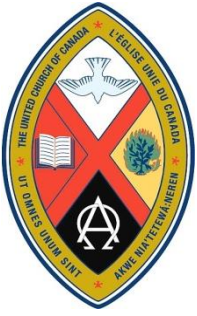


Sunday, July 18, 2021



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 in God's Great Outdoor Church (a.k.a. our parking lot)

If you do not receive our emails, we would love to add you to our weekly email 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 **ORANGE**). We would be happy to add you to our weekly email distribution list and/or update our church directory. **WELCOME!***

**Stewardship is a spiritual practice.
How do stewards of the gospel prepare the way for Jesus?**

Summertime at Gordon United

Service time is 10 a.m. until further notice.

Worship services will be held outdoors for the duration of the summer until after Labour Day, as previously decided by Council. (Should this need to change due to heat/smoke/torrential rain, etc. it would be a decision of Council).

Singing is now permitted.

Masks are strongly encouraged, especially when in close contact with others and while singing. Anyone leading singing, preaching or public speaking is required to wear a mask if unable to maintain a 3 to 4 metre distance from those they face.

Visiting before and after the service is also permitted.

The service can also be heard in the parking lot and nearby at 87.9 on the FM dial, so people can remain in their cars if they wish.

Print copies of the service can be made available to those unable to attend. Audio recordings are also possible.

Should anyone need to come inside for health reasons, they may sit in the CE Hall at appropriate physical distance.

While pre-registration is no longer required, we will be asking for names and contact numbers for COVID19 tracing.

Zoom Chat will be discontinued over the summer as the majority of people who normally "chat" are attending worship services.

Memorials/weddings will be allowed to be held indoors and outdoors with restrictions as listed in the Safety Plan, updated July 8, 2021 and posted on the website.

Church and rental groups will be returning to the building with appropriate measures in place.

Sanitization of hands and high-touch surfaces will still be required at least until September. All groups are requested to avoid crowding or gathering in hallways, office or rooms – allow people to have their space.

Please ASK before you hug, shake hands or offer any other physical contact. Our desire is to keep us all safe until all those eligible are fully vaccinated. Thank-you for your patience and understanding.

~ The COVID19 Safety Team



Rain/Sun Shelters Needed



Can anyone lend the church a shelter to keep the rain off our sound equipment for outdoor services? Please call the church office and leave a message for Rev. Heidi or Tim if you can help.

Bringing your own chair is encouraged.

Don't forget to dress for the weather!

We want to hear your feedback – if you would like online services to continue in some form in the fall, or you find outdoor and/or indoor services meet your needs. Print copies of the service will continue to be delivered or mailed upon request. Audio recordings may also be made available.

Relief Efforts for Lytton, BC

Some of you are probably wondering if the United Church is involved in relief efforts for Lytton BC. The United Church and the First Nation there have told us that gift cards are the most helpful item, so if you wish to you can donate a certain amount toward gifts cards for the evacuees to purchase necessary items. You can do this through CanadaHelps online – by entering Kamloops United Church in the search engine, choosing category 5 “general” and putting Fire Relief in the message box. You can also donate through the Red Cross.

Further details from Rev. Heidi:

Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc has generously opened their hearts and space to welcome all evacuees from Lytton and the surrounding area to their community at Moccasin Square Gardens on the reserve. They have said the best way we can help them is by providing gift cards. Kamloops United Church is collecting money for cards for gas, food and clothing. If you would like to contribute, you can donate here

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/16702>

(Canada Helps handles Kamloops United Church donations). Chose '5. General' and mark

“Fire Relief” in the notes. Kamloops United Church will then purchase gift cards for food or fuel, to immediately help those in need. Thank you.



We invite anyone who needs Pastoral support to contact one of us by phone, or email pastoralcare@gordonunitedchurch.ca

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

**GOD'S MISSION
OUR GIFTS**

JULY 18 – Jazz and Technology Meet Up to Spark Innovation

Exercise. Geolocation software. Jazz. Ministry. [Here's how](#) these meet up—with help from your Mission & Service gifts.



[CLICK HERE](#) for the current Canada Comforts Society Newsletter.

[CLICK HERE](#) to see what kinds of donations are needed.

In 2021 the Compassionate Resource Warehouse has sent the following containers thus far, including Canada Comforts donations along with almost every container:

- Harare, Zimbabwe January – Educational supplies, bikes and tools, medical supplies, building supplies
- Monrovia, Liberia February – School supplies, bikes, tools, medical supplies, Gleaner's food
- Minsk, Belarus March – School supplies, bikes, tools, hockey equipment
- Kampala, Uganda March – School supplies, tools, bikes, medical supplies
- Addis Ababa, Ethiopia April – Gleaner's food