



Gordon United Church Announcements

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We are happy to share worship with you on YouTube! It's a brave new world!

*We invite you to join us after the service on Zoom. The connection information is not publicly available and is **sent via email only**, so if you do not receive our emails, we would love to add you to our distribution list.*

*Whether you are new or visiting, or have been a congregation member for many years, please feel free to send your contact information to the Office (contact information above, in **BLUE**). We would be happy to add you to our weekly email distribution list and/or update our church directory. **WELCOME!***

**We can be generous not only when we feel joyful and blessed,
but also when we feel neglected and deprived.**

Today

[CLICK HERE FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE](#)



Gordon United Church **WELCOMES** **Melanie Ihmels**, Candidate for Diaconal Ministry with the United Church of Canada. Melanie will be with us during Rev. Heidi's sabbatical. She says: I am thrilled to join you all here at Gordon United Church. I am excited to welcome new visitors and established congregants to this Back to Basics series! We will be exploring our personal beliefs as Christians and United Church participants.

This week we continue our focus on
The Lord's Prayer.

Thank you to our Reader, **Gail Ellerton**

Scriptures

- Psalm 89:1-18

Gospel Reading

- Luke 11:1-4

Minute for Mission

- "Growing a Green Legacy"

Gathering Thought

Our Gathering thoughts today come from Rev. Sarah Henkel: May you always let God pray you. This is an important corrective if we begin to think that the efficacy of our prayers depends on the words we choose, even the appropriateness of our desires. When we pray, it is God who prays through us. The Holy Spirit intercedes for us with groans too deep for words. We invite God to move in us and affect what we thought it was we were praying for, to affect how we move into the world with love and with compassion. This is the most revolutionary essence of all prayer.

Opening Prayer

Holy God,
your faithful love toward us never ends!
It is as sure and dependable as the sky over our heads.
We praise You!

We've gathered together in this place
to offer you our worship and our thanksgiving;
to declare to any who will listen
that You are our God, and we are Your people.

May Your Spirit be at work among us as we worship,
opening our eyes to the light of Your presence in this place.

To You alone, Faithful Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
be all glory and honour, now and forever.
Amen.

Resources from Melanie Ihmels:

Click [HERE](#) for the United Church of Canada Song of Faith. Should you wish to read or download the 18 page document, click [HERE](#).

Click [HERE](#) for The Lord's Prayer in other languages.

Music!

[Tim's Hymns \(Tim Olfert\)](#) on SoundCloud

[Flutelady \(Pat Wilson\)](#) on SoundCloud

[Jeanne Campbell in Concert July 22, 2020](#)
at St. Mary's Anglican in Oak Bay

Special Friend Update - Don Hatfield

Don Hatfield has finally received his well-earned promotion to Heaven this past weekend.

Don was the husband of Sylvia Hatfield who founded and lives to ensure the success of Canada Comforts Society. He was a fantastic assistant to Sylvia- and always was busy carrying and moving and sorting and boxes up their work shop donations and bringing them over so that CRW can share them with the world. I know Don was officially part of Canada Comforts- but they were gracious enough to share him with CRW! and we considered him ours! He was such a special friend of CRW!

We will miss his smile, his enthusiasm for life, his big bear hugs, his stories and his passion for people! Even while fighting immense physical challenges, he kept smiling and positive. Amazing legacy!

Gordon United people: Do YOU have a Don Hatfield story to share? Mary Ellen would like to collect stories and add them to the Olive. Please contact Mary Ellen Hodgetts at (250) 478-0173, or email: mehodgetts@shaw.ca

OLive!

I'm going to be putting out an edition of The OLive in August. It will be available online, and for those who don't have online access, Rose will print off a copy for you. The Theme? **"Things I learned about (myself, others, the world) during the Pandemic Lockdown."** Funny, sad or serious, we want to know. And...anything else that has caught your eye is also welcome. Send your stories into the office and Rose will forward them to me. It will be our first bi-coastal edition, so be sure to be included! **Deadline is August 10th.**

Pat Wilson, Editor

Pacific Mountain Region News

We here at the First Third Ministry Team at the Pacific Mountain Regional Council wanted to let you know that we are taking orders for our Fall Edition of the **"Faith @ Home Kits"**. We will only be taking 600 orders, so we encourage you to log on to our website and order your kits for your Children, Youth, and Families in your congregation:

<https://www.pmfirfirstthirdresources.ca/faithhome-kits.html>

Our theme for the Fall Faith @ Home Kit will be "grateful". If you require any assistance in ordering, please let me know by giving me a call 1-800-934-0434, ext.6363. Sarah Prestwich, Youth & Young Adult Minister, The Islands



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.

Pastoral Care

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

Adele Morley - (250) 590-2507
Betty Pellaers - (778) 430-3073
Deanna Robb - (250) 294-6737
Dianne Wilson McDougall - (250) 391-7550 (home) or (250) 415-9461 (cell)
Ruth or Ken Kelbough - (250) 478-5450

Email: pastoralcare@gordonunitedchurch.ca

If you'd like a phone visit with **Melanie Ihmels**, please contact the office to make arrangements. In an emergency, call (250) 590-5603.



As we reopen our doors to welcome our family members back to Our Place at 919 Pandora, we find ourselves in need of toiletries – (hotel size shampoo, soap, skin lotions, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouth wash, dental floss, deodorant, safety razors, shaving cream, band aids, sun screen) Thank you for your continuing generosity to the Our Place Family. Items can be dropped off at 919 Pandora Ave 7 days per week at Reception.