

Gordon United Church Announcements

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- ❖ Please join us after the service in the CE Hall for refreshments. If you are new or visiting, you can fill out one of the cards in the pews and hand it to an usher or place it in the offering plate.
- ❖ Please speak to an Usher if you need large print bulletins or hearing assistance equipment.
- ❖ There are children's activity sheets & books available at the back of the church & in the upstairs loft.
- ❖ 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 GREEN). We would be happy to add you to our weekly email distribution list and/or update our church directory.
- ❖ Gordon United Church strives to be fragrance free.

**Share your gifts this day
and offer praise to the Giver of the gifts.**

Sunday services begin at 10:15 am

Worship services are back in the sanctuary and, today, we welcome **Melanie Ihmels** to lead our service.Welcome to everyone!



Want a name tag? Fill out a request form or call the office! Got a new phone number or other contact info? Fill out a bookmark to share this information or call the office!

Rose... (250) 478-6632

From Rev. Heidi

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

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

From the Church Council & Safety Committee

Gordon United Church Council is very concerned about the rising number of cases tied to the Delta variant of COVID19. In order to comply with provincial safety regulations and still be able to offer ministry in-person and indoors, and to safeguard the well-being of the vulnerable among us as our faith demands, some requirements were adopted by the Gordon United Church Council on September 7, 2021.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read details in the previous announcements, or [CLICK HERE](#) to see the list on our church website home page.

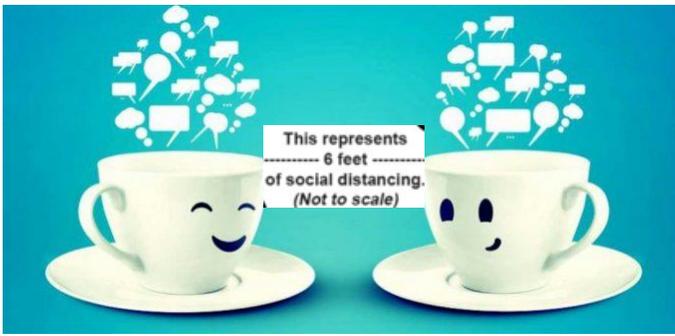
We recognize that this will add another layer to the work of ushers, hospitality folk, greeters, group leaders, etc. We will need folk to step up and take part. We would especially like to hear from individuals who are comfortable asking for the health info and who would be ready to interact with any folk who may be distressed or angered by the restrictions.

*Thank you for your understanding
and cooperation,
Gordon United Church Council*

HELP NEEDED

Nothing makes you feel you belong more than getting really involved! There are many opportunities, with training and mentorship available: Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read details in the previous announcements:

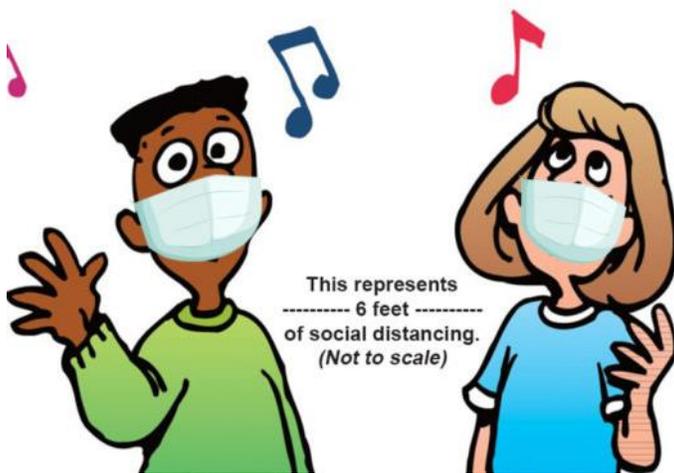
- Reading Scripture on Sundays
- Children's Ministry
- Nursery care
- Coffee servers
- Ushers
- Greeters
- Council positions



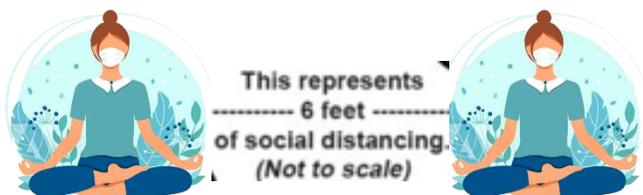
Thursday Coffee Chats are BA-A-ACK!

Please join us every Thursday morning at 10am for coffee, tea & fellowship in the CE Hall!

But wait, there's more! If you have the time and would like to come earlier to help the work party with odd jobs around the church, come at 9am.



Gordon United Choir practices Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the sanctuary and gathers in the CE Hall before worship services on Sundays to warm up our voices. Welcome to anyone who would like to join the choir. No experience needed!



Yes! Yoga is coming back SOON!

Beginning October 13, yoga will be back in the CE Hall – all are welcome! Dress warmly, as the doors will be open to promote better ventilation. Classes will be 45 minutes long.

Greetings from Anne Wright → → → → → →

Anne had a birthday in August, which we celebrated at her apartment with a few family visitors.



Creative Community
Wednesdays noon to 3:00pm 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

♥♥♥♥ **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

Greetings from a former member:

We recently heard from **Maayke Schurer**, who is engaged to be married and needed her baptism information. She wrote:

I was a member of Gordon United church for about 15 years when I was growing up. We had Reverend Erb, followed by Reverend Hatfield, and I was a very active member in Steven Hatfield's choir before my whole family had to move out east. I have rich memories growing up going to the church potlucks and the warmth and family bond the church provided us as we were first generation immigrants and had no extended family. I haven't returned to Victoria for almost 20 years, and miss it terribly. My memories growing up with the Gordon United Church will always be very fond ones. I'm very thankful, and do hope to visit someday!



Anne & daughter Rose