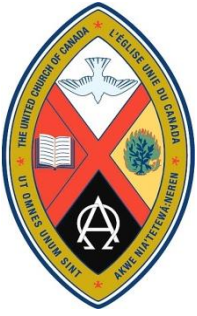


Sunday, May 9, 2021



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!***

Loving God and neighbour involves our entire selves: our time, energy and money.

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[CLICK HERE FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE](#)

Today is Christian Family Sunday

[CLICK HERE](#) to read more about why today is so special, on the United Church of Canada website.

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, contact the Pastoral Care Team, who will call Rev. Heidi if necessary.

Last Week's Dance Video

[CLICK HERE](#) for video on YouTube:
Revelations - Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater

More Bhangra Videos

Here are a couple more of Gurdeep Pandher's videos. Click the links below, provided by Rev. Heidi:

[Bhangra Dance by Municipal Police and RCMP in Victoria, BC | Gurdeep Pandher - Bing video](#)

[\(326\) Canadian Armed Forces \(CAF\) | Gurdeep Pandher | Celebrating Diversity/Inclusivity via Bhangra - YouTube](#)

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. Simply write "**Refugee Fund**" on your donation to Gordon United Church. Thank you!

DO YOU HAVE A PICTURE OF YOURSELF OR YOUR FAMILY WITH UMBRELLAS? CAN YOU TAKE ONE?

Please send Rev. Heidi a digital copy of your picture to include in our Pentecost celebration – By Monday, May 17th at the latest. If you want to **wear red** in your picture for Pentecost, that would be great too – but not necessary.

Send to RevHeidi@gordonunitedchurch.ca with UMBRELLA in the subject line. PS. If you have a picture you really like but it's not digital, you can snap a photo of it with a cellphone, tablet or digital camera and presto! You now have a digital copy!

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.](#)

Peace By Piece!

Featuring dynamic and uplifting songs, dances and interviews with outstanding performers and presenters from Canada and the U.S.

Commemorating the UN INTERNATIONAL DAY OF LIVING TOGETHER IN PEACE

Sunday, May 16th, 2021, 2:00 p.m. (Pacific)

A FREE, livestreamed event by registration on Eventbrite

DETAILS AT: <https://peacebypiece2021.eventbrite.ca>

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 & 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



Mother's Day means so many different things for different people and we hope for you it brings loving memories of someone special who provides you with hope, comfort and belonging.

The Our Place team will be working hard this Sunday to pass on some of that good feeling and **your donation can play a big role by providing three very special nourishing Mother's Day meals** made with love at our downtown Drop-in Centre kitchen. Join us in honouring moms with your gift towards a special meal:

- **Breakfast:** Waffles, blueberries, sausage
- **Lunch:** Bacon & cheese quiche, fruit salad, and carrot cake
- **Dinner:** Stuffed chicken breast, rice, and fresh greens

This Mother's Day, you can nurture vulnerable souls and help make this day a little more special for the hungry and hurting members of our community. **We hope this Sunday, you will spend the day with someone special. We know we will.**



"...they're different colors, have strange names, but all learn to live together in the same box."