



# Gordon United Church Announcements

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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!**

**Good stewards are careful not to put obstacles in others' way.**

**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. However...

**\*\*\*Take note\*\*\*** There's a rumour we may be in the CE Hall this week if the temperatures outside are too high. Plan to be outside (bring your chair and an umbrella to block the sun) but be aware that you may be redirected inside.

Whether inside or out, remember that you can sit in your car with the windows up, air conditioning on, and **tune your car radio to 87.9 FM** Bill Sturrock said he could hear everything!



"The view from Bill Sturrock's dash"

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. Call the office to arrange yours!

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**

**Sunday, July 25, 2021**  
**At Gordon United**



### 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.

**Rose Justice** will be off work Tuesday & Wednesday next week (Aug 3 & 4), returning Thursday, Aug 5.

**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](mailto:pastoralcare@gordonunitedchurch.ca)

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*War bride, 96, reunited with husband, 103, as restrictions on long-term care lift in B.C.*

*Hilda Duddridge, 96, and Lew Duddridge, 103, have had a challenging year with COVID-19 restrictions*

CBC News · Posted: Jul 24, 2021 7:00 AM PT



Hilda and Lew Duddridge of Victoria pictured on their 75th wedding anniversary on March 24, 2020.

*Victoria's Hilda Duddridge, 96, has a lot more to smile about now that restrictions at B.C.'s long-term care facilities — like the one her husband Lew is at — have been relaxed.*

*Starting Monday, residents in B.C.'s long-term care facilities have been able to visit with friends and family members with fewer restrictions.*

*Visitors no longer need to schedule visits in advance. There will also no longer be a limit on the number of visitors each resident can have.*

*"I can go and stay as long as I want now," Duddridge said. "So that's going to be great."*



Hilda Duddridge visits her husband Lew in his long-term care home in Victoria, B.C., earlier this week. (Submitted by Allan Duddridge )

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the full story!

## GOD'S MISSION OUR GIFTS

AUGUST 1

COVID-19 Won't End Until It Ends for Everyone



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Only 1% of the global majority have been vaccinated against COVID-19. In fact, many won't be vaccinated until 2023 or even 2024. We need to [act now](#) to ensure that everyone around the globe has access to vaccines—because the COVID-19 crisis won't end for anyone until it ends for everyone.

United Church of Canada Moderator Richard Bott speaks about COVID-19 and vaccine justice in [this video](#).