



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!***

**Let us remember the gifts we have received from God,
and in our turn become God's giving hands in this world.**

Sunday, November 29:

[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 **Gail Ellerton**, our Reader for today.

Scriptures:

- Mark 13:24-37

Zoom Meeting

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

Advent and Christmas Faith at Home packs

have been delivered to those with pre-school and school age children this week. If you did not receive one, and would like one, please contact the office.

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."



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.

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 & snowman hangings are sold)
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Rev. Heidi Asks:

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 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
Deanna Robb - (250) 294-6737
Dianne Wilson McDougall - (250) 391-7550
(home) or (250) 415-9461 (cell)
Ruth Kelbough - (250) 478-5450

Email: pastoralcare@gordonunitedchurch.ca

This beautiful video was found online and is shared by request of Connie and Gordon Mills. [CLICK HERE](#) for "Creations Call"

Regional Council Prayer Cycles

November 29 - December 5
Myanmar (formerly Burma) ([info](#)) ([churches](#))
Thailand ([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>



This Giving Tuesday, [Peninsula Co-op](#) will [match your donation](#) to Our Place Society (up to \$5,000). Offer ends Dec. 1 at 12 midnight!



[CLICK HERE](#) to make a donation online.

As the number of COVID cases rise on the Island, we are still very fortunate that we have not yet had an outbreak at Our Place. We ask for your continued prayers for the well-being of our family members and staff here at Our Place Society.

We are starting to collect small items for Spiritual Care to give away on Christmas Day (both Julianne and Oceanna will be here on site) Many of you have generously given Angel gifts already and we are very grateful for your generosity. For those of you that may be wondering what you or your friends might do for the holiday season for our family members, we are hoping to collect a supply of full size chocolate bars (favorites are Kit Kat, Coffee Crisp, Mars Bars, Snickers, Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, Nestle Crunch, 3 Musketeers, O Henry) to give out on Christmas Day as a treat to family members who come to our drop-in. If you would like to contribute to our stash for Christmas Day, please mark any bars you bring in for Spiritual Care when you drop them off at our reception at 919 Pandora so they actually make it into our office and do not get put into general stores.

Thanks and many blessings!