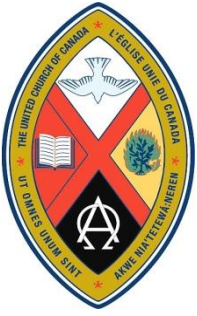


Sunday, August 29, 2021



## 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!**

**Stewardship is ascribing to God the glory of God's creation of the heavens and the earth.**

**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**

*Sunday, August 29  
Today will be a  
Summer Singing  
Celebration!*

### Summer Music

**Tim Olfert** will be away Aug 22 to Sept 6 and **Jeanne Campbell** will play for us in Tim's absence. Thank you, Jeanne!



### 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.

***A reminder that Gordon United Church strongly encourages and requests that all eligible people become fully vaccinated as soon as possible. This is the only way to ensure the maximum safety for all of us to worship and work together, including those not yet eligible for vaccination or who have allergies to vaccine ingredients.***

## From Rev. Heidi (cont.)

Some congregants may be concerned about **registering for the BC Vaccine Card** just announced. If you do not have a smartphone, aren't sure how to register for your card, or need to print it out and don't have a computer or printer, Rev. Heidi would be glad to help once the process is in place. Just call the office or send an email to [RevHeidi@gordonunitedchurch.ca](mailto:RevHeidi@gordonunitedchurch.ca) Help is also available for those who want to learn how to use Zoom, Facebook, or YouTube more comfortably. (Rev. Heidi is not familiar with Apple products but can probably help you figure it out!) If others are willing to volunteer to help people with some training and troubleshooting of technology, please let Rev. Heidi know. Let's help each other out while we are able to sit down together safely!

**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.

## September Startups

Choir is starting up Wednesday, September 8 at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary. See notice on page 1 from our fearless leader, Tim Olfert.

I hear rumours of Yoga starting up again at the beginning of October. Woo-hoo! Stay tuned for confirmation as we get closer to the end of September! Wednesdays, 10am – 11am in the CE Hall.

A \*new\* activity is also beginning..... verrrry exciting! It's called Creative Community.....



**Creative Community** begins **Wednesday, September 15** in the early afternoon. The exact time will be determined soon, once we know if the Stroke Recovery group is returning to their previous time in the CE Hall.

This is an exciting new group, a "**Community of Art & Spiritual Care**". For more information, contact Jane:

**Artist / Leader: Jane Palliser (250) 213-1982**  
**Email: [lifespirtart@gmail.com](mailto:lifespirtart@gmail.com)**

Jane writes, "*We are a 'Creative Community' of Art makers who love to paint, draw, create & meet together weekly. Our day begins by getting a warm drink, settling ourselves at our tables, listening to inspirational music, a prayer/ meditation, a poem, conversation/ checking in, or small group creative activity. We then move into individual self-directed work or group activity. Each Artist is responsible for set up & clean up. We provide a friendly, safe studio space, where confidentiality, respect for our differences & respectful conversation are valued. Coffee, tea, is available & we take turns bringing a snack in to share, as needed. Bring a lunch and your own supplies.*"

## 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.

## Sunday Reminders (cont.)

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)

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)  
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