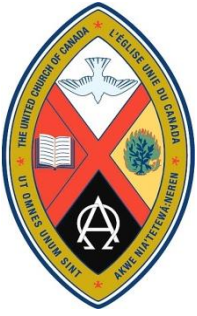


Sunday, August 8, 2021



# Gordon United Church Announcements

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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 about allowing ourselves to be led by the Spirit.**

**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. Remember that you can sit in your car with the windows up, air conditioning on, and **tune your car radio to 87.9 FM**

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!

## Summer Holidays

**Rose Justice** will be off work Tuesday through Friday next week (Aug 10 – 13), returning Tuesday, August 17. The office may be closed all or part of this week. Phone messages will be heard, but maybe not as quickly as normal. If you need pastoral care from Rev. Heidi or the Pastoral Care team, please don't hesitate to contact them at the numbers at the end of these announcements!

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

## From Rev. Heidi:

Note: Mark your Calendars:

**August 29th** – A Summer Singing Celebration- don't forget to put your hymn requests in the box at the front or phone the office at 250-478-6632.

**September 5th** – communion and a celebration of essential workers. Heidi is collecting names to include on a roster for thanksgiving. Email [RevHeidi@gordonunitedchurch.ca](mailto:RevHeidi@gordonunitedchurch.ca), phone the church or drop something through the letter box.

**September 12th** - Service of Lament and Thanksgiving for experiences during the pandemic. If someone you love passed away during the pandemic or you were unable to hold a service due to COVID restrictions, you are invited to bring a favourite candle and a small picture to place at the front of the worship space. If there was a birth, marriage, or other significant

celebration in your family during the pandemic that you didn't get to celebrate as you would have liked, please bring a picture and perhaps a small vase with a flower to place as well. If you only have digital pictures, please send them to the office so we can download one for you.

Council will be meeting next Tuesday, August 10th to consider what the coming Fall and Winter may look like if we are able to further re-open and re-start some of our programs (or perhaps offer something different). So far Dr. Henry has told religious institutions that there are no plans for province-wide shutdowns at this time, though we are urged to continue to act with caution. If you have any comments, suggestions, or feedback for us, please let any member of Council know. You can also send an email to [RevHeidi@gordonunitedchurch.ca](mailto:RevHeidi@gordonunitedchurch.ca). Thank-you.

### 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**

### **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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