

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

*Flowers have been placed in the sanctuary this morning by Ken & Phyllis Fanning in loving memory of their infant granddaughter Heather Grace
December 8 – 10, 2010.*

WORSHIP AND ARTS

PRESBYTERY PRAYER CYCLE – Prayers this week to Rev. Minnie Hornridge and the congregation of Albemarle Valley United Church.

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 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 slideshow to honour loved ones who have died. Please send a photo to the tech team at tech@kucparksville.ca by **Dec. 10th** if you would like a photo of your loved one included in the slideshow honouring their memory. Light refreshments to follow the service.

MILNER GARDENS CHRISTMAS MAGIC - On **Monday Dec.17**, our Knox Retro Bell Ringers will be performing at the Milner Gardens Christmas Magic. Come between **6:00 and 8:00 pm** to enjoy a magical experience of an outdoor Christmas light show and decorated trails with Santa, Teddy Bear Cottage, Story Telling, refreshments and live music.

Entry is **\$5.00** at the gate.

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. Donations will be accepted until **Dec. 24th**.

THE GREEN TEAM – Wants all your **BURNED DOWN** or **UNUSED CANDLES!** A collection box is in the narthex. L'Arche, a community of inclusion and celebration located in the Comox Valley will recycle the candles and make new ones which will then be sold. Further information about L'Arche can be found at office@larchecomoxvalley.org

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 50th 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. 9th** 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. 10th**. 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 25th** 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**.

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.

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. \$20 Oil; & \$5 Herbs. Thank you, but all the organic oil and soap have been sold.

FUN, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

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

YOU ARE NOT ALONE @CHRISTMAS – A special invitation to all who are thinking you might be on your own for Christmas Day. Think again! We are organizing Christmas dinner at 1:00 pm with festivities afterward until 4:00 pm Tuesday, December 25th. Please RSVP to Margo at 250-594-7469 by December 18th if you plan on attending. Bring either a veggie dish, salad or dessert to share along with the recipe. See you there!

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.**

GMO THE HOMEGROUP FOR GRUMPY MEN ONLY
OMG IT'S 2019!



“I'm a little bit older, a little bit wiser, a little bit rounder, but still none the wiser”
--Ron Paul

Just men coming together to share and celebrate their grumpiness!
January 8th and 22nd

All gallant & gracious men welcome!

More info: grumpymenonly@hotmail.com

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!

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, 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.

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 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.

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 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

COMMUNICATIONS, SOCIAL MEDIA - Knox has a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/knoxparksville/> which is an open, public page. Its purpose is to share the life and works of our church in a welcoming manner.

We also have a private closed group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/KnoxParksville/>. The purpose of the group is to have conversations among current/former members that:

1. Share and discuss the life and work of the church at all levels including the UCC
2. offer inspiration, support, encouragement and recognition to members
3. reach out to members who are unable to attend church
4. reach out to members who appreciate the spiritual and emotional support

Please help by liking the page, commenting, posting and forwarding posts of interest to your friends.

Marg Conn, Facebook Admin
Jan Korvemaker, Facebook Group Admin

KNOX CALENDAR

December 9 – December 16, 2018

Sunday, Dec 9

Worship Service	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Sanctuary
Village Voices Choir	2:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Sanctuary

Monday, Dec 10

Green Team	9:30 am – 11:00 am	Room 5
Line Dancing	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Rooms 1 & 2
In this Together	12:30 pm– 1:30 pm	Room 6
	(Mental Health Support Group)	
Creative Worship	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Lounge
Handbell Choir	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Sanctuary

Tuesday, Dec 11

Healing Ministry	9:30 am – 11:30 am	Room 6
Communications	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Rooms 1 & 2
UCW	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	L/K
Healing Ministry	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Room 6
Council Meeting	7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Lounge
AA	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Rooms 1 & 2
OA	7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Room 5

Wednesday, Dec 12

Outreach Meeting	9:30 am – 12:00 pm	Lounge
Drop in Bible Study	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Room 6
Healing Ministry	1:15 pm – 3:15 pm	Room 6
Knox Choir	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Sanctuary

Thursday, Dec 13

Knox Men's Club	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	L/K
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Stewardship & Finance	9:00 am – 11:00 am	Rooms 1 & 2
Worship & Arts	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Rooms 1 & 2
Centering Prayer	1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Lounge
Friday, Dec 14		
Healing Ministry	9:30 am – 11:30 am	Room 6
Manna	10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Kitchen
OA	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Room 5
Saturday, Dec 15		
Tidesmen Concert	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Sanctuary
Sunday, Dec 16		
Worship Service	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Sanctuary
Blue Christmas	3:00 pm	Sanctuary

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Knox United Church Council 2018-19

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Chair	George Pearson	george@kucparksville.ca
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1 Youth Rep	TBA	

Ministry Team Leads on Council

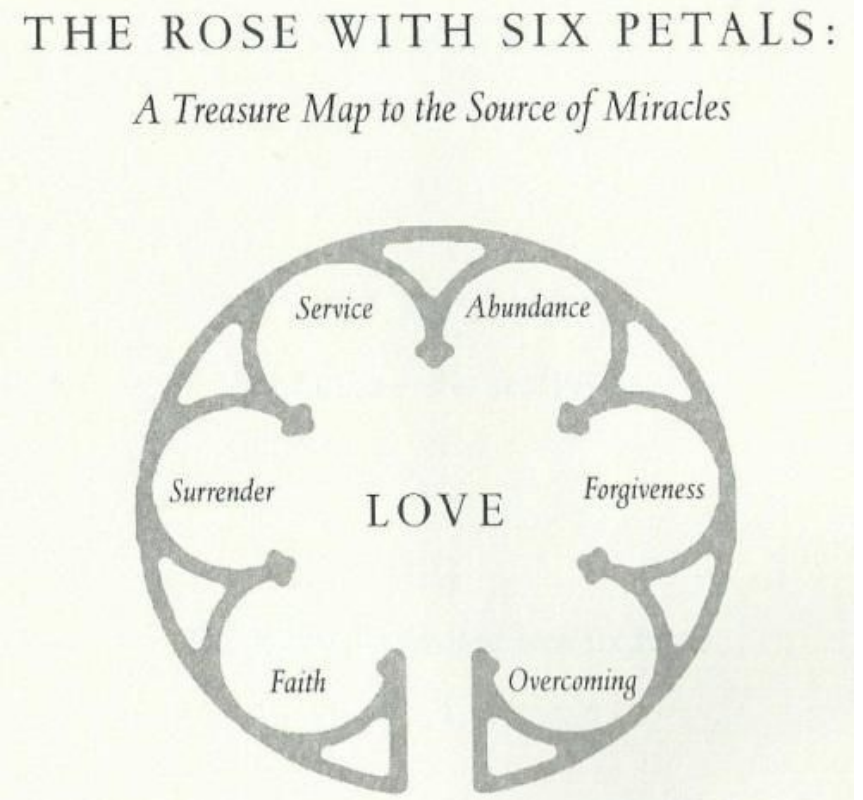
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NOTES



Sunday, December 9, 2018

ADVENT 2

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD
Source of Miracles: Abundance

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