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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.

And then, just as quickly, the clouds returned, leaving us to walk by faith, not by sight.

Sibella Giorello, The Clouds Roll Away

Today at Gordon

Ushers – John Davies and Jan Woods
Greeter – Carolyn Matheson
Call to Worship – Evelyn LeQuesne
Scripture Reading – Pat Larre
Minute for Mission – Pat Flack
Coffee Makers – Men of the Church
Chair of Council - Anna Mary McIlwain
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Please sign up on the board outside the kitchen for **Soup Sundays** and share your culinary gifts.

Have you heard about **The Great Vosper Debate?** In Nov. 2018 a settlement was reached that allowed professed atheist minister Gretta Vosper to remain as minister of her West Hill United Church congregation. What's it all about? What do you think? Our Monday Study session will talk about it: 1-3 in the Lounge tomorrow, January 14th. Readings are in the bright pink folder outside the church office. Next Sunday's sermon will also take a look at some of the issues.

Today

Please join us after the service today for tea or coffee in the CE Hall. We'd love to meet you!

Announcements

Committee Annual Reports are due by January 14th (tomorrow!) Please email your report, either written in the email itself, or in your favourite format (Microsoft Word is best if you can do that). If you need any help, please email, call or visit me at the office... Rose Justice office@gordonunitedchurch.ca

2019 Nomination Vacancies: Please see the CE Hall Bulletin Board for current vacancies on the 2019 GUC Nomination List. Job descriptions for each of the vacancies are also posted. Please see any Council Member if you have questions.

The Observer is inviting our tax-deductible [donations](#) to help them celebrate their 190th birthday in 2019. They are developing a new look for the magazine and its digital platforms that will broaden its appeal to Canadians who share their values but may not be in United Church pews. They firmly believe in values like inclusion, equality, care for Creation and spiritual nurture — and the stories that animate them.

Events of Interest in Our Church

Calling all Newcomers or New-ish-comers!

The Council of Gordon United would like to invite you to a get-to-know you supper on Thursday, January 24th. Coffee and tea will be ready at 6:00, with supper at 6:30. Please RSVP to the Office so we know how much food to bring! Please also let us know of any dietary requirements. No agenda – just a social gathering, and a chance to meet each other and some of the church leaders.

Monday, January 14 (tomorrow!) 6:00pm

Community Dinner Co-hosted by West Village Church. Come and meet some new people at our free community dinner.

Saturday, January 26 4:30pm - Messy Church

hosted by Church of the Advent

Weekly Events at Gordon United Church

Monday Study Group 1:00pm–3:00pm in the Lounge. There's an order sheet outside Rev. Heidi's office for the book "**Revelation for Progressive Christians**" for our next period of study.

Wednesdays 10:00-11:00am – YOGA in the CE Hall

Wednesdays 7:30-9:00pm – Choir Practice in the Sanctuary. Everyone is welcome, regardless of musical experience. Join the fun: singing, laughing and preparing joyful music for Sunday services.

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

Events of interest sponsored by other United Churches

LGBTQ2S++ Network? Marian Garnett of Central Saanich United Church is developing a new group of e-mail addresses for people & faith communities that are interested in outreach to, and/or serving the needs of, the LGBTQ2S++ community. Please contact her at megarnett@shaw.ca for more info.

If you missed the excellent **panel on Gender, Justice and the Church** at Oak Bay United, there is a video recording of it on the internet at: <https://vimeo.com/306912049>

February 22-24, 2019 Island Youth Group weekend retreat "Taking Off the Blinders" at Camp Pringle. *Details and registration forms on the CE Hall bulletin board.*

Events of interest in our community

Our Place Warm Jackets/Clothing and Winter Blankets: Every day we have requests that we can't fill. Nothing creates a smile faster than someone gratefully receiving the gift of warmth in the winter months. **'Tis the Season:** A \$5 or \$10 gift card for Tim Horton's or McDonalds offers family members the dignity of being a "real customer", rather than just someone taking up space. Donations of gift cards are gratefully accepted at reception at 919 Pandora in Victoria any day from 6:30am-9:00pm.

Tuesday January 15, 1:30pm Book Club at the Jesken Aerie Library. Book is "*Elizabeth is Missing*" by Emma Healey. New participants are welcome. Contact Marilyn French at mrfrench@telus.net or 250-478-9162.

Thursday January 17, 5:00pm-6:20pm Lecture at UVic: Christian Fascism and the Rise of Donald Trump. *Details on the CE Hall bulletin board.*

Need support?

Pastoral Care

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

Dianne Wilson McDougall - (250) 391-7550 (home) or (250) 415-9461 (cell)

Ruth or Ken Kelbough - (250) 478-5450

Adele Morley – 250.590.2507

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.

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 prayerinamminute@gmail.com with first name and a short message. We'll send up a burst of prayer.