund's on **September 13** at 9:30 am. For further information contact Hans Kratz at 250-752-1345.

Prayer: Does It Make A Difference: The latest installment in Foster's ongoing "Book Club" is this delightful and challenging look at prayer by well-known writer Philip Yancey. As Yancey points out, prayer ought to be a "nourishing and uplifting" facet of every Christian's life; in truth, most of us struggle with prayer. Yancey's book attempts to explore the many challenges posed by prayer, and provide honest, thoughtful engagement with each of those challenges. This year's edition of the Book Club is being offered late in the day on **Tuesdays**—from 5:00 – 6:30—in the hope that folks who work during the day will be able to participate. Tea, coffee and juice will be provided; participants are invited to bring a sandwich or other light snack. **First session is scheduled for September 28th.** Please speak to Foster for further information, or to Barb to register for the course, and to pick up your copy of the book. The cost is \$20.00.

Reformation Christianity: With the exception of the decades immediately following the death of Jesus, it is entirely possible that the period known as the Reformation is the era that has most profoundly shaped Christianity as we know it in our time and place. Best remembered as the period in which such major figures as Martin Luther and John Calvin broke away from the Roman Catholic Church to establish Protestant denominations, the Reformation was a time of profound religious and cultural change throughout Europe. An understanding of the Reformation can help us to have a clearer understanding of our faith, our church, and our world. This year, Foster is going to host weekly gatherings that will provide an opportunity for those who would like to learn more about the Reformation. **Beginning September 29th**, we'll

meet weekly on **Wednesday mornings** from 10:00 a.m.–noon. Our guide for these sessions will be Professor Brad Gregory, who teaches History at the University of Notre Dame. His DVD lectures on the “History of Christianity during the Reformation” will provide the basis for our conversations: conversations which will not only introduce an important historical epoch, but will help us to a clearer understanding of our own life of faith. Please speak to Foster for further information, or to Barb if you wish to register for this learning opportunity.

Introduction to Old Testament - Part 1: The Torah. As Christians, we realize that the Old Testament is an important part of our faith heritage. For most of us, however, the Old Testament represents—at best—an impenetrable puzzle and—at worst—an actual stumbling block to faith. This year, Foster is going to try to introduce the books of the Old Testament in a very different sort of way. **Friday mornings**, this fall, from 10:30 am–12:30 pm, **beginning October 1st**, Foster plans to facilitate weekly gatherings in which the books of the Old Testament will be explored, starting with the Torah: also known as the Pentateuch, also known as the five books of Moses. (In case you’re keeping track: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy). Our guide for this series will be Professor Amy Jill Levine, a *Jewish* scholar who teaches Old Testament at a *Christian* Divinity School! With energy, insight and humor, Professor Levine’s DVD lecture series introduces the Old Testament affectionately, but not uncritically. Those lectures will be the basis of these gatherings, but there will be plenty of time for doing our own wrestling with selected Biblical texts, as well as sharing our own questions about—and responses to—the faith of the Old Testament.

This series promises to combine a great deal of learning with a great deal of fun! Please speak to Foster if you want further information, or to Barb if you wish to register for this learning opportunity.

Conflicts Happen - How They Are Managed Makes All The Difference! This Win-Win Approach To Managing Conflict Workshop provides an opportunity to examine conflict and to practice those skills which help to manage both personal, family and work related conflicts in a win-win manner. All activities are designed to be hands-on, relevant, meaningful, promote personal growth and of course be enjoyable and stress-free!

- **Offered to Parents:** 7 to 9 pm - **Tuesday, October 5th & Tuesday, October 12th** (must commit to both)
- **Offered to Seniors:** 9 am-3 pm - **Thursday, October 14th**
- Location - Knox United
- Cost - Participation by donation
- Facilitator - Julie Briese, BA, Educator, Justice Institute Certificate In Negotiation & Conflict Resolution

Maximum 15 participants. Register through Knox office by September 27th.

The KERYGMA Program presents **Parables: Stories for Life in God’s World** – This seven week study will aid in discovering God’s truth in these stories for today’s dilemmas. As seekers of the truth to be found in the parables for our time we will first look at these stories through the context and culture of the 1st Century AD. Subsequently, how do they apply to the multi-faceted culture, socio economic and legal systems operating today? Who is our neighbor today? How do we interpret the love principle in our time? Jesus is not only a believer, he is a doer and this is what most of his parables teach today. KERYGMA (Greek word) used in the New Testament for proclamation, announcement, or preaching. Dr Richard J. Henderson an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church has written both the Resource Book and the Leader’s Guide used in this study. The group will meet each **Thursday** for 7 weeks, from 12 noon to 2 pm, beginning **October 7** and finishing on **November 25th** (excluding November 11th). Resource Books will be required for each participant at approximately \$30.00 each. If you are interested speak to Barb in the church office to register so that we can place the books on order. The deadline for registration is September 16th. All are welcome.

WORKING TOWARD RACIAL JUSTICE IS A JOURNEY OF THE HEART... Comox-Nanaimo Presbytery is very pleased to present the Racial Justice Workshop on **Thursday, October 14** from 10 am to 4 pm at St. George’s United Church in Courtenay. This workshop explores racism, stereotyping, prejudice and discrimination and helps raise our consciousness to work toward racial justice within and outside the church. There is no cost to the course, but you may choose to pay \$10 for coffee and lunch. To register, email Presbytery Registrar Midge Swedberg, Imswedberg@shaw.ca with your name, email address, phone #, the name of your church and, if you order lunch, any food restrictions. You may also mail your registration to her at 164 Beach Drive, Comox, BC, V9M 1T6, or phone her at 250-339-4483. Think about car-pooling to bring members of your church to the workshop. **OUR JOURNEY OF WALKING TOGETHER CONTINUES...**

FALL FAIR 2010

PLANT BOOTH: As the cooler weather has arrived, now is the time to prepare your plant donations so they appear at their best. Pots are available at the back of the church and identification tags in the narthex. Please identify and list the colour if appropriate. Drop your donations off at the church **ON FRIDAY, September 17th ONLY**. If you need a pick-up on Friday or will be out of town contact one of the plant booth co-chairs. Two or three more volunteers would be appreciated, either to set-up on Friday, or help with sales or as a cashier on Saturday. The following are jobs you could

help with before the Fair - 1) washing up decorative pots and baskets or 2) potting up some of the early donations. --In appreciation, Marilou Paterson - 248-3085

& Marie Taylor - 248-3936, Plant Booth Co - Chairs

Picking Up Your Donations: If you are unable to deliver your large items to the church, we'll gladly come to your home and collect your items the week prior to the Fair. Call Jo Dunn at 248-6393 or Linda Burrows at 248-6796. **Please do NOT bring your donations to the church before Fall Fair week as we do not have a place to store them!** Thanks!

Fall Fair Book Table: It's time to make some room on your book shelves! **We'll gladly accept your books, most magazines, cassette tapes, CDs, and DVDs.** Please, NO encyclopedias, text books, National Geographic or Reader's Digest magazines or condensed books. They simply don't sell and disposing of them is costly and difficult for we book lovers to have to do!"

Posters Advertising the Fair can be obtained through Aileen Fabris at 250-951-0324. If you know a location, especially in a residential area, that accepts posters, please pick up two or three and hang them for us. Remember all of Oceanside is the target area, not just Parksville.

JAKE'S WALL! Please take a look at JAKE's Wall (in the hallway outside the church kitchen) sometime soon! It shows several specific things you can do to contribute to the success of Knox's Fall Fair on **September 18th**. With just two weeks to go, it's time for everyone to join in the preparations to make this year's event the most successful one yet!

Garage Sale: More volunteers are needed to help sort donated items brought to the narthex from **Monday, September 13th to Friday, September 17th**. If you can help for either a morning or an afternoon during that week, it would be most appreciated!
--Laurie Selin & Jan Reinson

At the moment there is no-one in overall charge of the TEAROOM or PARKING. If no-one steps forward for these tasks there will be no tearoom and parking will be a nightmare. Many thanks to those who have brought in clean and labelled donations. Some Silent Auction items have been very well packaged. You all receive a special gold star. A reminder, no half bottles of anything, particularly make-up. We are taking shoes in excellent condition. Don't forget to browse the Quality Corner on the day of the Fair. Some lovely china and pictures to adorn your home. The layout of the Fair will be exactly the same as last year. All hands needed for table set up on September 12th. after church. No tea or coffee in the lounge that morning. Only 2 weeks to go folks!"
Aileen Fabris

KNOX CALENDAR Sunday, September 5th to Sunday, September 12th 2010

Sunday, September 5th		
Worship Service	10:00 am	Sanctuary
Monday, September 6th		
<i>Church Office Closed - Happy Labour Day!</i>		
Tuesday, September 7th		
Healing Touch	9:15 am-11:30 am	6
Staff Meeting	9:30 am-12:00 pm	Ministers' Study
Healing Touch	1:30 pm- 3:45 pm	6
Outreach Committee	2:00 pm- 3:30 pm	1-2
Sisters United	6:00 pm- 9:00 pm	Lounge, Kitchen
OA	7:30 pm- 8:30 pm	4
Environmental Focus Group	7:30 pm- 9:00 pm	1-2
AA	7:30 pm- 9:15 pm	3
Wednesday, September 8th		
Lectionary Group	12:15 pm- 1:45 pm	Lounge
Grief Support Group	4:00 pm- 5:00 pm	Lounge
Choir	7:00 pm- 9:00 pm	Sanctuary
Arrowsmith Community Justice	7:00 pm- 9:00 pm	Lounge
Thursday, September 9th		
Men's Club Executive	9:00 am	1-2
St. Andrew's Lane	1:00 pm- 3:30 pm	Sanctuary
Rainbows	6:45 pm- 7:45 pm	All Rooms
Friday, September 10th		
OA	12:00 pm- 1:00 pm	4
Saturday, September 11th		
Meditation	9:00 am	Chapel
Cleaners	9:00 am-12:00 pm	All Rooms
Creativity Within Silence	6:30 pm- 9:30 pm	Sanctuary, Lounge
Sunday, September 12th		
Rally Sunday Worship Service	10:00 am	Sanctuary
Fall Fair Chair Removal	12:30 pm	Sanctuary

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