

Sunday, August 22, 2021



## 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!**

**Let us share the grace we have received with the world.**

**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**

### Summer Music

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



Sunday, August 22nd, **Clarinetist Larry de la Hays** will join Jeanne. Larry was the Head of the Winds and Brass Department at Victoria Conservatory, and the two met many years ago when they both taught there. The Conservatory at that time was located in Craigdarroch Castle.

*Thanks to you both for helping Gordon United make a joyful noise unto the Lord!*

### 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!

### And..... Let's Sing Again!

Yes, the rumours are true: Choir is back! Our first rehearsal in nearly 18 months(!) is scheduled for **7:30 pm, Wednesday, September 8th**, in the church sanctuary. Things will be a little different, though, and subject to adjustment as we return to singing and being together indoors. A few things will be required:

- ♪ Masks must be worn while singing (and are strongly recommended from arrival through departure, too).
- ♪ We will be spacing singers out.
- ♪ We will be limiting our rehearsal time to 45 minutes, maximum.
- ♪ Attendance and contact info will be taken.
- ♪ Hand sanitization and self-symptom checks will be required upon arrival.

If you can't remember all this, that's okay — we'll remind you! We all look forward to seeing — and hearing! — everyone again. If you've never joined the choir before, you're welcome, too... there's no audition and no pressure, as is our Gordon United Church way!

### From Rev. Heidi

**After-church refreshments** - We are looking for groups of 4 people who will sign up on a monthly rotation to set-up, host and clean-up coffee, tea, juice and sometimes a bit of a snack after worship on Sundays. This can begin as soon as we have people willing to sign-up! Stations will be self-serve and people will be asked to sanitize or wash hands before their refreshments.

## From Rev. Heidi (cont.)

**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.

## 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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St. Aidan's and Cadboro Bay United Churches have amalgamated and will be renovating the former St. Aidan's site to be their permanent home. As such, they have many

duplicates. Please come along and see what treasures you can find! (see poster on next page)

**SURPLUS SALE!**

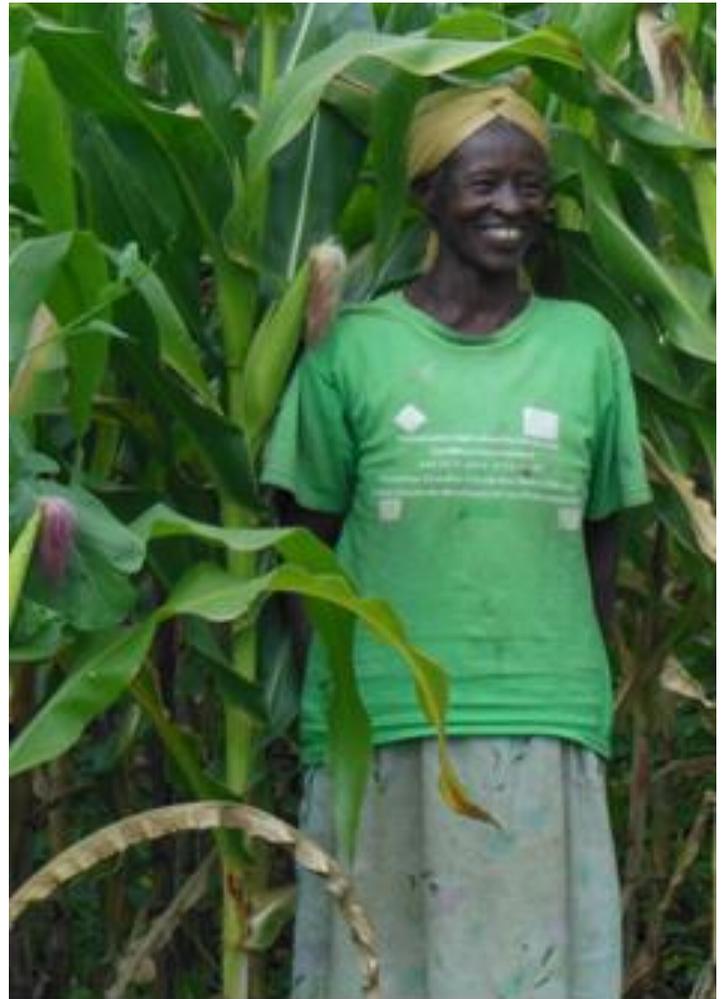
Aug. 28th 9:30-3:30  
@ 3703 St. Aidan's st

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