

**SUNDAY CELEBRATION 10:00 AM
KNOX UNITED CHURCH**



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Rev. Jennifer Ferguson, *Minister*
Jane Williams, *Administrator*
Colleen Welsh, *Facility Coordinator*
Kathleen Howard, *Relief Administrator*

Rev. Dr. M. Bruce McIntyre, *Minister Emeritus*
Jenny Vincent, *Music Leader*
Jan & Bill Laurie, *Music Team*

February 4, 2018

Please note that our sanctuary is equipped with a loop system for the hearing impaired. If you wear a hearing-aid, please turn it to the "T" position.

Thank you for remembering that Knox strives to be a SCENT FREE ZONE

In body or in spirit, please stand as you are able where indicated (*)

**SERMON SERIES: INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK
WORSHIP THEME: MEETING OUR MUSLIM NEIGHBOUR**

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE PEOPLE

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

A TIME OF REJOICING

*Yahweh Be Praised 51MV
*Oh a Song Must Rise 142MV
Cares Chorus Words and music Kelly Willard

CENTERING PRAYER

KIDS' ZONE

CHILDREN'S HYMN: Like a Rock 92MV
(Children are now invited to participate in a time of fun, food and learning in our Sunday school area)

A TIME OF REFLECTING

SCRIPTURE READING: Chapter 49 Sūrat Al-Hujurāt
(The Dwellings)

CHOIR ANTHEM: Contemplation Chant...traditional

REFLECTION Mohammed Hawemdeh
International Student Advisor, VIU

***HYMN:** In Star and Crescent 159MV

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

The Singing Bowl Invites us to center....

Sung Response: Where Two or Three Are Gathered 14MV

The Lord's Prayer (sung) 959VU

A TIME OF RISING

***HYMN** Deep in Our Hearts 154MV

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

We are pleased and honoured today to welcome Mohammed Hawemdeh, a practitioner of the Muslim faith. He will be sharing with us some of the basic tenets of Islam, some of the differences within it, some common misconceptions about Islam, and why his faith is important to him. He will also be available for a Question and Answer period from 11:30-Noon so please pick up a coffee in the lounge and make your way back to the sanctuary for this conversation.

Next Sunday we will be celebrating the Theme: Let There Be Understanding with a variety of Interfaith guests on our panel during worship including Persian Drummer and Singer, Amir Haghighi from the Ba'hai faith and Rev. Dianne Burrough, Spiritualist Minister.

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**WEEKLY OFFERING** – We are grateful for your financial gifts to our 8 ministries. Please place your offering in the baskets provided on the communion table or on the table inside the main sanctuary doors before or after the worship service.

## WELCOME

**Welcome To Our Service of Worship at Knox!** We extend a warm welcome to **all** who may be visiting with us this morning. Please know that visitors are welcome to participate in **every** part of our worship service. If you are visiting from near or from afar, thank you for finding your way to Knox. Together we seek God's grace; it is God who welcomes you. A nursery is available in Room 4 for children 0-3. There is a time of fun and learning for children 3-11 years in our Sunday school area after the Children's Hymn. Changing table is located in the nursery

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Today we recognize Norm and Dulcie Spice who are moving back to Calgary in this coming month to be closer to family. Thank you for sharing your gentle, caring and enthusiastic ways of being with us. We will miss you both! God bless you.*

*Thank you from Madge Highfield to the UCW for the lovely birthday cake, the best wishes and the beautiful card.*

*2018 Canadian Church Calendars for sale \$8  
See the office*

## WORSHIP AND ARTS

### **PANCAKE SUPPER FEBRUARY 14<sup>th</sup>**

Begin Lent with a combined Shrove Tuesday/Ash Wednesday pancake supper at 5 pm, followed by Service of Ashes at 6:15 pm.

**PRESBYTERY PRAYER CYCLE** - Prayers this week to Canada's Military, Padre Chris Donnelly at CFB Comox and worldwide

### **DO YOU LIKE TO SING? CAN YOU SING IN TUNE?**

If so, consider joining the Knox choir. Reading music is an asset but is not necessary. We practice on Wed. nights from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Please join us for music and fellowship.

## HEALING AND PASTORAL CARE

**HEALING SERVICE WITH COMMUNION**- The Healing Team and Worship and Arts Team will be collaborating ministries to offer a monthly service of Comfort and Healing on the third Sunday of the month (except for March) at 3:00 pm. This will be a beautiful service in which candle lighting, peaceful music, prayers, reflection, communion, anointing of oil

and laying on of hands for healing will be offered. The dates for all of the Comfort and Healing Services are as follows: **Feb. 18, April 15, & May 20th**. Come away from the clutter and the chaos to find the quiet centre. Join us for an experience of healing and hope.

**RAINBOWS FACILITATORS NEEDED** – Are you a good listener? Do you like children? Do you have a rapport with them? Do you have a couple of hours a week to help? You are needed to help children learn that their feelings matter. After a loss or a sudden change in their family, they need a safe, supported group atmosphere. If you believe you can help or know of someone that may be able to help, please contact Sandy at 250-248-5974.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE AND OUTREACH

**INTRODUCING THE GREEN TEAM CHALLENGE** – Each month your Green Team will give you a challenge of ways you can go green....This month's challenge is: Don't forget to take your own shopping bags to the grocery store.

**GREEN TEAM MEETING** – Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

**BLANKET EXERCISE** – Parksville/Qualicum Kairos Ecumenical Justice and Peace Committee blanket exercise. Saturday, February 17, 2018 10 am – 12 pm at Knox United Church. Please join us as we work together with our indigenous neighbours in building a more just society where their gifts are nurtured and honoured.

### **COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR – February 24, 2018**

We need more **walkers** to join the **Knox United Church** team. Pick up a registration form in the Narthex. Last year we had 17 walkers, this year we have 15. This is a fun event held right here at Knox. Join the team and help the hungry, homeless and hurting right here in Oceanside. You may register on-line at [www.coldestnightoftheyear.org](http://www.coldestnightoftheyear.org) or contact me for more information. Thanks, Margaret Warburton 250-951-0538 or [warburton59@shaw.ca](mailto:warburton59@shaw.ca)

### **COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR – Volunteers needed**

If you would like to volunteer this year at the Coldest night of the Year walk please phone Patricia Anderson at 778-971-0334 or sign up at this link <https://cnoy.org/volunteer>

## **FUN, FAMILY & FRIENDS**

**SISTERS UNITED - February 5<sup>th</sup>**. Plan to join women in the church and their friends at 5:30 pm for conversation and dinner at 6 pm. Wear your valentine colours, enjoy a Valentine quiz, and, share your love stories. Bring your cutlery and a dish to share. Coordinators are Priscilla Dickson, Joyce Hagedorn, Marilou Paterson, Rhoda Perron, and Martha Pow.

**PROGRESSIVE SUPPER –** Fun, Family and Friends would like to host a Progressive Supper in February or March and would like your help finding a coordinator for this event. I know there are many excellent cooks and coordinators out there! Please help us find one to do this event. It is a great way to meet new people and find out your similar interests. Thank you for considering this!

**NEWCOMERS MEET AND GREET –** The second Sunday of every month is “Newcomers Meet and Greet” with Jennifer for a little one on one and also to meet a few of the “regular” Knox folks. Grab your coffee after the service and head to rooms 1 & 2 to meet other folks that may as new and as nervous as you are!

## **SACRED SPACES**

**NEW DOOR BELL AT MAIN ENTRANCE TO KNOX –** Please take note that we now have a new doorbell immediately to the right of the main entrance to Knox. Please press the button to activate the doorbell after 3:00 pm when the church is locked following office hours. The bell rings in the hallway between Jane’s office and Jennifer and Colleen’s offices. Thanks to Les Dabb for installing this inexpensive doorbell which will be of assistance to staff and those needing access to the building. Margaret Warburton, Sacred Spaces Team Leader

## **STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE**

**ORGAN FUND-** We are pleased to announce that the organ is fully paid off, including the \$31,000 advance from the Capital and Reserve Fund. Thank you to Jenny and the organ committee for accomplishing this ahead of schedule! Thank you also to the congregation and the community for their support through donations, sponsorships and concert attendance. Several organWORX concerts are planned for coming months, with additional revenue being accumulated in the Organ Fund. Council plans to consider recommendations for use of these funds including initiatives of Knox ministries, community outreach, music scholarships for local children and youth, and Knox operating and capital accounts.

**ORGANWORX AT KNOX** –Individual tickets may be purchased for the May 27/18 concert, ‘Choir & Organ’, featuring Elroy Friesen, conductor of the newly formed Schooner Cove Singers. Fergus O’Byrne and Jim Payne are here on March 10/18, for another Irish-Newfoundland ‘East meets West’ concert. Tickets are available for each concert after the service, the Knox office or Mulberry Bush Bookstores in Parksville and Qualicum Beach. Tickets for the Mar 10/18 concert are also available from the Port Theatre ticket office, by phone or on-line.

**FERGUS TICKETS ARE SELLING FAST**

– Better buy your tickets now!

## **MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL**

**Rev. Jennifer Ferguson: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm** (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](mailto:minister@kucparksville.ca) or leave a message in the office.)

**Knox Church Office Hours: Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (closed for lunch 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm).**

**DO YOU KNOW THE ART OF CALLIGRAPHY?** *M&P have a very small task that requires this gift. If you can help out, please call or e-mail: Kathy Grand [gkgrand@shaw.ca](mailto:gkgrand@shaw.ca) 752-1296 or Lois Grill at [loisgrill@shaw.ca](mailto:loisgrill@shaw.ca) 752-7599*

## **SPIRITUAL FORMATION**

**WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT ISLAM?** - Join us for a 5 Week DVD study on Islam entitled The Jesus Fatwah (Love your Muslim Neighbour as Yourself). This will be starting on **Monday nights Feb 5,12,19,26, and March 5 from 7:00-9:00 pm in Room 5** with Jennifer Ferguson facilitating the conversation. Please register with Jane in the office at 250-248-3927 \$10 to cover the DVD cost

**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.

**DIALOGUES FOR PEACE & NON-VIOLENT COMMUNICATIONS** “You are what you speak”. Dialogues for Peace is the lost language of humankind; the language of a people who care about one another and long to live in harmony. Speaking peace and

compassionate listening dissolve differences, create connection, heal everything and changes reality. This 6-week course, presented by Morganne Pickering, runs for six consecutive weeks, 10:15 am to 12:45 pm. To register and for additional info: [harmonybreezes@shaw.ca](mailto:harmonybreezes@shaw.ca) or 250-594-3315.

### **ENNEAGRAM WORKSHOP - Saturday, March 3, 2018**

**9:00 am – 4:00 pm Knox Lounge** Join us to participate in this all-day workshop conducted by Debbie Jegen who has studied with Helen Palmer and provided these workshops for over 20 years. Enneagram is a self-awareness tool; for understanding self-motivations and those of others. It was created 4,000 years ago by the Sufis and Christianized by the Jesuits. Participation fee: **\$30 per person**, bring your own bagged lunch (tea, coffee & snacks will be provided) and join us for an enlightening journey. This will be a popular course. To avoid disappointment, please register early through the Knox Office by emailing [admin@kucparksville.ca](mailto:admin@kucparksville.ca) or by calling 250-248-3927.

### **BETHLEHEM RETREAT – First Annual Knox Women’s Retreat. Friday and Saturday, April 13 – 14, 2018 at Bethlehem Retreat Center.**

Bethlehem Retreat Center is on beautiful Westwood Lake in Nanaimo. Arriving 2:00 pm on Friday and departing 4:00 pm Saturday. Includes 3 meals. Double room \$120 or Single Room \$140. Bethlehem can accommodate gluten/dairy free & vegetarian diets only. For any other dietary restrictions it is recommended to bring your own food. Subsidies are available; see Jennifer. This will be a time to unwind, share and foster friendship. Gloria Stewart, who is a joy and abundance coach will be our facilitator for the weekend. Register with the office. Questions? Please email Jan du Monde at [jandumonde@gmail.com](mailto:jandumonde@gmail.com)

**NEW IN THE LIBRARY, February 4, 2018** Thank you to the donors for some of these!

F TAR **The Goldfinch**, Donna Tartt, winner of the Pulitzer prize *a mesmerizing, stay-up-all-night and tell-all-your-friends triumph, an old-fashioned story of loss and obsession, survival and self-invention, and the ruthless machinations of fate.*

F LAH **The Lowland**, Jhumpa Lahiri *Two brothers bound by tragedy; a fiercely brilliant woman haunted by her past; a country torn by revolution: the Pulitzer Prize winner and #1 New York Times bestselling author gives us a powerful new novel--set in both India and America--that explores the price of idealism, and a love that can last long past death.*

F ANG **Rainbow in The Cloud: the Wisdom and Spirit of Maya Angelou**, Maya Angelou *A collection of sage advice, humorous quips, and pointed observations culled from the author's great works,...*

248 SIM **Made Well: Finding Wholeness in The Everyday Sacred Moments**, Jenny Simmons *Acclaimed singer/songwriter and speaker guides readers to understand that, beyond the curing of our bodies or a mending of the most broken situations, being made*

*well happens as we experience God's healing in everyday sacred moments.*

155 FIN **Lost and Found: the Journey of Women at Midlife**, Liza Finlay *an educational, enlightening and entertaining book aimed at women who are navigating the turbulent waters of midlife. Building upon real cases drawn from her psychotherapy practice, along with statistical data and personal experience, the author paints a picture of the typical challenges of women facing the midlife transition. Then, she maps out a route to reinvention and rebirth. Filled with practical exercises and interventions, Lost & Found is both an exploration of a critical life stage, and a road map to self discovery and change*

### **SUMMARY OF JAN 16, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING**

- 1) Accepted with regret the resignation of Cathy Stewart as Vice-Chair of Council, and appointed her to the currently vacant position of Member-at-Large to the Executive.
- 2) Council was happy that the Special Offering to support the operating fund raised about \$20,000. It was confirmed that the Easter Special Offering is still planned to go to Operating, to offset the forecast budget deficit.
- 3) OrganWorx reported that the loan from the reserve fund can now be paid off, meaning the Organ has now been fully paid.
- 4) Council decided to revert back to monthly Council meetings instead of alternating with Executive meetings.
- 5) Council decided to plan for recommending to the Congregation in June that we adopt the trial organization structure, in particular with the 9 Wholeness Ministries that were identified and that the positions of Chair, Vice Chair and Past Chair be one year terms.
- 6) It was decided to cancel the plan for a Wholeness Team Planning Workshop on Feb 22, and replace it with closer 1 on 1 meetings of team leads & their liaisons to the Executive.
- 7) Approval was given to apply for ProVision Funding from BC Conference for training leaders of small groups.
- 8) Approval was given to the draft Job Description for our minister Jennifer, prepared by our Ministry & Personnel Team.
- 9) Approval was given to OrganWorx concerts planned in this March & April, and for a 2018-2019 concert series (Sept 2018 - June 2019).
- 10) Agreed that we gather more information from the Affordable Housing Vancouver Island Society on their idea for possible use of Knox property for a housing project.
- 11) Approval was given to put out a money jar to relieve people of coins and put it towards our forecast operating deficit.

Gerry Garnett  
Chair, Church Council

# KNOX CALENDAR

## February 4 – February 11, 2018

### Sunday, February 4

Worship Service .....10:00 am – 11:00 am..... Sanctuary

### Monday, February 5

Green Team .....9:30 am – 11:00 am.....Room 5  
 Line Dancing.....10:00 am – 12:00 pm.....Rooms 1 & 2  
 In This Together .....1:30 pm – 2:30 pm.....Room 6  
 ..... (Mental Health Support Group).....  
 Sisters United .....4:00 pm – 8:30 pm ..... Lounge/Kitchen  
 Cantando Singers .....7:00 pm – 9:00 pm.....Rooms 1 & 2  
 Handbell Choir .....7:00 pm – 8:30 pm..... Sanctuary  
 DVD Series.....7:00 pm – 9:00 pm.....Room 5

### Tuesday, February 6

Healing Ministry .....9:30 am – 11:30 am.....Room 6  
 Visioning Facilitation .....10:00 am – 12:00 am.....Room 5  
 Healing Ministry .....1:30 pm – 3:30 pm.....Room 6  
 AA.....7:00 pm – 8:30 pm.....Rooms 1 & 2  
 Community Choir.....7:00 pm – 9:30 pm..... Sanctuary  
 OA .....7:30 pm – 8:30 pm.....Room 5

### Wednesday, February 7

Drop in Bible Study.....10:00 am – 12:00 pm.....Room 5  
 Dialogues for Peace .....10:15 am – 12:45 pm.....Rooms 1 & 2  
 Healing Ministry .....1:30 pm – 4:00 pm.....Room 6  
 Knox Men's Club .....2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.....Room 5  
 Knox Choir.....7:00 pm – 9:00 pm..... Sanctuary

### Thursday, February 8

Rainbows.....6:30 pm – 8:00 pm..... All Rooms

### Friday, February 9

Healing Ministry .....9:30 am – 11:30 am.....Room 6  
 OA ..... 12:00 pm- 1:00 pm.....Room 5  
 Manna Sandwich Making.....1:30 pm – 3:00 pm..... Kitchen

### Saturday, February 10

Pacific Baroque Festival .....7:30 pm – 9:00 pm..... Sanctuary

### Sunday, February 11

Worship Service .....10:00 am – 11:00 am..... Sanctuary  
 Newcomer's Meet & Greet.11:00 am – 12:00 pm.....Rooms 1 & 2

# Knox United Church Council 2017-18

## Executive Members of Council

|                          |                   |                                                                          |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Chairperson              | Gerry Garnett     | ggarnett@telus.net                                                       |
| Vice Chair               | Vacant            |                                                                          |
| Past Chair               | Wayne Larson      | larsonw@shaw.ca                                                          |
| Secretary                | Linda Nelson      | lindanelson@hotmail.com                                                  |
| Stewardship<br>& Finance | Ian Ward          | ward.ian.m@gmail.com                                                     |
| Minister                 | Jennifer Ferguson | <a href="mailto:minister@kucparksville.ca">minister@kucparksville.ca</a> |
| Communications           | Jo Dunn           | <a href="mailto:jo_dunn@telus.net">jo_dunn@telus.net</a>                 |
| Members at Large         | Bob McInnes       | r.j.mcinnis@shaw.ca                                                      |
|                          | Cathy Stewart     | cathyverastewart@hotmail.com                                             |

Ministry and Personnel Mary Ellen Campbell mecampbell@shaw.ca

## Additional Council Members

|                |              |                       |
|----------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Treasurer      | Ken Fanning  | acct@kucparksville.ca |
| Trustee Rep    | Wayne Larson | larsonw@shaw.ca       |
| Presbytery Rep | Rick Roberts | rick.roberts@shaw.ca  |
| 1 Youth Rep    | Vacant       |                       |

## Ministry Team Leads on Council

|                              |                     |                                                                        |
|------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Stewardship<br>& Finance     | Ian Ward            | ward.ian.m@gmail.com                                                   |
| Ministry & Personnel         | Mary Ellen Campbell | mecampbell@shaw.ca                                                     |
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| Healing & Pastoral Care      | Donna Kennedy       |                                                                        |
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|                              | Shirlene Donnelly   | shirlene_donnelly@yahoo.com                                            |
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| Communications               | Jo Dunn             | <a href="mailto:jo_dunn@telus.net">jo_dunn@telus.net</a>               |
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## Ministry and Personnel Team

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 Kathy Grand  
 Lois Grill  
 Bev Hrenewich  
 Bob Therriault  
 Ron Schiefke

Healing Pathways Team Lois Grill, coordinator [loisgrill@shaw.ca](mailto:loisgrill@shaw.ca)

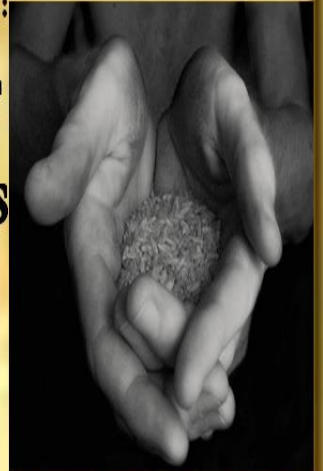
## NOTES

### Neighbours

The Prophet of Allah said:

"He is not a true Believer  
who eats his fill while his  
neighbour is hungry".

*(Bayhaqi.)*



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