

January 20, 2019

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.

All gifts are gifts of the one Spirit. Our job is to find the best way to use what we have been given.

Today at Gordon

Ushers – John Davies and Jan Woods

Greeter – Darlene Elliott

Call to Worship – Pat Larre

Scripture Reading – Karen Hicks

Minute for Mission – Rose Justice

Coffee Makers – Choir Members

Chair of Council - Anna Mary McIlwain

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Today

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

3:00pm today - Priory Worship at 567 Goldstream Ave. They always appreciate our voices and help with the residents' hymnbooks.

12:30pm today – Lunch Bunch (note later time, to allow for fellowship time after the service) at White Spot restaurant at 941 Langford Parkway. Please let **Donna Vaesen** know if you will be attending (250) 478-4540.

Announcements

Activity Aprons - A friend with Westshore Quilters is involved in a charity project making Activity Aprons for the Gorge Hospital Dementia Patients. She is looking for new or slightly used aprons to decorate with large buttons, etc. This request originated from one of the therapists at the Gorge Hospital. I will appreciate any aprons you may be able to donate. **Tish Portelance**



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.

Events of Interest in Our Church

Thursday, January 24 6:30pm (coffee & tea at 6:00pm) Calling all Newcomers or New-ish-comers! The Council of Gordon United would like to invite you to a get-to-know you supper. 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.

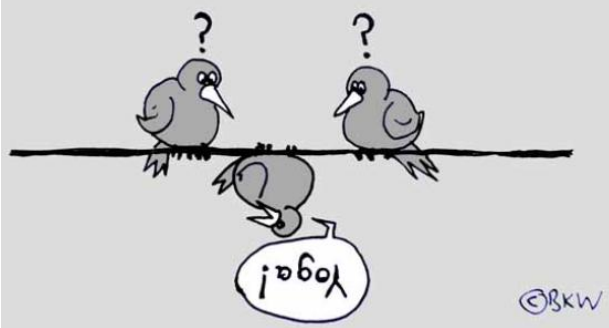
Saturday, January 26 4:30pm - Messy Church hosted by Church of the Advent at 510 Mt. View Ave. Theme is "Celebrating Diversity in the Whole Body of Christ" *Details on poster in CE Hall.*

Our Annual Meetings will take place on February 17th and 24th. The 17th will be during the worship service. Each group will be invited to give 1 or 2 highlights or significant events in the year – to a maximum of 1 minute! If your group, committee or team would like to share these verbal highlights, please let our Chair of Council, Anna Mary McIlwain, know who will be doing so. Please be prepared for a longer service than usual to allow for any needed discussion. We will feed you! On the 24th after worship there will be a meeting to Review and Vote on Financial issues, including the 2019 budget. Please plan to attend. Annual Reports will be available Sun, Feb 3, so you will be able to read in advance and prepare any questions you may have.

Weekly Events at Gordon United Church

Monday Study Group 1:00pm–3:00pm in the Lounge. We're using the book "*Revelation for Progressive Christians*" for our next period of study.

Wednesdays 10:00-11:00am Yoga! in 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

Celebration of Life for the Rev. Allister Skinner
Friday, January 25 at 2:00pm at Cordova Bay United Church, 813 Claremont Ave.

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 and Outreach in our community

Wednesday January 30, 7:00pm Congregation Emanu-El Adult Education Committee presents “The Sacred Craft of the Sofar” with Dov Berger at Congregation Emanu-El Synagogue, 1461 Blanshard Street. *Details on poster in CE Hall.*

Tuesday February 19, 1:30pm Book Club in the Main Lounge here at Gordon United. We will be discussing "Magpie Murders" by Anthony Horowitz. There are 11 regular copies and 1 large copy in the Greater Victoria Public Library which will be available very soon. For further information contact Marilyn at mrfrench@telus.net or phone 250-478-9162

Our Place Warm Jackets/Clothing and Winter Blankets: There's a drop box, in the Gordon United Church Office, for warm clothing as well as toiletries for the many people who use our shower facilities each day. **Our Place Winter Newsletter** is posted outside the kitchen and available online at this [link](#).

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