

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!***

Amid the struggle of our lives, God has loved us abundantly. We give thanks!

Sunday, April 18, 2021

[CLICK HERE FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE](#)

Scriptures Read Today

- Luke 24:36b-48 (NRSV, adapted)
- 1 John 3: 1-3 (NRSV, adapted)

Zoom Meeting

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

Opportunities to Help Out at Gordon United

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.

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

Safety Team Update – Staff & Office

Update regarding COVID 19 protocols: Until further notice, Tim and Heidi will be working from home while Rose works in the office, but with no admittance of anyone else to the office. Those wishing to pick up and drop off items should arrange with Rose for contactless pick-up.

Rapid spread of infections, especially those due to variants, and the wait for vaccinations for the three staff members have resulted in a need to make this change. We want to respect Dr Henry's direction that people should remain in their municipalities if possible.

During this next while, **Scripture Readers** will have to submit either audio recordings or videos, to the church office. Audio recordings can be emailed to the office, while videos will have to be uploaded to our Dropbox shared folder, from where they can be downloaded to the office computer. If you are able to use either of these methods, please let us know!

 **Live Chat**

If you have been wondering how you can participate in the live chat with Rev. Heidi on Sunday mornings, while watching the worship service as it "premieres" at 10:00am, here is the answer: You must:

1. *set up a userid on YouTube, and*
2. *be logged into YouTube during the service.*

You can watch YouTube videos anytime, without being logged in. However, if you want to participate in live chats, leave comments on videos, follow our [Gordon United Church Channel](#), or upload and share your own videos, you must have a userid and be logged in.



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.

Our Place (cont.)

With ongoing COVID-related restrictions in place, Our Place continues to provide nurturing, hopeful support to people experiencing homelessness and poverty in our region.

We have also stepped up to provide housing solutions for hundreds and now we manage more than eight shelter locations in our community. This spring Our Place Society, together with Victoria Cool Aid Society have formed a unique partnership that will allow us to more effectively support folks who are moving from basic shelters in to more permanent housing.

You and your congregation can make a huge difference in helping those who are transitioning from shelters and are not equipped with the basic items we all take for granted; such as essential toiletries, dishes and bedding (please see the attached kit checklist). Can you please help our neighbours in need as they get started on their journey to independence? As a community project, your congregation is asked to work with us to gather full Tenant Starter Kits. Once completed, the kits would be picked up and brought directly to those who need them.

Please circulate this list amongst the members of your organization. Together, we can absolutely change lives!

[CLICK HERE](#) to see the Tenant Starter Kit List & Instructions. For more information, contact our fund development team at 250-940-5060 ext. 4201 or email janetd@ourplacesociety.com

Greater Victoria Acting Together and St. John the Divine Church
Present
"Faith in Trees"
A Virtual Workshop on Faith, Science and Action
in Saving our Old Growth Forests – a Marvel of Creation




Photo Credit: T.J. Watt, Ancient Forest Alliance

With Matt Humphrey (Emmaus Centre); Robin Strong and Elisabeth Noble (Sierra Club) and Jane Welton (GVAT, Climate Justice ART)

Tuesday, April 27, 6.50 to 8.30 p.m. Free. Registration
For registration [CLICK HERE](#)



Our Place Tenant Starter Kits Initiative

What would be nicer than moving from a shelter bed or temporary room, to walking in your own space, complete with a comfortable bed, kitchen all set, and living room items and even a great book-- to get started on a new life of independence?

What is Curtis Sage up to?

Curtis' 50+ club enjoyed a trip to Hatley Gardens at Royal Roads University. He and one of the club members, Maree, met in the Uni 201 class at UVic and they volunteer at Our Place downtown as much as possible. UVic has been offering free access to learning and Curtis assists with the program as a volunteer facilitator, encouraging newcomers with supportive direction.

Card Received from Estella Jenkins

Estella wrote: Dear friends at Gordon United,
My family would like to thank you for all your
prayers for the loss of my son Ricard.

Our love, Estella Jenkins

Congratulations Leona & Floyd Richards on Your 58th Anniversary!



Flowers & a visit from their daughter & granddaughter.

Judy & Alan Muir's New Ride



This is what Alan and I did yesterday - had our first ride up in the Lift. I still can't believe we climbed 18 steps into the house for over 48 years.

Tish Portelance's Mt. Fiji Tree – Wow!



This one's for you, Tim Olfert!



Bronze beauties: Spotighting the Senate Chamber's two chandeliers

[CLICK HERE](#) for the story and more photos.

