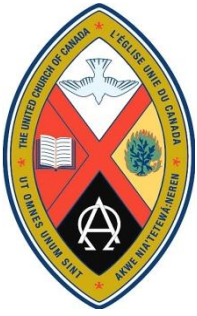


February 3, 2019



## Gordon United Church Announcements

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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 need large 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.

What in our lives prevents us from being as generous as we are called to be?

### Today at Gordon

Ushers – Anne Appleton & Jeannine Blundell  
Greeter – Carolyn Matheson  
Call to Worship – Jeannette Sturgeon  
Scripture Reading – Linda Di Mambro  
Coffee Makers – UCW

Chair of Council – Anna Mary McIlwain  
office@gordonunitedchurch.ca

### Today – SOUP SUNDAY!

Please join us after the service today for tea, coffee and **delicious soup** in the CE Hall.

### Announcements

**Reverend Heidi will be away** from the office February 4th to 10th for Continuing Education time; for emergencies please call her cell (250-857-6632). **Pat Wilson** will be leading worship on February 10th.

Celebrations of Life for **Grace Hiemstra** will be held on **Friday, Feb 15th at 2:00**, and for **Don Smith** on **Saturday, Feb 16th at 2:00**.

All are welcome.

Please help our catering volunteers as this will be a very busy weekend (two memorial teas and an Annual Meeting lunch!)

**Thank you Gordon Family:** I wish to thank the people of Gordon United for their phone calls, good wishes and thoughtfulness. The prayer shawl is precious, cozy, lovely. It is being well used. So much work and love put into it! I am moving along slowly and hope to be back. Thank you again and God love all.  
**Ona Henderson**

**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.

**Activity Aprons** – Remember to bring your aprons to donate to the Westshore Quilters craft project for patients at the Gorge Hospital. **Tish Portelance**



### Events of Interest in Our Church

**Tuesday, February 5 at 1:00pm – UCW Meeting in the Church Lounge** Please note the date has changed to Feb 5. All women are welcome.

**Sunday, February 10 Cookie Sale!** The Get Acquainted Group will be having a Cookie Sale on February 10. As well as our delicious cookies we would appreciate any donations from the congregation of your delicious cookies to help with this sale. Prices are \$6.00 for a baker's dozen...\$3.00 for half dozen...or 50 cents each.

**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 are available today, so you can read it in advance and prepare any questions you may have.

## Weekly Events at Gordon United Church

**Monday Study Group** is cancelled Monday, Feb 4.

**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.*

### The Lord's Prayer

Wikipedia says: In the course of Christianization, one of the first texts to be translated between many languages has historically been the [Lord's Prayer](#), long before the full Bible would be translated into the respective languages. Since the 16th century, collections of translations of the prayer have often been used for comparison of languages. There were many collections, each with more translations, including a collection in 1680 of 83 versions, three of which were "fictional, philosophical languages". A collection in 1817 included "well-nigh 500 languages and dialects". **Wow!**

### Events of interest sponsored by other United Churches

#### **New United Church Organizational Structure**

For more information, see the bulletin board in the CE Hall (near kitchen door), or online at this [link](#).

**Sunday, February 10 4:30pm** The 2 Spectrum Fellowship for Spiritual/Faith-based LGBTQ Folk and Allies. Pot Luck & Conversation at 7180 East Saanich Rd. Central Saanich United Church. For details: QVC @shaw.ca or 250-652-2713.

**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

**Tuesday February 19, 1:30pm Book Club in the Main Lounge here at Gordon United.** We will be discussing "Magpie Murders" by Anthony Horowitz. 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](#). **Our Place is also looking for DVD donations for their movie nights.**

### Need support?

#### 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.***

#### 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](mailto: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.

**Do you, or does someone you know, need prayer NOW? Email [prayerinaminute@gmail.com](mailto:prayerinaminute@gmail.com) with first name and a short message. We'll send up a burst of prayer.**