



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!** brain teaser answer: 8*

**Stewardship begins in spiritual formation:
God's love poured into thirsty hearts keeps us alive during wilderness experiences.**

Sunday, March 21, 2021

[CLICK HERE FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE](#)

Thank you to **Rose Justice**, our Reader for the Sunday service.

Scriptures:

- *Matthew 8: 18-27*

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 10:00am time**. Should COVID19 restrictions change, there is a possibility of an outdoor early Easter service. **Stay tuned!**

"One does not discover new lands without consenting to lose sight of the shore for a very long time." ~ André Gide. author

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

Online Resources from Rev. Heidi

Sermon Supplementary Information:

[Eco-Justice Ministries - Overview of Greening Your Church \(eco-justice.org\)](https://eco-justice.org)

[10 Steps to Greening Your Church | Creation Care School \(teachable.com\)](https://teachable.com)

[Ecological Footprint Calculator](#)

How to make a pendant from beach glass:

[Wire Wrapped Sea Glass Tutorial For Children - YouTube](#)

I did mine without wire cutters or pliers (used scissors) – less fancy

[DIY Wire Wrap Gemstones Without Holes - YouTube](#)

Learning Together Activities:

[PowerPoint Presentation \(simplykinder.com\)](https://simplykinder.com)

[Nature Scripture Scavenger Hunt: Family Fun with Purpose | More Like Grace](#)

Opportunities 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](#).

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.



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 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.



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 amps. 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. Bursaries are available.

<https://united-church.ca/.../create-guaranteed-livable...>

Please consider writing a letter on this issue. Think of how different our COVID19 response might have been if people knew they had an income to get them through the tough times!

GUARANTEED LIVABLE INCOME



Hymn Books

Remember, there are hymn books and pew bibles available for long-term borrowing, so you can follow along with the singing on the online worship services. Contact Rose at the church office to make arrangements.

Pastoral Care 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



March 21st is the first day of



Send me your stories, thoughts, greetings for others, jokes, views, prayers, photographs...

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Thanks, Rose

We congratulate our friend Wilson on this impressive accomplishment:

HMCS NCSM Calgary @HMCSNCSMCalgary · Mar 12
HMCS Calgary 🇨🇦🚢 is so proud to announce that our embarked chaplain, Lt(N) Wilson Gonese, is now a 'Doctor' after successfully defending his thesis through the University of Saskatchewan on March 9 via Zoom! 🎓🎉 1/2



Rhododendron, "Xmas Cheer " at Tish Portelance's... beautiful!

Zoom gang last week at the after-service chat. Join the fun! See link in the Friday email.

Brain Teaser...

*Turn me on my side and
I'm everything.
Cut me in half and
I'm nothing.
What am I?*

...The answer is just above the green Stewardship banner at the top of this newsletter.

