

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 Wayne Larson on your 80th 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.

WORSHIP AND ARTS

PRESBYTERY PRAYER CYCLE – Prayers this week to Rev. Foster Freed and the congregation at Trinity United Church, Nanaimo.

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 sideshow 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**.

FOODBANK – HO, HO, HO!! Please remember December donations to the foodbank in the box near the coat rack. Let's fill up Santa's' Food Sleigh for Christmas which will depart for the for the Foodbank **Dec. 19th** or **20th**. Your donations are very much appreciated.

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

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. All kinds of information about Zatoun is available for you to take. There is a flash drive to borrow listing the reasons for the United Church's support of Zatoun and Robert Massoud, the founder, tells his story.

FUN, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

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*



o share and celebrate their grumpiness!

welcome!

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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.

COOKIES CUZ WE CARE - The other week the Reflection time during the service was “bringing Heaven down to earth.” On December 5th you did that very thing in abundance! Your service by way of baking, packing or delivering cookie trays helped to make Cookies Cuz We Care a day of kindness. Get ready for it...**4,000 cookies** came in and **53 volunteers** packed and delivered cookies to approximately **120 homes!** This was a real team effort and on behalf of Pastoral Care and UCW, heartfelt thanks! My heart is still smiling! Mary-Anne Slack.

PRAYER SHAWLS, A BLESSED CHRISTMAS GIFT - This afternoon at the Blue Christmas Service, prayer shawls will be offered as gifts. They were lovingly stitched by members of our congregation and blessed on a previous Sunday. They may be taken home to keep or gifted to a friend, family member, a care home resident, or anyone who would welcome their comfort.

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.

“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

KNOX CALENDAR

December 16 – December 26, 2018

Sunday, Dec 16

Worship Service	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Sanctuary
Blue Christmas Service	3:00 pm	Sanctuary

Monday, Dec 17

Green Team	9:30 am – 11:00 am	Room 5
In this Together	12:30 pm– 1:30 pm	Room 6
	(Mental Health Support Group)	
Christmas Magic	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Milner Gardens
...Featuring our Knox Retro Bell Ringers Choir		

Tuesday, Dec 18

Healing Ministry	9:30 am – 11:30 am	Room 6
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, Dec 19

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 20

Friday, Dec 21

Healing Ministry	9:30 am – 11:30 am	Room 6
OA	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Room 5

Sunday, Dec 23

Worship Service	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Sanctuary
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Monday, Dec 24

	CHRISTMAS EVE	
Green Team	9:30 am – 11:00 am	Room 5
In this Together	12:30 – 1:30 pm	Room 6
	(Mental Health Support Group)	
Family Service	7:00 pm – 8:15 pm	Sanctuary
Candlelight Service	9:00 pm – 10:15 pm	Sanctuary

Tues, Dec 25

	CHRISTMAS DAY	
	Office Closed	
You're Not Alone	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	L/K

Wed, Dec 26

BOXING DAY
Office Closed

Knox United Church Council 2018-19

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Christmas Poinsettias

In Memory of:

By:

*Evelyn Peterson
Mary Alice O'Hagan
My Husband, Ron Reynolds
& My Parents
Maurice & Annetta Sargeant
Lorraine Thompson
Fred Martsch
Our Parents: Jo and Margaret Dunn
& Ray and Gladys Williston
Clara Caldwell

Our dear friend Sandy Pease
Al & Beth Machan
and Jack & Belle Potier
Our Family Members*

*Myrt Omnes
Lois Grill

Wendy Reynolds
Clay Thompson
Eileen Martsch

Jo and Sandy Dunn
Faye Higgins

Bev & Bill Swann

Sandra Machan
Ken & Phyllis Fanning*

Our Parents

*My Mother, Ena Naish
Love and Miss You, Mum
Joyce and Oliver Howard
My Parents,
Alf & Evelyn Pearson
Norm Sutherland
Our Parents, Douglas & Rose Harding
& Alex & Rose Cmikiewicz*

In Honour of:

*Our Daughter, Sarah and
Granddaughter Megan's
December birthday*

Keith & Gayle Haughin

*Carol Sept
Kathleen Howard*

*B.J. Regan
Bruce & June McIntyre*

Tom & Marlene Cmikiewicz

By:

Ken & Phyllis Fanning



In Memory of:

By:

*My Parents, Anne & Verne Eisler
Our beloved Son, Robert Pearson
and our Parents
Our loved ones
Al & Beth Machan
My Parents, Pearl & Done Leslie
My Brother, James David Leslie
Our Family Members
Our Parents
My Father, Cor Nagtegaal
Robert (Bob) Creasy
Alex Kobelak
Our Family & Friends
Stan Franklin*

*Mary-Anne Slack

George & Lynne Pearson
Therriault Family
Carol Ross

Maggie Carr
Ken & Gail Armstrong
Sharon & Patrick Ives
Jenny Vincent
John & Jeanne Brownell
Lorna Kobelak
Nancy & Larry Newland
Sheila Berry*

Our Family members
Our Son, Christian James Evans
David Gooden
John Hancock
Our Parents, Jim, Marjorie,
Elma & Gerry
Roy & Millie Nixdorf
Mrs. Barbara Lucas
Bart & Miep Goedbloed
and Bruce Stilling
Our Family
Triana and Betty Lascu

In Celebration of:

Kathi Duncan

Marilou & Bob Paterson
Vic & Delise Evans
Jill Gooden
Ann Harrison

Shane & Margaret Conn
Erv & Sylvia Nixdorf
Mr. Steve Lucas

Don & Dana Goedbloed
Marion Barclay
Chris & Elaine Dauncey

By:

Jeanette Mossing



Knox United Church Email Addresses

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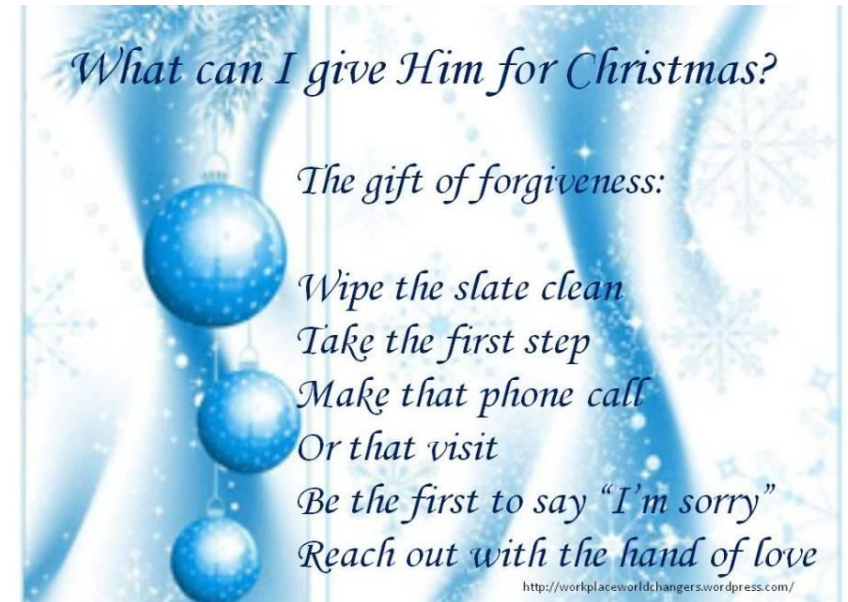
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Sunday, December 16, 2018

ADVENT 3
**SOURCE OF MIRACLES:
FORGIVENESS**

Knox United Church

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