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Announcements for Gordon United Church

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We are happy to have you with us this morning!

We invite you to join us after the service in the CE Hall so we have a chance to meet you. If you are new or visiting, please sign the Guest Book located at the back of the sanctuary. Fill out one of the cards in the pews and hand to an usher or place in the offering plate.

- Please speak to an Usher if you require larger print Bulletins or Hearing Assistance equipment.
- For the children there are Activity sheets and books available at the back of the church & in the upstairs Loft.
- Gordon United Church strives to be fragrance free.

Let your life, lived out, be a sign that you are a steward of the gospel!

Today at Gordon

Ushers – Gail Ellerton and Jan Woods
Greeter – Darlene Elliott
Call to Worship – Sharon Goes
Scripture Reading – Sharon Goes
Minute for Mission – Sara Kelemen
Coffee Makers – Members of the Choir

Chair of Council - Anna Mary McIlwain
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Come and Imagine Together! You are invited to join in a **Visioning exercise to imagine possibilities for the property here at Gordon United Church.** Our property is one of the United Church's most valuable resources and we want to make sure we are exercising the best possible stewardship of this resource. Your voice is wanted and needed! **After worship October 28th** (This is Bunwich Sunday so lunch will be available.) Discussion questions will be provided in advance, and some examples of what other churches are doing will be provided on the day. Come with open minds, open ears, and open hearts.

Today

Please join us after the service for coffee in the fellowship hall.

Announcements

Recruiting readers/actors for worship in the Fall/Winter. Are you comfortable reading aloud? Can you read with expression? We'd love to have you help tell our Scripture stories during worship on Sunday mornings. Readers of any age are welcome. Please add your name to the list outside Reverend Heidi's study under "Bringing the Bible to Life".

Events of interest in our church

We'd like to hold a **Welcome of New Members** in worship in November. Information on how to become a member is in this month's edition of the *O Live*. If you're interested in our "United Church 101" sessions (membership classes/information update), please let Reverend Heidi know ASAP, as we'll want to begin them soon.

Saturday, November 17, 12:30pm – 3:00pm

Please circle the date for the **U.C.W. Poinsettia Tea!** Invite your friends and family!

If you can spare an hour or two to help before, during the day of the tea, or in the cleanup afterwards, please contact Vera Blazenko at (250) 474-3616. Thank you!

Deanna Robb will take orders for poinsettias in the CE Hall after church on Nov 4 and Nov 11. You may also phone her at (250) 294-6737, or email her at dm-robb@hotmail.com. Poinsettias will be available for pickup at the Poinsettia Tea.

Weekly Events at Gordon United Church

Monday Study Group – 1-3pm in the Lounge.
Topic: Sunday's sermon and the readings for next week. For Mon October 22nd: 1 Kings 3:4-9, (10-15), 16-28; Matt 6:9-10; Acts 11:27-30

Weekly Events at Gordon United (cont.)

Wednesdays – You're invited to join the choir! We rehearse Wednesdays from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in the Sanctuary. We always have lots of fun singing, laughing and preparing joyful music for Sunday services, so why not join us? Everyone is welcome, regardless of musical experience. See you there!

Thursdays 10:00-11:30am - Coffee & Conversation. This is a casual, get-to-know-each-other event. *Everyone Welcome.*

Events of interest sponsored by other United Churches

Friday to Sunday, October 26-28, 2018
"New Expressions of Faith in the 21st Century" with Beth Estock, at Cadboro Bay United Church (for details see poster just inside the CE Hall, on the right as you enter).

Saturday, November 3, 2018 10:00 AM-3:00 PM
St. Aidan's Fall Bazaar. Come and buy some baking, attend the silent auction and find a great second hand treasure. 3703 St. Aiden's St, Victoria

Friday, November 9 to Monday, November 12 at Cultus Lake, BC ***Evolve.2018. Gratitude***
Evolve is an annual gathering of BC Conference United Church Youth, Young Adults and Leaders to form community, explore our faith and have fun! (for details see poster just inside the CE Hall, on the right as you enter, or visit their website at <http://www.evolveucc.ca/>)

POSTPONED to 2019 - Workshop: "Alone No More - Responding to Loneliness among Seniors"

Events of interest in our community

Our Place - As fall arrives, we are once again in need of sleeping bags, blankets and warm weather clothing and footwear, particularly men's jackets and shoes. Hygiene supplies such as deodorant,

shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste are always in demand for the 50 plus folks who use our shower facilities daily. We couldn't do it without you – thank you for helping to keep our family members clean and warm this fall.

Saturday, Dec. 1, 2:00 pm Pacific Edge Chorus of Sweet Adelines is having a **Snowflake Tea** at **Gordon United Church CE Hall**. Tickets are \$20, available from Gordon United Choir members **Rose Justice** or **Pat Larre**. Pacific Edge Chorus members will be serving you tea and goodies and warming your spirits with the a cappella sounds of our current favourites, as well as some timeless Christmas carols.

Tuesday November 20th Book Club meeting at Gordon United, 1:30pm in the lounge. The book we will be discussing is *The Identicals* by Elin Hilderbrand. There are several copies in the Greater Victoria Public Library, including talking books. A few are available now and more due back soon. The kitchen is not usually open so please bring your own drink. One of the participants will provide the goodies. For further information contact **Marilyn French** at 250-478-9162 or mrfrench@telus.net

Need support?

Pastoral Care

We invite anyone who is in need of Pastoral support to contact:

Adele Morley – 250.590.2507 or

Betty Pellaers – 778.430.3073

Email: pastoralcare@gordonunitedchurch.ca

If you'd like a visit from Reverend Heidi, please contact the office to make arrangements, or, in an emergency, call 250-857-6632.

Prayer Chain

We welcome your prayer requests. Please contact: Nancy Sturrock 250.479.0239, or call the church office 250.478.6632

Please renew your requests monthly to help keep our lists and prayers current.

"Do you or does someone you know need prayer NOW? Email prayerinaminute@gmail.com with first name and a short message. We'll send up a burst of prayer."