

## 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!***

### In what way can good stewardship practices bring light to your congregation?

#### Sunday, January 10, 2020

[CLICK HERE FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE](#)

Thank you to **Jane Palliser**, our Reader for today's service.

Scriptures:

- Genesis 1:1-5
- Mark 1:4-11

Minute for Mission:

- *Trafficked by Her Aunt: Lakshmi's Story*

#### Zoom Meeting

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

#### Opportunities to Contribute & Volunteer

##### - Refugee Fund:

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, we have not been able to raise funds in the usual way for this very worthy cause.

##### - Sound and Video Technical Help:

We need at least two volunteers to help with our sound and video for worship: one to operate the sound board during recording and live services (when they happen) and another interested in doing some video editing for worship videos.

##### - O Live and Prayer-in-a-Minute:

We are looking for an **O Live newsletter** editor and someone to manage the **Prayer-in-a-minute** service. (*O Live "Light" is at the bottom of these announcements... send your submissions to the office: [office@gordonunitedchurch.ca](mailto:office@gordonunitedchurch.ca)*)

#### Annual Report

Council is asking you to have your Annual Reports to the Church Office by Tuesday, January 26. There will be no Annual Meeting due to COVID-19 restrictions, but we encourage you to send your comments and questions to Council and Team Leaders.

#### Rev. Heidi's wonderful solos

[CLICK HERE](#) to see:

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

[CLICK HERE](#) to see: *Star of the East*

#### Prayers in Times of Crisis

"*Prayers in Times of Crisis*" is a small book of prayers written by Rev. Heidi for use with others and for personal devotions. If you'd like a copy, please call or email the church office.

#### Origami Dove Instructions

[Origami Dove - Make-Origami.com \(make-origami.com\)](http://OrigamiDove-Make-Origami.com)

or

<https://youtu.be/w7xtcoibkd4>

#### Office Closures

Rose will be out of office on three upcoming Tuesdays. The office will be closed these days: January 26, February 9 and February 23.

#### The Coldest Night of the Year

Gordon United Council and friends are putting together a team to fundraise for the Coldest Night of the Year walk on February 20th. You can donate via individual team members or via the Team.

## The Coldest Night of the Year (cont.)

Donations link:

<https://secure.e2rm.com/registrant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=931950&langPref=en-CA> This is a national fundraiser to provide relief for those who need help through our harsh winter season. Funds from the Victoria Westshore will go to the Pacific Centre Family Services Association and Our Place. If you want to walk with the team you can sign up at: <https://secure.e2rm.com/registrant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=931950&langPref=en-CA>

Speak to Rev. Heidi if you'd like more information.



**Jesus Bids Us Shine**

**Winter 2021: O Live "Light"**

**Jesus Bids Us Shine with a pure clear light  
Like a little candle burning in the night  
In this world is darkness, so let us shine  
You in your small corner, and I in mine!**

I love this title from "Jesus Bids Us Shine" Rose suggested for our little notes and experiences of this COVID time. It's January, and the days are dreary with clouds and rain and grey skies. Even those of us who feel comfortable going out and about tend to stay closer to home in January. My waist-line and my energy level certainly attest to the fact that I've been staying home more!

Anything that sheds light in the grey days and sparks inspiration and energy is a good thing. I mentioned on Facebook that I've held over my luminary bag from Advent and Christmas and am writing the names of people I'm praying for on the bag so the LED candle burns all day behind the names and reminds me to hold them in prayer. Do you know that the luminaries on the church steps were lit all the way from Christmas Eve to the following Wednesday? And they were still shining! Perhaps you have some ideas about how to keep the light from the past season shining through this month? How will we keep the joy, the hope, the peace, the love, and most of all, the Light of Jesus, shining? I look forward to reading your stories, poems, jokes, etc. ~ Heidi

### Intention

Live with intention. Walk to the edge.  
Listen hard. Practice wellness.  
Play with abandon. Laugh.  
Choose with no regret.  
Continue to learn.  
Appreciate your friends.  
Do what you love and live as if  
this is all there is.

*Author Unknown; submitted by Carolyn Matheson*

### Regional Council Prayer Cycles

January 10 – 16, 2021

Iran ([info](#)) ([churches](#))

Iraq ([info](#))

Syria ([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>

### Pastoral Care

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

Adele Morley - (250) 590-2507

Betty Pellaers - (778) 430-3073

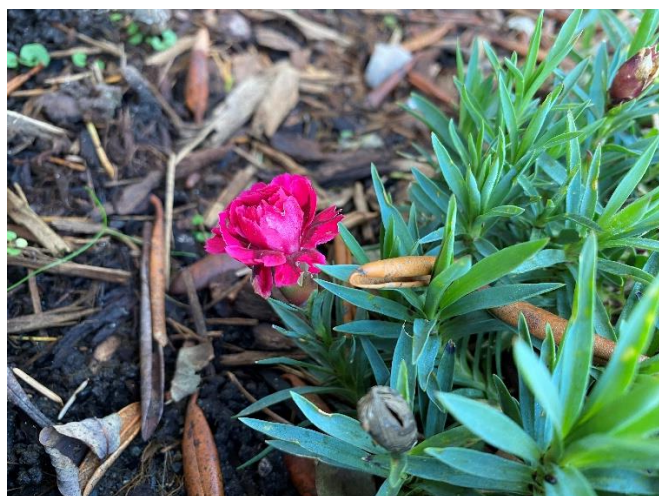
Deanna Robb - (250) 294-6737

Dianne Wilson McDougall - (250) 391-7550  
(home) or (250) 415-9461 (cell)

Ruth Kelbough - (250) 478-5450

**Email: [pastoralcare@gordonunitedchurch.ca](mailto:pastoralcare@gordonunitedchurch.ca)**

### Winter at Gordon United Church



*Photo by Rose Justice*



## David Barclay's New Walking Partner



David adopted Barney in July 2020. In December he wrote: I received a lovely card from Gordon united pastoral care earlier in the week and later in the week I found it chewed up in Barney's bed so I'm really sad about that but what can you do? There is a fine line between patience and love. LOL!

Dogs are wonderful companions. Unconditional love. Did you know that dog spelled backwards spells God? Hmmm!



## Annie Wright's Christmas Ornament Workshop



Send in your stories, thoughts, greetings for others, jokes, views, prayers, photographs:

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