

SUNDAY CELEBRATION 10:00 AM KNOX UNITED CHURCH



December 2, 2018

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Compassion, Inclusion, Joy and Spirituality

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ADVENT 1: An Advent Musical Celebration Source of Miracles: Service On Earth as it is in Heaven

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 (*)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE PEOPLE

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

A TIME OF REJOICING

*People, Look East 9VU
Waiting w/m Pepper Choplin Knox Choir

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

UNISON PRAYER

Holy Hope,
When the earth is in trouble, you send divine messenger at different times
And in different places to offer hope to us; not to rescue us, but to help us
learn how to serve one another as sisters and brothers, one to another.
Help us to remember the teachings of the child born in Bethlehem, that we
might be more like the Cosmic Christ Child, bringing a lot more of heaven

to the earth by serving. We give thanks for your light of hope that came
down at Christmas to enlighten us. Amen.

CHILDREN'S HYMN: Hope Shines as the Solitary Star 220MV
(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: Matthew 6:10b
POEM The Pleasure of Serving
❖ by Gabriela Mistral

SOLO: Ordinary Miracle McKenna Jardine
By Glen Ballard and Dave Stewart

REFLECTION

CHOIR ANTHEM: Angels are Making their Rounds
w/m Pepper Choplin

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER

The Singing Bowl invites us to center....

The Lord's Prayer (Spoken)

CHOIR ANTHEM: A Christmas Prayer w/m Gilbert Martin

A TIME OF RISING

*HYMN Down to Earth, as a Dove 42VU

*BLESSING

CHOIR POSTLUDE Advent Celebration w/m Jon Paige

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### TODAY AT KNOX

*Thanks to McKenna Jardine for sharing her gift of music with us this morning.*

❖ Several copies of the poem will be available at the hospitality table  
**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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.  
Changing table is in the nursery.

### KNOX COMMUNITY NEWS

*Congratulations & richest blessings to Bev Harrison on your 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. A \$25 gift will be given from the UCW to the Knox operating fund in honour of this special day.  
God bless you from the congregation of Knox United Church.*

*Flowers have been placed in the sanctuary by Tom and Marlene Cmikiewicz  
In loving memory of their daughters Rosemarie and Susan.*

## WORSHIP AND ARTS

**PRESBYTERY PRAYER CYCLE** – Prayers this week to Rev. Erin Sterling and the congregation of Cedar United Church.

**POINSETTIAS** – Please help decorate the church for Advent and purchase poinsettias to honour someone or in their



memory. **LAST DAY FOR ORDERS IS DEC. 2<sup>ND</sup>**. 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.

**BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE – Sunday, Dec 16. 3 pm.** Join us for a worship service of comfort and healing for those who are needing a quiet, contemplative space to remember and honour a loved one, or beloved pet or grieve another form of loss or "just to be" in this often-frantic age and season. This service will include a time of sacred music, encouraging words, a time of prayer and silence and a time for hands-on healing, communion and a memorial sideshow to honour loved ones who have died. Please send a photo to the tech team at [tech@kucparksville.ca](mailto:tech@kucparksville.ca) by Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> if you would like a photo of your loved one or beloved pet included in the slideshow honouring their memory. Light refreshments to follow the service.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE & OUTREACH

**COMFORT TREE** - Social Justice and Outreach will be putting up a "Comfort Tree", in the Narthex for **Sunday Dec. 2nd**. This year, your gifts under the tree will be donated to Haven House, a local agency, which last year provided transition and overnight stays for 435 local women and children fleeing abuse. Please decorate our "Comfort Tree with "Cozy" donations to brighten their lives. They will be appreciated by women in crisis.

**WHITE GIFT SUNDAY** – This is a special day each year when we share our Christmas with the S.O.S. Christmas Project for families who need some help in providing gifts for their children and teenagers. This is the 50<sup>th</sup> year that S.O.S. has sponsored this Christmas Program. Here at Knox we have continued the tradition which dates to 1904 in Ohio, when the wife of a Methodist minister and their two daughters came up with the idea of giving gifts wrapped in white, so they would be anonymous. In the interest of saving trees, we do NOT wrap the gifts we bring. You will find a list of suggested gifts for Infants – Toddlers, along with a list for Teens to help you make your choice inserted in today's bulletin. Kindly bring your White gifts (unwrapped) to church on **Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>** and place them under the Christmas tree. With sincere thanks for your generous donations, they will be delivered to the S.O.S. on **Monday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>**. Contact **Margaret Warburton, 250-951-0538** if you have questions.

**THE REDress PROJECT** - was initiated by Winnipeg-based artist Jaime Black in 2011 to be an aesthetic response to the issue of missing and murdered Indigenous women across Canada. Red Dresses are on display in various locations in the Oceanside area to mark **November 25<sup>th</sup>** as the **UN International Day to Eliminate Violence Against Women** and will be on display until December 10 to correspond with the **16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence**. **December 10** is also **Human Rights Day**.

**A MESSAGE TO KNOX - Jada Morgan**, who shared her story last week about her call from God to help the children of Lebanon, and her subsequent call to sponsor one of the Syrian families she met while there, is hoping to form a group of 3 -5 people to accomplish this. She wanted folks who might be interested to know that she is willing to take on the burden of the financial responsibility of a group of 5, so please don't let financial fears be the reason for backing away from a Refugee Sponsorship Group. "I'm not asking for people to help me fundraise...I'm looking for a core group of 3-5 people who are willing to help me to settle this family."

What would be required of you?

- Helping the family to locate suitable housing
- Help with Interpretation and learning English
- Help connect family with ESL training/support
- Help to acquire furnishings
- Transportation - Help transport the family to buy groceries, shopping, Dr's appointments etc.
- Banking – Help family with the process of setting up bank account
- Help with obtaining Driver's license
- Attend a 2-day workshop with the Anglican church on working with a sensitive population and refugee sponsorship
- Sign a contract with the Anglican church committing to the settlement of the family which ends a year after the family arrives

If you are feeling that you may be called to participate in helping sponsor a refugee family from Syria, or have any questions, please contact **Jada** by emailing: [jada\\_morgan@icloud.com](mailto:jada_morgan@icloud.com)

**KNOX LOW FLUSH TOILETS** - You may have noticed the labels are gone from the low flush toilets. We thought that perhaps you thought 'low flush' meant they were not as good as the others. In fact, they are more

efficient while also using less water. So, use them when you can.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE & OUTREACH BULLETIN BOARD** - located outside the library window. Take note of the letter from the Homelessness Task Force thanking the congregation for the generous Thanksgiving donation, the M & S giving in October, and other Social Justice and Outreach items.

**ZATOUN FAIR TRADE** - Extra Virgin Olive Oil, soap and herbs will be available after church during the Advent season. Prices are the same as last year! So, come, shop and help the Palestinians in their farming endeavours. \$10 Oil; \$5 Soap and Herbs. New this year is organic olive oil for \$16 a bottle.

**KNOX SHOPPING BAGS** – Are still available for **\$2.50**. If you would like one, just ask a member of the Knox Green Team.

## **FUN, FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

### **KNOX UCW– U.C.W. NEEDS UNUSED CHRISTMAS CARDS!**

Every year United Church Women gather to write nearly 400 Christmas cards on behalf of Knox for every resident residing in local care homes. Our inventory is low, so we need at least 200 more unused, appropriate Christmas cards (with envelopes) to complete our task. If you happen to have any spare cards, kindly leave them in the Photocopy room, or in my mail slot in the Narthex by **today, Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Thank you! Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

**JUNE MCINTYRE, PRESIDENT, U.C.W. (250-248-3119)**

**SISTERS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON DEC 3<sup>RD</sup>** - All ladies are invited to our Christmas Luncheon to-morrow at 11.30. Wear all the red or white you can muster (or not) and bring your favourite dish to share along with your own dishes and cutlery. Tea, coffee and water will be provided. Be prepared to have your first Christmas experience of the year – carols, fun, fellowship and food.

**TEA + COFFEE SERVERS ARE NEEDED** - following our Worship Services next **Sunday, December 9** and on **January 6**. If you can help prepare and serve tea and coffee on either of these dates, please contact **Barb Roberts** at [barb664@shaw.ca](mailto:barb664@shaw.ca) or **250-248-7171**.

Thank you for sharing your gift of hospitality!

**KNOX MEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** - Remember to mark your calendars for our Christmas Luncheon on **Thursday Dec. 13th**, 2018. Tickets will be available today after service. If you wish more information about the Men's Club, please contact **Ken Armstrong** at **250-248-0587** or via email at [armstrong.gk@shaw.ca](mailto:armstrong.gk@shaw.ca)

**NEWCOMER'S MEET AND GREET** – Come meet Jennifer, Jenny and other leaders in the church for a little one on one and to meet a few of the “regular” Knox folks. Grab your coffee after the service and head to the chapel to meet other folks that may be as new and as nervous as you are! **The next meet and greet will be Sunday, December 30th.**

### SACRED SPACES

**LOST YOUR FAVOURITE JACKET?** – Come and check out our Knox closet by the kitchen. We have amassed quite a collection. Please come by and have a look to see if one of them might just be yours.  
**TIP:** Save your rummaging for the middle of the week, rather than after Sunday service when the coat rack isn't quite so full!

**MISSING - 2 TABLECLOTHS** – UCW purchased 6 green & white plastic tablecloths in August and 2 of them are missing. Do you know their whereabouts?

### STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

**organWORX AT KNOX** Subscription renewals or new subscriptions for the 2018-19 organWORX three-concert series may be purchased in the Narthex, through the Knox office, online via the Knox website at [www.kucparksville.ca/events](http://www.kucparksville.ca/events), and from the Mulberry Bush Bookstores in Parksville and Qualicum Beach. See the season brochure for details.

### HEALING AND PASTORAL CARE

**“IN THIS TOGETHER”** - Knox's emotional health, peer support, group meets every **Monday, 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm**, in room 6.

### **HEALING MINISTRY – EVENING HEALING SESSIONS**

Now available on **Tuesdays** at **6** or **7 pm**. Please contact the office.

**COOKIES CUZ WE CARE – IS JUST DAYS AWAY! YIKES! I NEED YOUR HELP!** 3,000 cookies, over 100 visits made, and 35 volunteers are needed just to pack and deliver cookie trays. So, let's get baking and bring your cookies in on **DECEMBER 5**. We will start packing trays at 9:30 in the lounge. Don't eat that day as I've been baking up a storm! This is your personal invitation to see what this is about. Please contact **Mary-Anne Slack** if you can help with baking, packing or delivering at [slack.ma@gmail.com](mailto:slack.ma@gmail.com) or **250-752-8242**.



### MINISTRY & PERSONNEL

**Rev. Jennifer Ferguson: Monday-Thursday** (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.)

**NOTE: Jennifer's days off are Fridays and Saturdays.**

### 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.

**PAINTING THE STARS** - Tuesday evenings 6:30-8:30 OR Thursday mornings 10:00-Noon beginning week of **Oct. 2/4-Dec.4/6**. A seven-week DVD series exploring the connection between religion, science and the future of evolutionary Christian spirituality featuring speakers like United Church minister Bruce Sanguine, John Spong, Matthew Fox, Gretta Vosper, Michael Dowd and others. Please register with the office.

Cost: \$10 Facilitator: Jennifer Ferguson

**CENTERING PRAYER - Thursdays, 1:30 -2:45 Centering Prayer follow up sessions.** A time to practice this contemplative prayer and deepen our understanding with a talk by Thomas Keating (on DVD).

**“AN OPEN EXPLORATION OF LIFE AFTER DEATH”** - Spiritual Formation will be hosting an exciting series of book studies on this topic. If you are interested in attending please email our church office [admin@kucparksville.ca](mailto:admin@kucparksville.ca) so we may ascertain how many people will be at each session, and can order copies of the books.

1. **January 14th, 21st & 28th: 7 - 9 p.m.** *"Healing Through Grief"* by James van Praagh
2. **February 4th, 11th, & 18th: 7 - 9 p.m.** *" Many Lives, Many Masters"* by Brian Weiss
3. **February 28th, March 7th & 14th 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.** *"Passage to Eternity"* by Azmina Suleman
4. **March 21st & 28th; April 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th, May 2nd & 9th 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.** *"Destiny of Souls"* by Michael Newton

Jan du Monde Spiritual Formation co-chair

### KNOX CALENDAR DECEMBER 2 – DECEMBER 9, 2018

#### Sunday, Dec 2

|                 |                     |           |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------|
| Worship Service | 10:00 am – 11:00 am | Sanctuary |
| PDMA Choir      | 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm   | Sanctuary |

#### Monday, Dec 3

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|------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Green Team       | 9:30 am – 11:00 am  | Room 5      |
| Line Dancing     | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm | Rooms 1 & 2 |
| Sisters United   | 10:00 am – 2:30 pm  | L/K         |
| In this Together | 12:30 pm– 1:30 pm   | Room 6      |
| M & P Meeting    | 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm   | Room 5      |
| Cantando Singers | 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm   | Rooms 1 & 2 |
| Handbell Choir   | 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm   | Sanctuary   |

#### Tuesday, Dec 4

|                     |                    |             |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Healing Ministry    | 9:30 am – 11:30 am | Room 6      |
| Mission Discernment | 9:45 am – 12:15 pm | Rooms 1 & 2 |
| Mid Isle Castaways  | 11:00 am – 3:00 pm | L/K         |
| Library Committee   | 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm  | Library     |
| Healing Ministry    | 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm  | Room 6      |
| Mission Discernment | 1:45 pm – 4:15 pm  | Rooms 1 & 2 |
| Healing Ministry    | 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  | Room 6      |

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| Painting the Stars  | 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm | Lounge      |
| AA                  | 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm | Rooms 1 & 2 |
| Cookies Cuz We Care | 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm | L/K         |
| OA                  | 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm | Room 5      |

#### Wednesday, Dec 5

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| Cookies Cuz We Care | 9:00 am – 3:00 pm   | L/K       |
| Drop in Bible Study | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm | Room 6    |
| Knox Men's Club     | 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm   | Chapel    |
| Knox Choir          | 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm   | Sanctuary |

#### Thursday, Dec 6

|                    |                     |           |
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| Painting the Stars | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm | Lounge    |
| Centering Prayer   | 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm   | Lounge    |
| Rainbows           | 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm   | All Rooms |

#### Friday, Dec 7

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| Healing Ministry      | 9:30 am – 11:30 am | Room 6    |
| Schooner Cove Singers | 11:00 am – 5:00 pm | Sanctuary |
| OA                    | 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm | Room 5    |
| CBC Christmas Concert | 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm  | Sanctuary |

#### Saturday, Dec 8

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| Schooner Cove Singers     | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm | Lounge    |
| Village Voices Rehearsals | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm | Sanctuary |

#### Sunday, Dec 9

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|------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| Worship Service        | 10:00 am – 11:00 am | Sanctuary |
| Village Voices Concert | 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm   | Sanctuary |

## Knox United Church Council 2018-19

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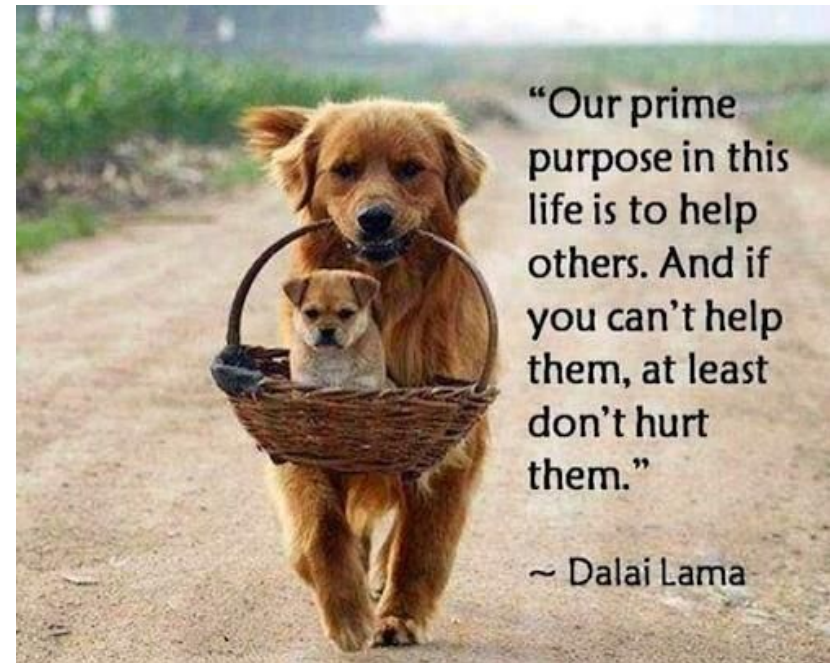
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**Sunday, December 2, 2018**

**ADVENT 1: An Advent Musical Celebration  
Source of Miracles: Service**

**On Earth as it is in Heaven**

*Knox United Church*