

## 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!***

**Stewardship means learning how to receive as well as how to give. God's gifts can come from the most unlikely places; when we recognize and accept them for what they are, everyone benefits.**



*Our hearts and prayers go out to the Kelbough family and Gordon United congregation as we mark the passing of our dear Ken Kelbough on August 13, 2020. A more vibrant, fun-loving, and faithful man is not to be found. The heavenly navy has a new recruit reporting for duty.*

[Click here for Ken's obituary](#)

### Sunday, August 30

**Melanie Ihmels** has met with an accident and was not able to do an online service this week. She was hit by a car while riding her bicycle on Monday and has a back injury. We wish her a full and speedy recovery. She believes she will be fit to resume writing and recording this week's service for Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to send well-wishes to Melanie, you can email them to [office@gordonunitedchurch.ca](mailto:office@gordonunitedchurch.ca) or send them by regular mail to the office: Gordon United Church, 935 Goldstream Ave, Victoria, BC V9B 2Y2. I will make sure she gets them next week. You can also drop them through the mail slot at the top of the wheelchair ramp at the church.

**This Sunday, August 30th**, we invite you to tune in to online services from other United Churches. The links to the United Church maps and times of online services, including local UC services, are shown below.

There will be no after-service Zoom chat this week.



Who says we can't travel during a pandemic? If you are an early bird, you can watch services on the east coast at 7:00am our time. You can even attend two or three services and "travel" across Canada 😊

Here is a map of United Churches across Canada offering online worship:

[WHICH CHURCHES HAVE ONLINE WORSHIP](#)

### Music!

[Tim's Hymns \(Tim Olfert\)](#) on SoundCloud has some wonderful new music this week:

[Be Still My Soul](#)

[Psalm 121 \(Unto the Hills\)](#)

### 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.

## United Church of Canada News

The United Church of Canada is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Michael Blair as its new General Secretary beginning November 1, 2020. The role of General Secretary, General Council is a permanent position, providing leadership in the direction, management, and coordination of the affairs of the church working in close collaboration with the Moderator, who is elected every three years as the church's spiritual leader and spokesperson. Click [HERE](#) to read more about this.



### Camp Pringle News

After a summer of weekend cabin rentals for Vancouver Island families we are excited to announce we are offering our final summer weekend exclusively to United Church families! From September 18<sup>th</sup>

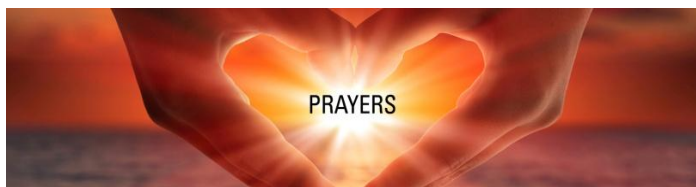
to 20<sup>th</sup> you can "camp" at Camp Pringle in one of our cabins. Click [HERE](#) to read more about this.



### Our Place News

As part of our "Fresh Start" we are increasing our services and programs at 919 Pandora each week and

seeing the positive effects on people's lives. This week we re-opened our computer room, restoring vital access to the many services only available online during the pandemic. Besides increased sanitization and handwashing stations and careful use of space and physical distancing, we provide access to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as an effective way of keeping everyone healthy – especially those with already compromised immune systems. Donations of masks (both disposable and cloth) and face shields to support this effort are greatly appreciated. Cloth masks are laundered and sanitized on-site for re-use. Donations can be dropped off at 919 Pandora from 6:30am-8:30pm seven days a week. [www.ourplacesociety.com](http://www.ourplacesociety.com)



**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.**

## Regional Council Prayer Cycles

**Ecumenical Focus this week:**

**Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Togo**

Our Father in heaven,  
you are the God of gods, the King of kings.  
We ask you to bless our governments,  
our leaders, our elders  
and all those who are in powerful positions.  
Give them a heart which abides by your will  
so they no longer favour injustice,  
but act for the well-being of all,  
in all things.  
Give us all humble hearts  
so that we have good things,  
right actions,  
and your blessing forever for our country.  
Bless the activities of the farmer, the fisherman,  
the businesswoman, the artist, and all other  
workers.  
After the dry season, send us the blessed rain  
and favour us with a plentiful harvest  
so that we may glorify you.  
Have pity on the poor, the soldiers, the sick.  
Help those who are alone  
and console those who are devastated.  
Support pregnant women and mothers.  
Help the widows and widowers.  
Be father and mother to all orphans.  
God, bless your word for Christians,  
and for non-believers,  
so that they may be assured  
and lean on you  
to obtain forgiveness for their sins  
and become your children.  
O Lord, have pity on us.  
You are the God of mercy.  
You are the strength, the glory, the honour and the  
holiness,  
forever and ever.

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**World Council of Churches  
Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

<https://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/prayer-cycle>

**Interfaith Calendar**

<http://www.interfaith-calendar.org/2020.htm>

## Pastoral Care

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