

November 4, 2018



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 – Arden Noel and John Davies
Greeter – Carolyn Matheson
Call to Worship – Jeannette Sturgeon
Scripture Reading – Pat Larre
Coffee Makers – UCW United Church of Canada
Women's group

Chair of Council - Anna Mary McIlwain
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We're getting close! We are 75% through 2018 and at 70% of our budgeted income for the year. The year-end is fast approaching. If you wish to change your PAR (Pre Authorized Remittance) donations, the forms to do this are just outside the office.

Bottle Returns: It is incredible how funds grow from recycling bottles. So far this year we have received \$342.65 from returning bottles and cans. Continue to deposit them in the large garbage cans just inside the CE Hall. Much appreciated!

Today

The CE Hall floor has just been cleaned and waxed. You are welcome to enjoy coffee & tea after the service in the Lounge or Sanctuary.

Announcements

Heidi will be away from the afternoon of Nov 4th to Nov 8th for meetings in Toronto. The Reverend Alanna Menu will be on call for pastoral emergencies (778-676-0131)

Your GUC Council would like to thank all who participated in our Visioning exercise last Sunday. If you weren't able to be present but would still like to share your feedback you can do so using one of the "brainstorming" sheets on the tables near the sanctuary entrances. Please sign the sheet, as we cannot accept anonymous comments. Thank-you! Sheets can be dropped off in the office at any time.

Our Monday Bible Study group will be ordering an "The Season of Hope" with daily readings for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. If you'd like a copy, please let Rev. Heidi know ASAP. The Cost will be \$20 plus tax and shipping (TBD). Thanks!

Events of Interest in Our Church

Tuesday, November 6 – 1:00pm

UCW Meeting in the Lounge, to finalize the Poinsettia Tea

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.

Sunday, December 2 – 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Soup Sundays are back, on the first Sunday of every month, starting in December! Come and enjoy some hot soup in the CE Hall after the service and meet some new people.

Weekly Events at Gordon United Church

Monday Study Group – 1-3pm in the Lounge.

Topic: Sunday's sermon and the readings for next week. Nov 5th and 12th – no study, but readings are: Nov 5th - Micah [1:3-5]; 5:2-5a; 6:6-8 and Matt 9:13; Nov 12th - Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20; 37:1-7; then 2:1-4 and Matt 5:14; Nov 19th - Jeremiah 1:4-10; 7:1-11 and Matt 21:12-13.

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 is Welcome.*

Events of interest sponsored by other United Churches

Sunday, November 18, 4:30pm at Central Saanich United Church, 7180 East Saanich Rd. 2 Spectrum Fellowship for Spiritual/Faith-based LGBTQ Folk and Allies. Pot Luck & Conversation, For details: QVC@shaw.ca or 250-652-2713

Events of interest in our community

Our Place Update - Blankets and Jackets:

Thank you for supporting our blanket and jackets appeal! We are receiving lots of donations, but still need more to keep all of Victoria's homeless community warm this winter! We also still need sleeping bags, 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.

Thursday, November 8, 7:00pm at Congregation Emanu-El Synagogue, 1461 Blanshard St (free) Annual remembrance of Kristallnacht (Night of Broken Glass). Details posted in the CE Hall on the bulletin board, just to the right as you enter.

Saturday, November 17th 2018, 10:30am - 3:30pm - Craft Fair for Low Income Artists: Winter Craft Fair for Emerging Artists at First Metropolitan Church. This is a CASH sale only event. The Emerging Artists Fair supports low income artists, people in our community whose art work supplements their income assistance, disability allowance, or low wage jobs.

Tuesday November 20, 1:30pm Book Club meeting at Gordon United Church Lounge. The book is *The Identicals* by Elin Hilderbrand. Please bring your own drink; goodies will be provided. For further information contact **Marilyn French** at 250-478-9162 or mrfrench@telus.net

Saturday, Dec. 1, 2:00 pm Pacific Edge Chorus of Sweet Adelines is having a **Snowflake Tea** at **Gordon United Church** in the **CE Hall**. Tickets available from GUC Choir members **Rose Justice** or **Pat Larre**.

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 Rev. Heidi, please contact the office to make arrangements, or, in an emergency, call 250-857-6632. (see info in Announcements above re. Rev. Heidi's days away)

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.