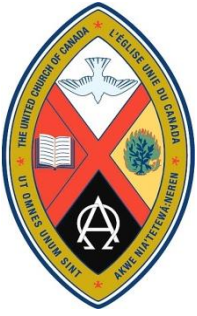


Sunday, May 2, 2021



Gordon United Church Announcements

<http://www.gordonunitedchurch.ca> 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 care passionately, humbly, and graciously about God's vision for the world.

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[CLICK HERE FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE](#)

Nancy Alice Sturrock

We are saddened at the passing of our beloved friend on Thursday, April 29



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

Sunday Zoom Meetings

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

Rev. Heidi away May 10-16

Rev. Heidi will be on Study Leave May 10th to 16th. The Reverend Ed Cawley will be leading online worship, and the Pastoral Care Team will be available as usual. For emergency/crisis care, the Pastoral Care team member will contact the minister on call.

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.

Withdrawing from Thrifty's Smile Card Program

For several years we have enjoyed rebates from Thrifty Stores through their Smile Card program. Thrifty Stores is changing this program on June 15th whereby already loaded cards are to be purchased and sold by GUC. Due to the corresponding increase in administration and cost to GUC, we are withdrawing from the Smile Program. Your current Smile Cards can be used after June 15th until depleted so be sure to load them up before June 15th so Gordon United Church can get benefits. Thanks!

Property & Finance: Ken McDougall & Ray Green

Opportunities to Learn

An invitation to participate: Free 2-hour **Indigenous Awareness course through BCIT**. Can be done at any time, but Rev Heidi would like to get a group together for discussion. You will need a computer or tablet and an internet connection. Are you interested? Please email RevHeidi@gordonunitedchurch.ca

DIY Meditative Walks: by WayPoint Centre for Spiritual Growth. Cost: \$10.00 for the entire program. (May 3-31). Are you tapped out? Zoomed out? Sick of being inside or on a screen? Do you need encouragement to get outside to walk? Let these reflective meditative walking experiences soothe your weary soul. Walking in nature is a simple spiritual practice that can help us de-stress, find peace, and soothe our souls. Each participant will be sent a weekly email with a reading, and some practices that will encourage you to slow down and connect with your soul and help you go deeper with nature. [Click here](#) to register.

WayPoint Centre for Spiritual Growth is an initiative of the Leadership Church Planting Project (Pacific Mountain Region) and is an emerging ministry of Eagle Ridge United Church, Coquitlam, BC.

Transforming Polarized Conversations

May 6, 13, 20, and 27. 1:30 pm EDT / 11:30 am MDT / 10:30 am PDT

How do we as Jesus followers converse with divergent viewpoints and engage in active listening with a Christlike posture? What skills do we as leaders need to acquire to tackle tough conversations? What parts of our inner lives as leaders do we need to acknowledge and address? Join us for a 4-week learning experience, in partnership with Conflict, Change and Leadership Specialist, Dr. Betty Preis. [Click here](#) for details. Suggested donation \$10 per session.

Summer Camps!

Family Camp/Retreat here on the Island at Shawnigan Lake – for families of all kinds and configurations! [Imagine Family Retreat at Camp Pringle \(tockify.com\)](http://ImagineFamilyRetreatatCampPringle(tockify.com)) July 1-4, 2021



Summer Camps (cont.)

And..... TA DA! Our very own!!!

We are excited to welcome you at Camp Spirit at Gordon United Church!

Monday July 12 to Friday July 16
9am to 3pm, \$125 including lunch, snacks, materials and a Camp Spirit t-shirt!

Day Camp for Children 5-11 years!

Leader In Training Program for Youth 12-14 years!

Trained, screened staff & volunteers provide leadership and care while following health orders and camp's comprehensive COVID-19 protocols.

Confidential, supportive Camper Bursaries are available!
Please don't let the price keep your Child from coming to camp.

**Register online
CampSpirit.ca**

or call Natalia at the
Camp Spirit Office:
1-800-934-0434 (toll free in BC)
or 604-431-0434 Ext 6487



Upper Room Daily Devotional Booklet

Hello friends, it's time to order your annual subscription to The Upper Room or to consider starting one! Unfortunately, we have lost a few of our subscribers over the past year as you know and, as we have to have a minimum of 10 to get the discounted rate, we need more folks who would like to have that daily time of meditation and prayer to join us.

As of this year, with the increased costs of production and US exchange rate, the cost to subscribe individually has gone up to \$28.30 CAD. If we can maintain the minimum of 10 issues bimonthly, we can still subscribe for \$15.00 CAD each. Please let me know at your earliest convenience if you will be joining us!!

My contact information is available through the Gordon United Church office if you don't already have it.
Linda DiMambro

Sanctuary Pews

Ray Green's idea to mount pew end pieces on the sanctuary walls are like sanctuary art now. Inside or outside, they will remain as an evocative reminder of our pre-pandemic era:



How Does Rev. Heidi Do Her Recordings?

This is Heidi's set-up the last two weeks, recording all by her lonesome, in the sanctuary!



Children in Church

Submitted by Karen Hicks



Jesus' Dad's Name

A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "What was Jesus' mother's name?" One child answered, "Mary." The teacher then asked, "Who knows what Jesus' father's name was?" A little kid said, "Verge." Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did you get that?" The kid said, "Well, you know, they are always talking about Verge n' Mary."

A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."

After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you."

I had been teaching my three-year old daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer for several evenings at bedtime. She would repeat after me the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer: "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us from E-mail."

A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother, Joel, were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had had enough.

"You're not supposed to talk out loud in church."

"Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked.

Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two people standing by the door?"

They're hushers."

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'"

Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

A father was at the beach with his children when the four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand.

"Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked.

"He died and went to Heaven," the Dad replied.

The boy thought a moment and then said, "Did God throw him back down?"

A couple invited some people to dinner. At the table, the wife turned to their six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?"

"I wouldn't know what to say," the girl replied.

"Just say what you hear Mommy say," the wife answered.

The daughter bowed her head and said, "Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"