



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



December 23, 2018

345 Pym Street, Parksville, BC, V9P 1C8
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Compassion, Inclusion, Joy and Spirituality

Rev. Jennifer Ferguson, *Minister* Rev. Dr. M. Bruce McIntyre, *Minister Emeritus*
Jane Williams, *Administrator* Jenny Vincent, *Music Leader*
Karen Freeman, *Facility Coordinator* Jan & Bill Laurie, *Music Team*
Kathleen Howard, *Relief Administrator* *Name, Reader*

Rheana Slack, Violinist

**ADVENT 4
Source of Miracles: Overcoming**

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

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 2VU
O Ancient Love 17VU

KIDS' ZONE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE

Unison Prayer:
God of Love,
On this Sunday before Christmas we give thanks for

the lavish Love that came to us in a child
born in 1st century Palestine;
a child some recognized as heaven-sent,
and called this messenger the Christ, your anointed one,
the Light of Very Light.
We give thanks that your love and light continue,
to enter into the world again and again,
every time a new life is born, bringing with each child
the hope of overcoming the world's cruelty, hatred and inequities.
May we learn to recognize the holy love in every child,
and realize that all are heaven-sent,
and so, we kneel down in awe and wonder. Amen

ADVENT HYMN: Love 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 6:13 (adapted 1 Chronicles 29:11)
POEM Christmas Comes Ann Weems

CHOIR ANTHEM: Ave Maria Giulio Caccini

REFLECTION

***HYMN:** Love is the Touch 89MV

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER
The Singing Bowl invites us to center....

The Lord's Prayer

A TIME OF RISING

***HYMN:** Tomorrow Christ Is Coming v. 1,2,4 27VU
(Tune: Lancashire)

***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE Angels We Have Heard on High 38VU



SOCIAL JUSTICE & OUTREACH

We are in awe of the generosity and kindness of our congregation! The gifts for children placed under the tree on White Gift Sunday were wonderful things, and the many contributions made a huge pile under the tree! All were delivered to the SOS with pride by Larry and Nancy Newland! And then there are the gifts under the 'Comfort Tree' in the Narthex...the number of donations is amazing, and the gifts are perfect.

They will be picked up by Haven House, the safe house in Parksville where women, sometimes with children, faced with violence in their homes can seek safety and temporary shelter. The cozy pajamas and other beautiful, thoughtful gifts will certainly provide 'Comfort'. The Manna box and Food Bank contributions continue week after week. We are so proud to be part of this church family! Thank you all for your kindness and support, and Merry Christmas to all from the Knox Social Justice and Outreach team!!

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

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 21st**. If you plan on attending. Bring either a veggie dish, salad or dessert to share along with the recipe. See you there!

**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!

DEC 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES AT KNOX

A Contemporary Nativity Pageant with Carols,
Violin & Choir with special guest Violinist, Rheana Slack. **7 PM**

A Celebration of Love & Wonder with Carols, Communion &
Candlelight with special guest Violinist, Rheana Slack. **9PM**

Thank you to Rheana Slack for sharing her gift of music with us today.

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

Thank you to the Knox Men's Club and the Parksville Lioness Club for the lovely Christmas Luncheon!

WORSHIP AND ARTS

PRESBYTERY PRAYER CYCLE – Prayers this week to all active & retired Ministers throughout the Comox-Nanaimo Presbytery.

January 8th and 22nd

All gallant & gracious men welcome!

Info: grumpymenonly@hotmail.com



SISTERS UNITED - The ladies of Knox and friends are warmly invited to the Sisters United Potluck dinner January 7, 2019. Gathering 5:30 pm; dinner 6 pm and speaker 7 pm. Our guest speaker will be Roxey Edwards who walked the Camino trail in northern Spain. She has written a book about her experience. Please bring a potluck dish to share, your own dishes and cutlery. Guests are welcome to come after dinner to listen to Roxey. Please arrive by 6:45 pm. Please remember Knox is fragrance free. The coordinators are Donna Kennedy, Cathy McInnes, Rhoda Perron and Kathleen Howard.

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 at the end of January.**

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

ENVELOPE OWNER – On Dec. 9th some one very generously put \$100 in an envelope #647. The problem is that I have no one with #647. If you have used this envelope, please contact me at m.allison.bell@gmail.com Thank you. Mary Allison Bell.

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

Additional 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.

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.

Note: Jennifer will be on vacation from Dec 26th to January 2 inclusive. In the event of life and death pastoral emergencies only, call the church office and if it is outside of office hours, call Jennifer's cell.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

DROP IN BIBLE STUDY - With Jennifer Resumes Wednesday, January 9th 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

MEDITATION CLASSES – For 6 weeks on Thursdays at 10:00 am beginning January 17th – February 15th. Come and practice a smorgasbord of meditation techniques to help connect you more deeply with God and oneself and reduce stress and anxiety in your daily life.

KNOX CALENDAR

December 23 – January 2, 2019

Sunday, Dec 23			
Worship Service	10:00 am – 11:00 am		Sanctuary
Monday, Dec 24			
In this Together	CHRISTMAS EVE 1:30 pm – 2:30 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		
Thursday, Dec 27			
Friday, Dec 28			

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
Sunday, Dec 30		
Worship Service	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Sanctuary
Monday, Dec 31		
In this Together	NEW YEAR'S EVE 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Room 6
	(Mental Health Support Group)	
Tues, Jan 1		
	NEW YEAR'S DAY Office Closed	
Library Committee	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Library
AA	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Rooms 1 & 2
Wed, Jan 2		
Healing Ministry	1:15 pm – 3:15 pm	Room 6
Knox Choir	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Sanctuary

Knox United Church Council 2018-19

Executive Officers of Council

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**SOURCE OF MIRACLES:
OVERCOMING**

Knox United Church



Christmas Poinsettias

In Memory of:

*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
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*

By:

*Myrt Omnes
Lois Grill

Wendy Reynolds
Clay Thompson
Eileen Martsch

Jo and Sandy Dunn
Faye Higgins

Bev & Bill Swann

Sandra Machan
Ken & Phyllis Fanning
Keith & Gayle Haughn

Carol Sept
Kathleen Howard

B.J. Regan
Bruce & June McIntyre

Tom & Marlene Cmikiewicz*

By:

Ken & Phyllis Fanning

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In Memory of:

*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
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
Trian and Betty Lascu*

In Celebration of:

Kathi Duncan

By:

*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
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



(Please drop in the basket by January 13th)

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We have interviewed community leaders, neighbors surrounding the church, and others. Over the Christmas season, we encourage you to engage your family, friends or neighbors regarding the church in general. Let us know what their responses are to the following questions:

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