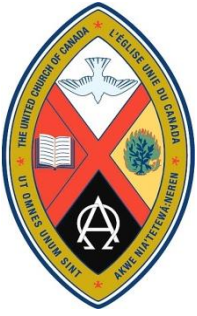


Sunday, July 25, 2021



Gordon United Church Announcements

<http://www.gordonunitedchurch.ca> office@gordonunitedchurch.ca

Check us out on Facebook

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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 practices allow God's love to act in our lives,
bringing us out of our wilderness experiences.**

**Sunday service time is 10 am
until further notice.**

Worship services will be held outdoors for the duration of the summer, as previously decided by Council.

Singing is now permitted, and we are excited to announce:



The Return of the ...Hymn Sing!

It's been our tradition for years to begin worship by singing a couple of favourite pieces chosen by the congregation from our hymn books. We haven't been able to do this due to COVID19, but we're going to make up for it with a Sunday of singing our hearts out! Put your hymn requests in the box near the bottom of the stairs and we'll see how many we can fit into the service on Sunday August 29th. It will be a Summer Singing Celebration!

Sunday Reminders

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

Should any of this need to change, e.g. moving inside due to heat/smoke/torrential rain, etc., it would be a decision of Council.

On Sundays: 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.

~ **The COVID19 Safety Team**

Summer Holidays

Rev. Heidi will be away from the afternoon of Sunday the 25th until after the August long weekend. If there is a pastoral emergency Rev. Alanna Menu is available. Please call one of the Pastoral Care team (numbers below) and they will help!

Melanie Ihmels will lead the service in Heidi's absence, on August 1.

Tim Olfert will be away Aug 22 to Sept 6 and **Jeanne Campbell** will tickle the ivories in Tim's absence.

♥♥♥ **Pastoral Care** ♥♥♥

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 25 – Creating a World without Hate

Did you know that 322 anti-Muslim hate crimes were reported in Canada between 2013 and 2019? And that's just the crimes we know about. Mission & Service supports education to deepen relationships and create [a world without hate](#).



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[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