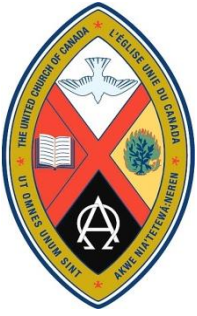


Sunday, March 14, 2021



## Gordon United Church Announcements

<http://www.gordonunitedchurch.ca> [office@gordonunitedchurch.ca](mailto:office@gordonunitedchurch.ca)

Check us out on Facebook

935 Goldstream Avenue, Victoria BC, V9B 2Y2 - Phone 250.478.6632

*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, March 14, 2021**

[CLICK HERE FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE](#)

Thank you to **Myrtle Acton**, our Reader for the Sunday service.

Scriptures:

- *Matthew 9: 18-26*

### Zoom Meeting

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



**Zoom Notes:** If you have tried joining the After Worship chat and have had difficulties, please call or email Rev. Heidi who will walk you through the process. The link in your email is only

available at 11:15am on Sunday mornings.

Should you wish to form a chat with others in the church, by phone or computer, and do not have Zoom, Skype or a similar program yourselves, Rev. Heidi is willing to set one up and start you off, time permitting. You will need a way to get the phone number or link information to the members of your group.

### Worship Notes

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 11:00am 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!**

Don't forget to reset your clocks an hour and "Spring Forward" for Sunday March 14th

**Rev. Heidi**

### 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 Out at Gordon United

Heartfelt thanks from the Council, to:

- **Pat Larre** for joining the M and P Team,
- **Jane Paliser** for joining the Safety Team,
- **David Barclay** as a Greeter, and
- **John Nanson** for letting his name stand for the Board of Trustees.

We are still looking for folk to serve on a number of positions, including five positions that are currently open on Council. Please take a look at the February 14 Announcements for all the information in the Council News section: [CLICK FOR FEB 14.](#)

Thank you!

## Opportunity to Help Others

Please consider, should you be looking for something to support, our **Refugee Fund** for the **Omran refugee family from Syria**, stranded in Beirut. With several of our church events cancelled or postponed last year, we have not been able to raise funds in the usual way for this very worthy cause.



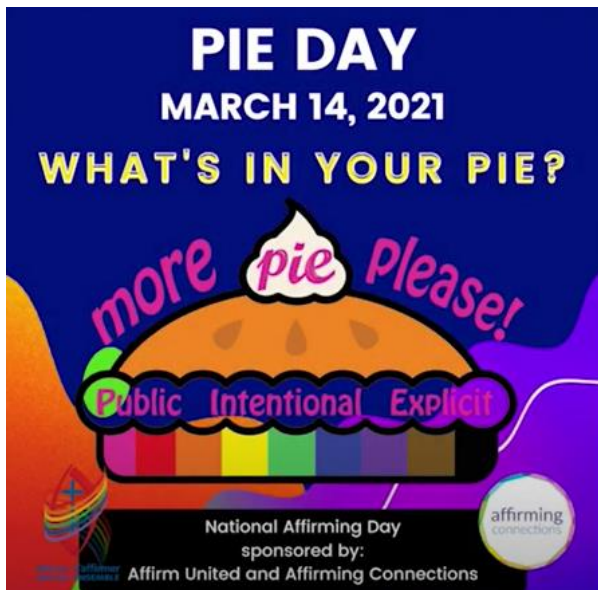
Want an “away” camp rather than a day camp? Camp Pringle is a United Church camp at Shawnigan Lake that runs camps for all ages, including family camps. Due to COVID19, they are mostly running day camp with pick ups and drop offs

by bus (Last year they used our parking lot!) They are hoping that by August overnight camps will be possible. Registration is open at [www.camppringle.com](http://www.camppringle.com). Bursaries are available.

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

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



United Church of Canada Moderator Richard Bott invites you to celebrate P.I.E. Day with your faith community TODAY!

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.



Winter 2021: O Live “Light”



Flowers at Church, yesterday. So pretty!



Registration for **Camp Spirit** at Gordon United is now open! This is a 5 day camp starting July 12th reflecting UCC values for kids of any background from grades 1 to 6. Youth Crew ages 12 to

14 act as Junior Leaders and applications for that program are open as well. Go to [www.campspirit.ca](http://www.campspirit.ca) for more information, or call 1-800-934-0434 (BC only) Extension 6349. Camp Spirit values: Excellence, Inclusion, Financial Accountability & Stewardship, Hospitality, Relationships and Outreach. Call soon as spaces will fill up quickly! Bursaries for part or all of the fees are available.



## Happy Birthday Lew!



Taken March 7<sup>th</sup>. He enjoyed his party of two of us, with Cake and Chocolate! And he still has a twinkle in his eyes. We are looking forward to spring and to seeing all of you again. Cheers to everyone and love from us both, Hilda and Lew

## Hello from Nancy & Sheila

