



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 **GREEN**). We would be happy to add you to our weekly email distribution list and/or update our church directory. **WELCOME!***

**Stewards help to create a new heaven and a new earth
by living as though they are already here.**

Sunday, November 22:

[CLICK HERE FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE](#)

We would like to suggest that you begin watching the service at 10:00am on Sundays. Although we cannot be together in the same room, we adapt to our changing situation and can still join our virtual hands & hearts together online.

Thank you to **Judy Muir**, our Reader for today.

Scriptures:

- Ezekiel 34: 11-12; 15-24
- Ephesians 1:15-22 and 2:11-18

Minute for Mission:

- Transforming Young Lives and the World (The GO Project in Toronto, Ontario)

Zoom Meeting

Sunday's Zoom meetings begin at 11:15am
See your Friday email for the connection information.

Council Update: Safety Team Update

You will probably have heard on the news, Thursday afternoon, that in-person religious gatherings and worship services are suspended under the Provincial Health order. Religious services can continue using remote or virtual attendance options. This means our planned re-opening of the sanctuary to watch the worship service together will not be possible on December 6th. We continue to adjust to the changing conditions of COVID-19 and, as one council member wisely said: "Hope is a renewable resource. If you run out of it at the end of the day, you get to start over in the morning."
So, stay tuned for more news!

Opportunities to Contribute

Please consider, should you be looking for something to support, our **Refugee Fund** for the refugee family from Syria, stranded in Beirut. With several of our church events cancelled or postponed this year, we have not been able to raise funds in the usual way for this very worthy cause.

The **Gifts With Vision** catalogue has been received. You can have a paper copy mailed to you from the church (contact the church office) or you can [CLICK HERE](#) to view the online catalogue.

Gordon United "Grace Notes" Piano Concerts

Ms. Music, an magical hour of light classical piano by **Jeanne Campbell**, is still live! [CLICK HERE](#) for this lovely, acoustic concert in our church sanctuary, on our grand piano. This is a free concert. Donations will be accepted and funds raised will go towards our online ministry costs.

Ms. Music will be available online until Friday, November 27. Please share this with your friends anywhere in the world! If you can't copy and share the direct link, they can simply go to www.youtube.com and search for Jeanne Campbell.

Angel Gifts

You can drop gifts off at the church **December 2nd or 4th (Tuesday or Friday) between 10:00am and noon**. Please contact **Pat Flack** at **(250) 478-2178**.



GAG Fundraiser

The Get Acquainted Group is pleased to offer some wonderful Christmas quilts for sale!

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to see the photographs.

(Note the candle wall hanging has been sold)

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Rev. Heidi Asks:

Are you interested in an Advent study/devotional together? A few years ago some of us enjoyed "The Season of Hope" by Cathie Talbot, and would like to read it again. Ebook is \$8.95 CAD from Wood Lake Books and the paperback is approximately \$23.00 CAD, shipped from Amazon, U.S. or U.K. retailers. Please phone or email Heidi ASAP if you're interested, as Advent is a week away! "Meetings" would be by Zoom or phone conference call, at an agreed upon time.

Would you like to do a wee video to share on our YouTube and Facebook pages? Just a minute or two on "What Advent/Christmas mean to me/us this year", filmed on your phone, tablet or computer. They can be submitted via email to Heidi: RevHeidi@gordonunitedchurch.ca

Due to technological difficulties and time zone complications, Pat Wilson is no longer able to publish our quarterly newsletter, the **O Live**, or manage the **Prayer-in-a-minute** email. If you are interested in taking on either of those tasks, please let Council know – or tap someone on the shoulder who you think might have the skills and time to take one or both tasks on!

Advent / Christmas Carol Sing

Tim Olfert & Rev. Heidi have just announced we will produce an online carol sing-along video for you to sing with this season! Stay tuned for more news about this, coming soon to a computer (or tablet/ipad or smartphone/iphone) near you!

Having Trouble Hearing the Worship Service?

Please - DO adjust your set!

Adjust volume on your video player (Facebook, YouTube, etc.) and also on your computer. If you have separate speakers attached you may also need to turn those up! By wearing masks during recording, we are following rules set out by Dr Bonnie, the Canadian CDC and WHO and, ultimately, helping us all stay safe & healthy.

Don Hatfield Stories!

If you missed these from the previous announcements, they're still available online. [CLICK HERE](#) for the November 15 announcements.

Pastoral Care

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

Adele Morley - (250) 590-2507

Betty Pellaers - (778) 430-3073

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Dianne Wilson McDougall - (250) 391-7550

(home) or (250) 415-9461 (cell)

Ruth Kelbough - (250) 478-5450

Email: pastoralcare@gordonunitedchurch.ca

Regional Council Prayer Cycles

November 22 -28
Brunei [\(info\)](#)
Malaysia [\(info\)](#) [\(churches\)](#)
Singapore [\(info\)](#) [\(churches\)](#)

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>

The Lord's Prayer (from today's worship service video)

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-Giver,
Source of all that is and all that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo
Through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
By people of the world!
Your heavenly will be done
By all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
Sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
Now and forever. Amen.

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