

Sunday, April 25, 2021



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!***

Stewardship is a respectful journey with fellow travellers, knowing we will never arrive at the way the world "should" be but that we all have much to contribute on the trek.

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[CLICK HERE FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE](#)

Thank you to **Pat Larre**, our Reader for the Sunday service.

Scriptures:

- **John 10:11-17** (NRSV, adapted)
- **1 John 3:16-18, 23-24** (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

Remembering Doris London

One of our congregation, our dear friend Doris London, passed away April 15. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the BC Cancer Society. Doris' family will commemorate her life with a visit to the alpine meadows in the Trophy Mountains, an area of spectacular beauty that she loved. [CLICK HERE](#) for Doris' obituary.



Annual Report 2020

The Gordon United Church Annual Report for 2020 is done & dusted! You can have a paper copy mailed to you if you wish; call or email the church office to request this. It is also online on our website. [CLICK HERE](#) for the electronic version.

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.



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.

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.

Camillia at the front of Gordon United



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?

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 into 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

