

## 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 dream a holy vision of new relationship to God, to the earth, to all others.**

### Sunday, February 14, 2021

[CLICK HERE FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE](#)

Thank you to **Anna Mary McIlwain**, our Reader for the Sunday service.

Scriptures:

- 2 Kings 2:1-12
- Mark 9:2-9

### Zoom Meeting

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

### In Loving Memory of Frango DiMambro March 15, 1955 – February 2, 2021



[CLICK HERE](#) for Frango's memorial site, including more lovely photos. Due to COVID-19 there will be no funeral service at this time but when the world reopens (as we know it will) there will be a Celebration of Life arranged in his honour.

### Worship Tips for Lent!

Lent begins on Wednesday Feb 17th with Ash Wednesday. We will be observing Ash Wednesday as part of the First Sunday in Lent (21st), but instead of ashes we will be using a little bit of soil or sand and water. Please have these and a candle ready if possible. You'll be invited to pick up a piece of "sea glass" (recycled tumbled glass) from the steps of the church during the week (or if you wish you can find it at many dollar stores and craft stores – and if you're really lucky, on the beach!). Family packs (including the glass) will be delivered to homes with children of pre-school age and older. The sea glass will be used in worship each week.

### Signing In at the Church

Please SIGN IN if you visit the church so that contact tracing can be done in case of a positive COVID 19 case at Gordon United Church. The sign-in sheet is on the shelf across from the church office, on the brick wall where the plants are sitting. Thank you. **The Safety Team**

### Our Place Speaker and Towel-Bundle Project 7:00pm Tuesday Feb 16

The Westshore Multifaith Group and Gordon United invite you to be part of a Zoom presentation by Grant Mackenzie of Our Place. He'll give us an update on what's happening through this pandemic.

Together with the Metchosin 4-H Club and Baha'i community we are also creating Towel Bundles to donate to Our Place. Nan Hsieh will give a short presentation on this project. (cont...)

## Towel-Bundle project (cont.)

You are invited to donate a new large towel, or a complete bundle:

- 1) NEW towel,
- 2) NEW socks suitable for men or women,
- 3) toothpaste,
- 4) packaged toothbrush,
- 5) packaged underwear,
- 6) bar of soap and small bottle of shampoo,
- 7) a candy treat, and
- 8) small card with inspirational message.

The Baha'i folk make the bundles with all of these items in a small bag, wrapped in the towel and tied with a ribbon. They use blue and pink for gender-specific bundles; we might want to make some neutral or rainbow bundles as well and simply write on the ribbon what size any items are! **To receive the link please contact Rev. Heidi by email or phone: 250-857-6632, [RevHeidi@gordonunitedchurch.ca](mailto:RevHeidi@gordonunitedchurch.ca).**

We encourage you NOT to make an extra trip to a store, out of concern for your safety; rather you could pick up these items as part of your weekly shop, order for curbside pick-up, or have them delivered. Items can be dropped off at Metchosin Hall from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday the 21st and 28th; masking and distancing will be in place. If you need your items picked up from your home, please contact Rev. Heidi.

## Council News

### Get involved in Gordon United!

With the publishing of Annual Reports come **Nominations** to the various Teams and Groups within the congregation. Council is inviting you to consider if you or someone you know has the gifts for any of these positions. All terms are two years renewable three times (ie a maximum of 6 years). Orientation will be organized for any of these positions by the Ministry & Personnel Team.

**Vice-Chair of Council** – someone willing to join Council with the intention of taking over as Chair in 2023. Good communication skills, ability to moderate a meeting and complete tasks in a timely manner, willingness to learn UCC policies and procedures, familiarity with the United Church of Canada, strong interpersonal skills, and love of the church are all appreciated. Should not be in conflict with or have a close personal relationship with any member of staff to avoid conflict of interest.

## Council News (cont.)

**Communications Liaison** – sits on Council, responsible for assisting groups within the congregation to communicate with others through a variety of means: website, Facebook, posters, announcements, advertising, etc. Keeping the flow of communication open within the congregation. Adheres to GUC's communications policy. Council meets monthly.

**Spiritual Leadership Liaison** – checks in regularly with all teams and groups in the congregation related to worship, faith development, fellowship and service, to ensure good two-way communication between Council and congregation. Sits on Council.

**Chair of Stewardship Team** – with an enthusiastic team, coordinates stewardship, philanthropy and fundraising activities for the congregation. Willing to access materials provided by the UCC. Energy and enthusiasm for Gordon United Church, The UCC and the Mission and Service Fund. Sits on Council, which meets monthly. Team meets as needed. Others are welcome to join the team, and all ideas are very welcome, especially on how to maintain church finances in pandemic times!

**Representative for the Region** – this person attends the yearly Regional meetings (currently held online) as well as keeping informed about what is going on regionally (Pacific Mountain Region includes B.C., Whitehorse and Banff) and sharing relevant information with the Council and Congregation. May be invited to participate in other Regional work. Sits on Council.

**Members of Ministry and Personnel Team** – part of the Team that works with staff to ensure the well-being of staff and congregation, combines support and evaluation, and helps to maintain a healthy pastoral relationship. Willingness to learn policies and skills, effective communication, good listening and some experience of the United Church of Canada are helpful. Members of M and P should not be in conflict or close personal relationship with any member of staff so as to avoid conflict of interest. Meets as needed.

**Ad Hoc Safety Team** – this team does the work of organizing policy and recommending adaptations to Council in response to the COVID19 pandemic. Trains others in safety procedures. Meets as needed. New members needed and welcome.

## Council News (cont.)

**Outreach Team Chair** – coordinates the present outreach work (Community Dinner, Messy Church, Compassionate Resource Warehouse, Our Place and Community Resource Warehouse Collections, Affirming Ministries Team) and works with others on new projects in the area of social justice and community support.

**Affirming Ministries Team** – takes leadership in the study and conversation process involved in becoming an officially LGBTQ2S+ welcoming congregation. New members welcome.

**O Live Newsletter editor** – accepts submissions and compiles a quarterly newsletter

**Prayer in A Minute** – receives email prayer requests through the [prayerinaminute@gmail.com](mailto:prayerinaminute@gmail.com) account and forwards them to those who request to be on list to receive them

**Pastoral Care Team** – member of team responsible, along with the minister, for the spiritual support and care of the congregation. Members each have a list of people whom they contact regularly. Training is available, and the ability to maintain confidentiality is essential.

If you would like to put your name forward for any of these positions or have spoken to someone about their interest, please contact Anna Mary McIlwain at [annamarymcilwain@gmail.com](mailto:annamarymcilwain@gmail.com)

**Note: Currently most meetings are occurring by Zoom, and we realize some may not be able to participate using that technology.** We hope that by the Fall at the latest, we will be able to meet in person. Until then, we will work hard to include those who wish to serve but cannot use the technology. Thank-you for your involvement in this ministry we share!

**Terms renewed at the last Council meeting:**  
Anna Mary McIlwain as **Chair of Council**  
Ken McDougall as **Treasurer** (and member of Property and Finance, Council and Memorial Teams)

**Waiting for confirmation:**  
Deanna Robb as **Chair of Memorial Committee**  
Ralph Gonyea and John Davies as members of **The Board of Trustees**  
Leona Richards as **Secretary of Property and Finance Team**

## Council News (cont.)

### Terms ended:

Carolyn Matheson as **Communications Liaison** and **Co-Chair of Safety Team**  
Beverly Stewart as **Regional Rep**  
Janice Woods as **Chair of Stewardship Team**

We note the passing of Frango DiMambro, who was a faithful member of the Property and Finance Team and a past Trustee.

Thank-you to all for your faithful service



### **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](mailto:pastoralcare@gordonunitedchurch.ca)**



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

**V A L E N T I N E** to You from Pat Flack  
from John 3:16



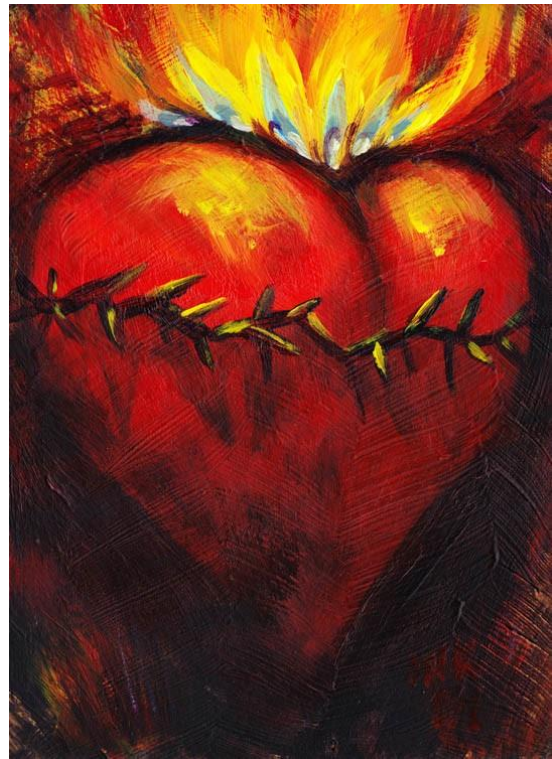
## Tish Portelance's Snowdrops – WOW!



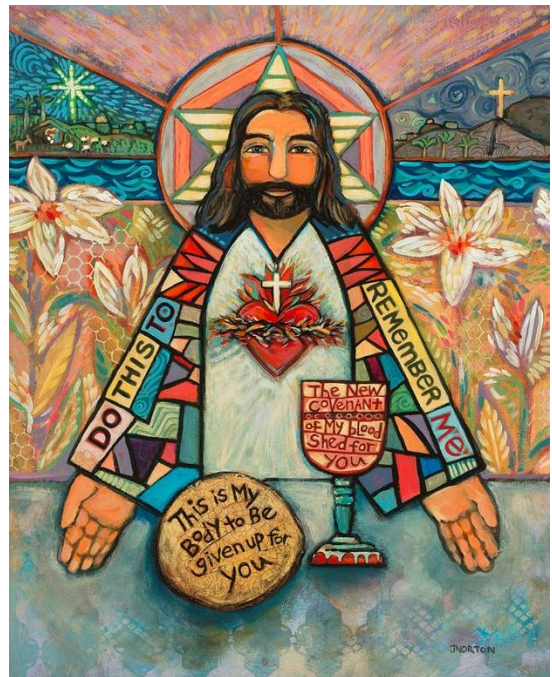
## Sacred Heart pictures from Rev. Heidi's "Learning Together" time this week



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Little Big Love by Ida Kendall



Sacred Heart of Jesus by Jen Norton

Send in your O Live stories, thoughts, greetings for others, jokes, views, prayers, photographs...

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