

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



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Rev. Jennifer Ferguson, *Minister*
Jane Williams, *Administrator*
Colleen Welsh, *Facility Coordinator*
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Rev. Dr. M. Bruce McIntyre, *Minister Emeritus*
Jenny Vincent, *Music Leader*
Jan & Bill Laurie, *Music Team*
Shirlene Donnelly, *Native Flute*

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS CELEBRATION
EARTH DAY, APRIL 22nd, 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 (*)

PRELUDE Island Spirit, Island Home

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE PEOPLE

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

A TIME OF REJOICING

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Today we give honour to all of creation, aware of our deep interdependence with all life on this our planetary home. Along with Job we humans stand in awe as the Creator of all asks us some questions:

All: Tell me human being, do you know all the mysteries of the universe? Do you care about my creatures as much as I do? Do you set out food for the ravens when their young cry to me, fluttering because they have no food?

One: Do you know the month when mountain goats give birth? Do you know the season of a doe's delivery and have you ever watched a doe give birth to her fawn? Was it through your know-how that the hawk learned to fly, soaring effortlessly on thermal updrafts?

All: All of creation is bathed in this wondrous mystery. We rise in awe of its beauty and rhythmic seasons, its sun and moons, its order and its chaos, everything beautiful in its magnificent own time. Let us celebrate this Earth Day and give praise to the Maker of All.

*It's a Song of Praise to the Maker 30MV
*All Things Bright and Beautiful 291VU

CENTERING PRAYER

KIDS' ZONE

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

(Please bring your beloved pets or pictures of pets forward at a station one at a time to receive a blessing)

CHOIR ANTHEM: O Beautiful Gaia 41MV

A TIME OF RISING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR CREATION AND OUR PETS (insert)

ALL OF CREATION PRAISES THE CREATOR (VIDEO)

*HYMN A Place in the Choir 4AGCS

*BLESSING

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WEEKLY OFFERING – We are grateful for your financial gifts to our 9 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.

TODAY AT KNOX

EARTH DAY CELEBRATIONS – Sunday, April 22 7 pm at Knox - Featuring “A Sense of Wonder” Join us for a special showing of the movie “A Sense of Wonder”. The film highlights the life of Rachel Carson, noted marine biologist and environmentalist who is considered to be the patron saint of the modern environmental movement. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Entry by donation.

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

It is with sadness that we inform you of the passing of Thelma Irvine on March 31, 2018. Please keep Thelma’s family and friends in your prayers as they grieve her passing.

WORSHIP AND ARTS

PRESBYTERY PRAYER CYCLE – Prayers this week to Rev. Keltie van Binsbergen, Cathie Talbot and the congregation of Comox United.

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND OUTREACH

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: Turn off the lights when you leave the room.

FUN, FAMILY & FRIENDS

NEWCOMER’S 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 be as new and as nervous as you are! The next meet and greet will be Sunday, May 13th.

TEA + COFFEE SERVERS ARE NEEDED AFTER CHURCH on **May 20 and 27**; and on all **4 Sundays in June**. Please let us know if you could prepare and serve tea and coffee on any of these dates. It’s an easy job.....clear instructions are provided.....and you’ll work with a team of others who have done the job before. Your offer to provide this service will ensure that we continue to enjoy a time of welcome, friendship and refreshment each and every Sunday. Please contact Barb Roberts at barb664@shaw.ca or 250-248-7171. Thanks!

KNOX UCW (UNITED CHURCH WOMEN) – Are holding a BAKE SALE in conjunction with the KNOX PLANT SALE on Sat., May 5th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. We are a very small group of women and donations of HOME BAKING would be very much appreciated; money raised from this sale will be used towards such services as helping families with children’s summer camp fees, youth leadership training, minister’s discretionary fund etc. HOME BAKING can be left at the church in Rooms 1 & 2 on Fri., May 4th between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm. For further info., please phone Margaret at 250-947-9199.

PROGRESSIVE SUPPER – Our Progressive dinner has moved from Friday, May 4th to Friday, October 19th. As we get closer to the date, please contact Marj Wilkie at wilkiefamily@shaw.ca if you would like to help coordinate.

HOME GROUPS LEADERSHIP TRAINING – Who Me? Lead a Group? Yes You! There will be a leadership training workshop on Saturday May 12, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with catered lunch (\$10. Pay at the door). This is for you if you are interested in leading a Home Group, if you already lead another group in the church or if you would like to gain these skills. Topics will be small group systems, leader skills, mentoring, asking excellent questions. Sign on THE WALL. We need numbers for the caterer.

Anne Ward, 250-468-9052 eanneward52@gmail.com
Marg Conn 250-954-1244 muggins46@shaw.ca



KNOX PLANT SALE & UCW BAKE SALE- Sat May 5th 9 – 12 pm
Be part of our popular community event! Join the fun and fellowship. There are many ways you can help - gardeners and non-gardeners. Please visit the yellow "Volunteer Sign-Up" Center in the hall. Donations will be gratefully accepted on FRIDAY MAY 4TH. THANK YOU!
Questions? Contact Sandy Dunn (250) 248-6393 or sandyd@telus.net

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

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. Tickets are available from the Knox office or Mulberry Bush Bookstores in Parksville and Qualicum Beach.

Organ Recital - organWORX is proud to present the final Noon Hour Recital of the season on **Thursday, April 26 at 12:15 pm**. The concert will feature local organist, Jenny Vincent, playing organ music for the soul. Free will offering. Eat your lunch and enjoy some extraordinary organ music!

Cosmic Odyssey - For those of you who missed the original concert in October, now is your chance to hear it in Victoria! Bob McDonald, CBC's science guru, with Jenny Vincent on the organ take the audience on adventures in space through universes beyond our own, with informative and entertaining narratives interspersed with music. Punctuated with outstanding visuals on large screens, this show is not to be missed. Cosmic Odyssey, **Saturday, April 28**, First Metropolitan United Church, 932 Balmoral Rd, Victoria; 7:00 p.m.; tickets \$35, in Victoria at the McPherson Box Office (250-386-6121, toll-free 1-888-717-6121, online www.rmts.bc.ca); Munro's Books (250-382-2464); Ivy's Bookshop (250-598-2713), and Tanner's Books, Sidney (250-656-2345).

HEALING AND PASTORAL CARE

ARE YOU AWARE? Knox has a Sunshine Gal - Martha Pow phone (250)248-2028 or email marthapow36@gmail.com. If someone you know is in need of a card - get well, birthday, sympathy or just thinking of you from Knox, she will happily send one. You might also contact Mary Allison Bell at (250)954-1067 or email m.allison.bell@gmail.com or the minister, Jennifer Ferguson.

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 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 next Comfort and Healing Service is **May 20th**. Come away from the clutter and the chaos to find the quiet centre. Join us for an experience of healing and hope.

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 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).

NOTE: THE KNOX OFFICE WILL BE CLOSING AT 12 PM ON FRIDAY, APRIL 27TH

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

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.

OBSERVER RENEWAL TIME! - Current subscriptions to The Observer will expire at the end of May. Our Observer Representative, Gillian Stewart, will be in the Narthex after worship on Sunday to take your renewal cheque (only \$25 for the whole year). You could also drop off your cheque in an envelope marked "Observer Subscription" in Gillian's mail slot.

HAS THE VIOLENCE IN THE BIBLE EVER TROUBLED YOU? You are not alone. This 8 week DVD session runs Thursday mornings until **May 24** from **10:30 am -12:30 pm** entitled Violence Divine will help us to wrestle with all of the violent passages in the bible. Contemporary theologians help us to examine these biblical passages in the context of our own time and how we reconcile these passages with our understanding of a non-violent Jesus. Please register with Jane in the office at 250-248-3927 \$10 to cover the DVD cost.

LIBRARY – Tiny Cat is frisky and can be on the run with you. You can access this online library catalog program on devices such as your pc, laptop or mobile phone. <https://www.librarycat.org/lib/KnoxUnitedChurch> In a bookstore and wondering if we have the book? Or wondering if we have any books by David Ricoh, the author of Jennifer's recent sermon series, Just check on **Tiny Cat**.



THE VISIONING FACILITATION TEAM

The Visioning Facilitation Team wishes to thank the congregation for its continuing in-put. Please remember to add your **THOUGHTS AND VISIONS FOR KNOX...** by using the sheets available on the front side table in the entrance and by using the book in the Chapel. We are **ALL** in this Visioning Process together and **YOUR IDEAS MATTER !**

KNOX CALENDAR **April 22 – April 29, 2018**

Sunday, April 22

Worship Service Pet Blessing... 10:00 am – 11:30 am Sanctuary
Oceanside Concert Band 2:30 pm – 4:15 pm Sanctuary
"A Sense of Wonder" 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Lounge

Monday, April 23

Line Dancing..... 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Rooms 1 & 2
The Green Team 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Room 5
Creative Worship 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Lounge
M & P Meeting 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Room 5
In This Together 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Room 6
..... (Mental Health Support Group).....
Handbell Choir 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Sanctuary

Tuesday, April 24

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
OA 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm Room 5

Wednesday, April 25

Drop-in Bible Study 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Room 5
Alliance Strata Meeting 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Lounge
Healing Ministry 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm Room 6
Knox Choir 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Sanctuary

Thursday, April 26

DVD Series 10:30 am – 12:30 pm Room 5
Noon Hour Concert 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm Sanctuary

Friday, April 27

KNOX OFFICE CLOSING 12 PM

Healing Ministry 9:30 am – 11:30 am Room 6
Manna Sandwich Making .. 10:30 am – 12:00 pm Kitchen
OA 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Room 5

Sunday, April 29

Worship Service 10:00 am – 11:30 am Sanctuary

Knox United Church Council 2017-18

NOTES

Executive Members of Council

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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS CELEBRATION

EARTH DAY, APRIL 22nd, 2018

Knox United Church



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR OUR PETS



One: We take this moment to thank our Creator for the miracle of life,
for the beauty and wonder of all creation.

All: We give thanks for brilliantly coloured birds who waken us with their song each morning and some who even talk to us and amuse us with their chatter.

One: We give God thanks for soft and cuddly bunnies,
and for cats who heal us with their wise spirits who purr and curl contented next to us.

All: We celebrate the forgiving love of dogs who greet us like a long lost friend as we come home, and walk us to keep us active and healthy.

One: We give thanks for fish who swim silently through the water,
making us feel so calm and peaceful inside.

All: We give thanks for all kinds of other pets: frogs and hamsters, guinea pigs and mice, spiders and snakes,
for all of the menagerie with whom we share our time and life.



One: For pets that love us unconditionally and keep us company in lonely times.

All: We bless all our pets who have journeyed with us, past, present and future, eternally grateful for their love and faithful companionship.

One: Together, we bless all of the creatures with whom we share our island home –

All: the dolphin and sea lion,
the whale and crab and gull
the deer in the forest and mountain bears,
and the hundreds of species that fill our planet.

One: We add our thanksgiving to the Creator's love

All: and commit ourselves anew to Honouring their presence among us.

One: We pray that today as we have blessed them

All: we remember that they have blessed us even more. Amen.

