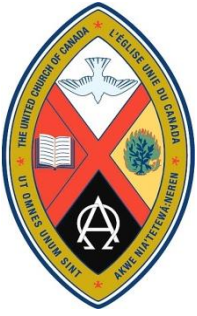


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Gordon United Church Announcements

<http://www.gordonunitedchurch.ca> office@gordonunitedchurch.ca

Check us out on Facebook

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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!

**Recognizing the temptations of advertising, and making faithful decisions,
changes our identity from consumer to steward.**

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[CLICK HERE FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE](#)

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

Scriptures:

- *Matthew 9: 27-33*

Zoom Meeting

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

Worship Notes

What is *Balm of Gilead*? It is a perfume used as an herbal salve, probably made from the terebinth trees found in the region of Gilead, but now associated with a number of different resinous trees, including balsam. It came to be a symbol of universal healing, and in Christianity, it represented the healing found in Jesus.

"Balm of Gilead" is now sold as a 'miracle cure' for all sorts of maladies, including cancer!

Beach glass and communion cups are still outside the sanctuary doors for you to pick up.

Holy Week is not far away. Currently all plans are to continue with worship online for Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday at the usual 11:00 time. Should COVID19 restrictions change, there is a possibility of an outdoor early Easter service in the accessible area at the Colwood Beachfront (Esquimalt Lagoon). Stay tuned! **Rev. Heidi**

Time for Children

[Homemade Lotion For Kids To Make - PLAYTIVITIES](#)

[How to make Lotion - Easy Homemade Lotion Recipe \(onecrazymom.com\)](#)

Safety Team News

A reminder– Much as we love to see each other, a gentle reminder that NO GATHERINGS are to be held on church property (including the building and parking lot) until restrictions are lifted (except for designated support groups). We are still under "household only" interactions.

Drop-offs and pick-ups are still OK! 😊

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**

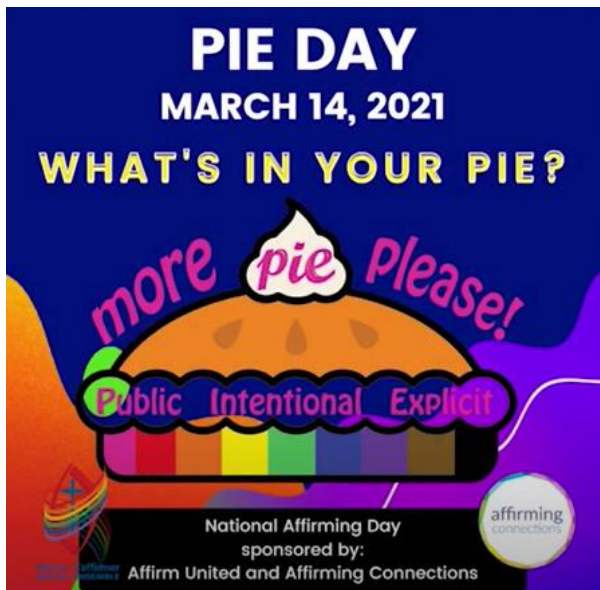
Opportunity to Help Others

Please take a minute to get to know the Al-Rubayae family. They are a family of 6, living in Turkey. The family is from Iraq but, due to the war and current crisis, they had to flee for their lives to Syria, then Lebanon and now Turkey. The family is a single mom with 5 children. They struggle to survive on a daily basis as the husband was killed many years ago in the war. The necessities of life needed to survive are a struggle and they are not very much welcomed in Turkey. The family lives in a small 3 bedroom apartment without proper heat or warm clothing and they have no income. They have been in lockdown for 6 months with no gov't financial support. If they have an opportunity to

work, they make \$8 for a 14-hr day and sometimes don't even get paid at the end of the day. This family needs help. Please support the Al-Rubaye family so they can survive the hardship and overcome the difficult times in their lives.

Please offer prayers and, if you wish to do so, contribute financially to help them. [CLICK HERE](#) for the link to their Go Fund Me page.

Submitted by a congregation member who works with a Langford resident, whose family is in need. The posting was approved by Council.



United Church of Canada Moderator Richard Bott invites you to celebrate P.I.E. Day with your faith community on March 14, 2021

P.I.E. = Public. Intentional. Explicit. These are the standards we hold ourselves and our welcome to when we become affirming, welcoming, or inclusive communities. March 14 is a chance to celebrate the full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ and Two Spirit people in faith communities and beyond across Canada; take a look at [our resources](#) to get inspired.



The [United Church Bookstore sale](#) continues!

UCC Support for Guaranteed Liveable Income

As Vancouver Island members of the United Church of Canada we invite you to take a few moments this week to let the Parliament of Canada know before March 12th, that you support the creation of a Guaranteed Livable Income.

The "GLI" initiative is outlined at the United Church of Canada's website :

<https://united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/create-guaranteed-livable-income-program>

Pastoral Care pastoralcare@gordonunitedchurch.ca

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

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Betty Pellaers - (778) 430-3073

Deanna Robb - (250) 294-6737

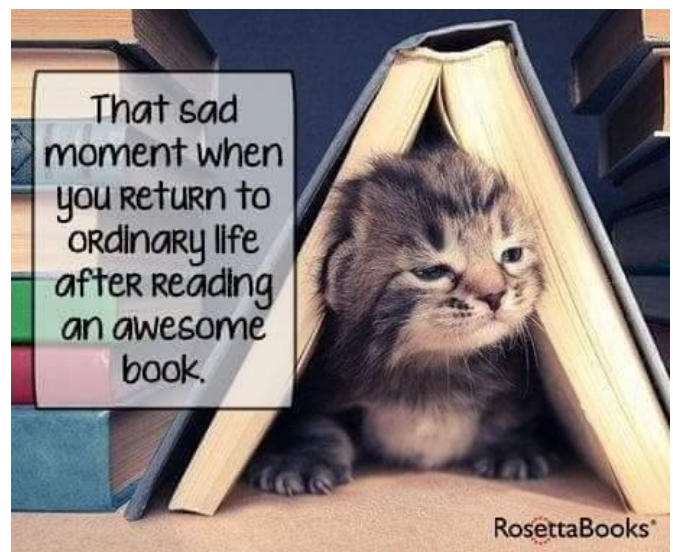
Dianne Wilson McDougall - (250) 391-7550

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

Ruth Kelbough - (250) 478-5450



Winter 2021: O Live "Light"



Have you read any great books lately? Share your recommendations here!

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

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It's almost time for GARDENING!
And you know what that means!



Barney has a nose like a magnet and where his nose goes his tongue follows. It can even reach onto the kitchen counter. He is literally eating me out of house & home; wooden furniture, sun deck, house plants, plastic kitchen utensils, plastic frisbee, charging cord for my computer, Christmas card, two blankets, the sleeve on my hockey jersey & many other things. Also he rearranges the bedding, not his bed my bed & likes to wake me up in the morning. When he's not eating my house he is outside eating sticks, plants, grass and digging holes. This has been over a period of seven months and he has improved considerably.

He is a really good boy actually, these were/are just some of his pastimes when he is not being supervised. When he is not eating my house & yard he likes to run around the back yard and play fetch and generally follow me around when I am busy, then it's nap time until the next round. He is very intelligent and learns quickly and he is my buddy for life. **Submitted by David Barclay**



We turn our clocks forward Sunday, March 14.