



## 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.

**Sunday services begin at 10:15 am**

### Remembering Agnes Craig

It's with sadness that I share with you the news of Agnes Craig's passing last weekend. Agnes was a warm, thoughtful woman who contributed to the ministry of Gordon United and the wider church in many ways, including KAIROS, children's ministry, and pastoral care. She had a passion for the environment and a great love of people, especially children. She was a faithful partner - and in reality, a co-minister - to her husband the Reverend Gordon Craig, joining him in ministry in northern First Nations communities, as well as central Manitoba. They settled in Esquimalt in their retirement, eventually moving to Langford. She has been a resident at the Priory for a number of years, where she received excellent care. We are thankful for the staff who cared for her and continue to care for Gordon. I know she is resting at peace in the eternal presence of God.

### Update to COVID19 Safety Policy

In keeping with the latest announcements from Dr. Henry, we now require all people age 5 and up to wear a mask while inside the church building. Let's do our part to keep each other safe. If a five year old can do it, we all can do it!

**\*\*\*NEW\*\*\* Coming Soon – a new Sunday evening “vespers” type service: prayer, reflection and conversation at 7 p.m. via Zoom starting October 24<sup>th</sup>.**

Rev. Heidi is going to try a short online evening reflection via Zoom on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. beginning Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. It will have a devotional format with prayer, a reading or two,

**Blessed be the Lord who made heaven and earth.  
We can praise God through our generosity!**

silent or spoken reflection and a chance to chat together about the reflection. The Zoom link will be sent out with Friday announcements. If you are not on the Friday email list but would like to be, please contact the office at (250) 478-6632. You do not need to have a Zoom account. When you click on the link, it will ask you to open Zoom on your computer; click “yes” to download the program. Rev. Heidi will walk you through the features of Zoom if you've never used it before. If you do not have a computer, tablet or smart phone there is also a phone number you can call to participate.

### Questions for discussion Oct 31:

- What does being a Jesus follower (a Christian) mean to you? Is that the same as being a member of a church? What's the difference, if any?
- Does one need to be a person of faith to exercise leadership in a Christian community?
- How do we know if someone exercising leadership is truly called to that ministry by God? CAN we know?
- What checks and balances are necessary in the church as a human institution regarding the leadership we all share?
- What ministry are YOU called to in the church and the community, and how do you know this to be true?

*I don't ask much, do I? You can blame the text – the Bible does that sometimes, raise more questions than it answers. We'll come back to these questions together on Oct 31<sup>st</sup>. May God bless your reflection with insight. Amen.*

## World Food Sunday

This coming Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, is World Food Sunday. If you are able to do so, you are invited to make an extra contribution to the Mission and Service Fund. Any week you can also make donations of grocery items or funds for the Goldstream Food Bank through Gordon United. Please continue to pray for the varied ministries supported by M and S.

Here is a link to a video about how your Mission and Service dollars are helping with food security in Kenya and right here in Victoria:

<https://united-church.ca/stories/defining-love-emmanuels-story>

<https://united-church.ca/stories/no-longer-asking-where-will-i-eat-update-our-place-society>

## Gordon United Church 65th Anniversary

On October 31<sup>st</sup> we will celebrate with cake and coffee after the worship service. Thank-you to the folk who signed up to **help with coffee** time on this Sunday. We're getting closer to having enough folk prepared to host each Sunday, but we need a few more. Sign-up is outside Rev. Heidi's study! We will also be re-visiting the questions from a couple of Sundays ago during the service that day.

**Help is needed** with greeting people, checking vaccine registration and helping folk up stairs, giving directions, etc. Sign up to be a **Greeter** – also outside Rev. Heidi's study. You can also add your name to read the Call to Worship or Scripture lessons. Thank-you!

## A reminder that we all need to pitch in to keep everyone safe.

Are you wearing your mask properly? Are you washing or sanitizing your hands? Do you know what surfaces need to be sanitized before or after church activities and how to help? Your COVID19 Safety Team can answer any questions: Anna Mary McIlwain, Floyd Richards, Rev. Heidi, Dianne McDougall, Ray Green.

## We are also still looking for leaders to be with the children on Sunday mornings.

This may not happen until children are vaccinated, but it would be great to have folk in place for that happy day! 😊

Nothing makes you feel you belong more than getting really involved! There are many opportunities, with training and mentorship available.

Sign up on the board outside Rev. Heidi's study or call the church office. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read details in previous announcements.

## ♥♥♥ 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)

Ruth Kelbough - (250) 478-5450

## Weekly Goings On at GUC

**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!

Yoga is 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, Wednesdays at 10:00am.

**Creative Community** Wednesdays noon to 3:00pm in the CE Hall. For more info, contact: Artist / Leader: Jane Palliser (250) 213-1982  
Email: [lifespiritart@gmail.com](mailto:lifespiritart@gmail.com)

### Thursday Coffee Chats

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.