



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!***

**Could sharing our gifts with those who need them
be part of God's hope for the world?**

Sunday, January 24, 2020

[CLICK HERE FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE](#)

Thank you to **Jeannette Sturgeon and Rose Justice**, our Readers for the Sunday service.

Scriptures:

- Jonah 3:1-5, 10
- Mark 1:14-20

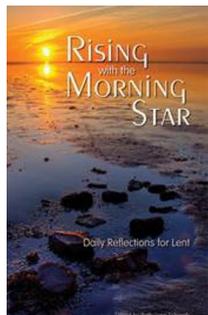
Minute for Mission:

- *Residential School Survivor Answers the Call to Ministry*

Zoom Meeting

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

Lent begins February 17!



Are you interested in a **Lenten daily devotional** book this year? *Rising with the Morning Star* is about seeking health of soul, community and creation through our Lenten journey with Christ. Each day features a Bible reading, short reflection and prayer. Available from the UCRD

store as a paperback or e-book, it's under \$5 for the ebook and about \$10 with shipping and tax for the paperback. Rev. Heidi has ordered 4 copies – email to place a hold on one! An online or phone discussion group may be formed if there is sufficient interest. Lent begins Feb 17th!

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.

Music!

This is a reminder of some of our music resources. We are blessed to have these musicians associated with Gordon United Church!

[CLICK HERE FOR TIM'S HYMNS](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR JEANNE'S CONCERT](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR PAT'S FLUTELADY](#)

Rev. Heidi's wonderful solos:

[CLICK HERE](#) to see:

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

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

Annual Report - Last chance!

Council is asking you to have your Annual Reports to the Church Office by end of the day 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.

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.

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. Donations link:

<https://secure.e2rm.com/registrator/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/registrator/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=931950&langPref=en-CA>

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

Regional Council Prayer Cycles

January 24 - 30

Cyprus ([info](#)) ([churches](#))

Greece ([info](#)) ([churches](#))

Turkey ([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>

UCC News: Minutes for Mission

Minutes for Mission is changing in 2021. In a nutshell, we want to tell relevant, timely stories about the difference that your gifts are making, especially in the midst of crisis. So, the new Minutes For Mission booklet, called Your Generosity Matters, features people whose lives are changed through Mission & Service. These stories are accompanied by videos, as well as slides and devotions. And each week, all year long, we are sharing current news stories that will keep you informed about how your generosity helps change lives right now.

Subscribe to the [philanthropy newsletter](#), God's Mission – Our Gifts, and receive all of the news stories straight to your inbox a month in advance of when they are scheduled to be shared in congregational worship. Thank you for helping transform lives through Mission & Service!

GOD'S MISSION
OUR GIFTS



We wish you warmth and safety this season but hope you will walk with us ON THE **COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR** Saturday, February 20, 2021 cnoy.org/location/victoriapandora cnoy.org/location/victoriawestshore

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH **PACIFIC CENTRE** family services association

Please join us in support of those struggling with poverty and homelessness in our community. We are following BC's health and safety protocols. This year you can book your walking time or participate virtually. <https://www.ourplacesociety.com/walk>



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Pastoral Care

We invite anyone who needs Pastoral support to contact one of us:

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

New street-side sign at Gordon United Church



The post holder was donated by Mark Williams, owner of Pacific Post VI and Rev. Heidi designed the sign. Nice!!!



Jesus Bids Us Shine

Winter 2021: O Live "Light"

"The Praying Hands"



For years people have admired the art masterpiece known as "The Praying Hands". Behind this work of art is a fascinating story of love and sacrifice.

In the late fifteenth century two struggling young art students, Albrecht Durer and Franz Knigstein, worked as labourers to earn money for their art studies. But the work was long and hard and it left them little time to study art.

Finally they agreed to draw lots and let the loser support them both while the winner continued to study. Albrecht won, but he agreed to support Franz after achieving success, so his friend could finish his studies.

After becoming successful, Albrecht sought out Franz to keep his bargain. But he soon discovered the enormous sacrifice his friend had made. As Franz had worked at hard labour, his fingers had become twisted and stiff. His long, slender fingers and sensitive hands had been ruined for life. He could no longer manage the delicate brush strokes so necessary for executing fine paintings. But in spite of the price he had paid, Franz was not bitter. He was happy that his friend Albrecht had attained success.

One day Albrecht saw his loyal friend kneeling, his rough hands entwined in silent prayer. Albrecht quickly sketched the hands, later using the rough sketch to create his masterpiece known as "The Praying Hands".

Submitted by Ray Green

Funny Subscription Instructions

If you have ever subscribed to an online newsletter, you may relate to this helpful message, which really is on their website:

*Click here to receive [Unfolding Light newsletter](#) by daily email. You'll get a sign-up email (don't see it? Look in your spam folder.) Check the boxes; ignore the donate button. Then you'll get an incomprehensible confirmation email that will make you feel like you've hacked into the FBI, or even better, successfully accomplished the **Ecartis!** spell at Hogwarts. Be proud of yourself. It just means you're in! Delete it.*

Submitted by Rose Justice

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

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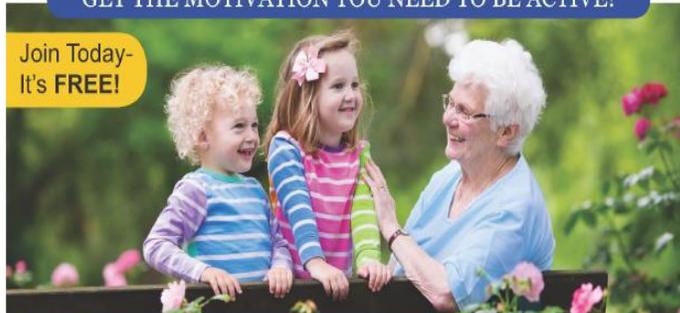


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