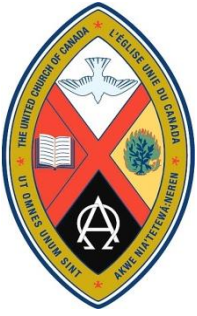


Sunday, June 6, 2021



## 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**). Brain Teaser answer: envelope. We would be happy to add you to our weekly email distribution list and/or update our church directory. **WELCOME!***



**According to Paul, as children of God, we can count our chickens before they hatch!**

**Sunday, June 6, 2021**  
**Union Sunday, Pride Sunday**

[CLICK HERE FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE](#)

### Sunday Zoom Meetings

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

### Service Notes from Rev. Heidi:

Next **Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>**, is the Worship service for the Annual Meeting of the Pacific Mountain Region of the United Church of Canada. All United Church congregations are invited to join in a joint YouTube service at 10 a.m. that Sunday. The link will be posted on our website and on Facebook. If you have never attended a service in which someone was ordained or commissioned, this is a great opportunity – and one of the most well-known preachers in North America, Nadia Bolz-Weber, will be preaching! (I have heard Nadia speak, and she is always down to earth and very inspiring. ~Rev. Heidi)

**Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup> and June 27<sup>th</sup>** Rev Heidi is on holidays and we welcome Melanie Ihmels back to lead worship online at the regular 10 a.m. Sunday premier time. (Please note that the Rev. Alanna Menu will be available for emergency pastoral care from June 15<sup>th</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>).

**July 4<sup>th</sup>** Heidi is back and we'll have our first outdoor service of the summer at 10 a.m. We will also have a very brief ANNUAL MEETING after the service to answer any questions from the Annual Report and to deal with Nominations – we are in

need of a number of lay folk to fill positions on Council and elsewhere. Please pre-register to attend the service and meeting as a maximum of 52 are allowed. You can sit in your cars or bring a chair (or we'll provide one for you). All rules about masking and social distancing will be observed, and you're encouraged to come prepared for the weather. Outdoor services will then continue until further notice.

*Rev. Heidi*



### Annual Regional General Meeting

- Registration is open - for all, visitors and voters alike: [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

### Worship Service with PMRC June 13

- 10am Sunday June 13 Celebration of Ministry is worship for all United Church people and friends across the PMRC. Share this YouTube link to your congregation members: [CLICK HERE](#)

### Office Update

In April, due to the rapid increase in COVID-19 cases, we closed the office to visitors. Rev. Heidi and Tim were working from home. This week, we are happy to tell you we three were back in the sanctuary to record the service, joined by our scripture reader, John Nanson.

Visitors on church errands are permitted once again, however, we continue to ask that you

remain vigilant with masks, social distancing and sanitizing procedures. Ring the white doorbell at either door and I will greet you with a smile under my mask 😊 Thank you to everyone for following Dr. Bonny Henry's, and our own Safety Team's, procedures!  
*Rose Justice*

### 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!!

**MAY 26th UPDATE - 4 OF THE MINIMUM 10 SUBSCRIBERS HAVE COMMITTED SO THAT THEY CAN GET THE PRICE REDUCTION OFFERED TO GROUPS. WE NEED 6 MORE - WILL YOU BE ONE OF THEM?**

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

### Fairway Cards

As most of you know by now, we will no longer be doing the Thrifty Foods fund raising cards. Instead, the Property and Finance Committee would like you to consider the Fairway Cards. We receive 5% of what you spend. You can use your credit card to load the gift card so will also earn points. Please email Pat Larre at : [larres@telus.net](mailto:larres@telus.net) if you want a card, one will be mailed or dropped off for you. Thank you.  
*Pat Larre*

### 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 pre-loaded cards are to be purchased and sold by GUC. Due to the 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*

### Mission & Service Thank You Certificate

Normally at this time of year, we mail you a certificate to share with your community of faith. Unfortunately, many church buildings and offices across the country remain closed, so we want to let you know that we are waiting to send the certificates until the fall, when we are hopeful the printed copies can be highlighted during services, displayed on walls, and so on.

That said, we do want your congregation to know how grateful we are and share with you the amazing extent of our church's generosity in an extraordinarily difficult year. We have created this generosity report video to let you know how much our United Church collectively raised for those in need through Mission & Service. Thank you for your ongoing support. A full accountability report will be mailed to you along with your certificate. [CLICK HERE](#) for the video.

**Pastoral Care** [pastoralcare@gordonunitedchurch.ca](mailto:pastoralcare@gordonunitedchurch.ca)

We invite anyone who needs Pastoral support to contact one of us:

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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

**GOD'S MISSION  
OUR GIFTS**

### MISSION & SERVICE: 96 YEARS STRONG

True or false: The United Church of Canada was formed in 1925 in part so the founding denominations—Methodist, Presbyterian, and Congregational—could combine their finances to do more mission work in Canada and around the world? If you guessed true, you are right. From the very beginning, our United Church was formed out of a desire to come together and serve others like Jesus did. Through Mission &

Service, we have been helping to save and transform lives, inspire meaning and purpose, and build a better world for 96 years.

Today, we are as committed as ever. Together, we turn compassion into action every day. How? To put it simply, we help.

In Canada, we help people in need by supporting homeless shelters, food banks, soup kitchens, and refugee programs. We reach out to young people on campuses and through camping. We care for people who are sick or at the end of life by supporting addiction, mental health, and counselling services and hospice care.

Globally, we help people access clean water, food, and medical care. We support skills training and economic development. We help with peace-making and sustainable agriculture efforts. We provide disaster relief and advocate for the rights of those who all too often don't get a say, like children and migrant workers. We also support opportunities for people to grow spiritually in all kinds of ways.

Locally, we subsidize theological schools and education/retreat centres. We support events that promote spiritual development and personal reflection. We inspire new and innovative ministries, and sustain communities of faith that are remote or in need. Globally, we support church organizations that work with theological schools, offering practical training in agriculture and health.

It's a win-win. We trust that when people are in tune with their meaning and purpose, they will naturally want to help change lives and make the world a better place for all.

***Thank you for your gifts through Mission & Service. Your support makes a difference!***

### Brain Teaser

There's a word that begins and ends with an E, but only contains one letter. What is it? The answer is at the top of this newsletter, right beside the word **GREEN**.

### Hello from Erma & Herb Steele!



*Erma and Selkirk Place support person Georgia*



**Y'know what I reeeeeeally love? I really love to receive your stories, photos, & greetings to add to the weekly newsletter!**

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