



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

The place God calls you is the place where your deep gladness and the world's hunger meet.

~Frederick Buechner

Sunday services begin at 10:15 am

Remembering Friends



Friends, I am sorry to share the news that another member of our congregation passed away. After living gracefully with 4th stage cancer for several years, **Ona Henderson** died Tuesday morning, comforted by the presence of her family. Ona was a remarkable woman, who really couldn't see what all the fuss was about her cancer! Her positive spirit and sense of adventure will be missed. A private service will be held for the family at Hatley Park this weekend. [CLICK HERE](#) for Ona's obituary.



Last week, we shared with you the news of **Agnes Craig**'s passing.

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.

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!

NEW **STARTS TONIGHT!**

Sunday Evening Reflection

You have three options to view:

1. Sign in to Zoom at 7 p.m. using the link sent out with the Friday email. This way you can chat in person with others. You can also listen in by phone.
2. Watch on YouTube Live at approx. 7:05 and use the LiveChat function to type comments. You don't need a Google account to view, but you do to sign in and chat.
3. Watch the recording on YouTube afterward.

This is an experiment so we may change the format if we find this doesn't work as well as we'd like!

If you'd like a mini-tutorial in using these apps on your computer, phone or tablet, please contact Rev. Heidi – or ask a young person! 😊

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 31st. May God bless your reflection with insight. Amen.

Gordon United Church 65th Anniversary

On October 31st 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!

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!

We all need to help 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 Wilson 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.

Gordon United Weekly Happenings:

- **Choir** 7:30pm on Wednesdays in the Sanctuary
- **Yoga** 10:00am on Wednesdays in the CE Hall
- **Creative Community** noon on Wednesdays in the CE Hall
- **Coffee Chats** 10:00am on Thursdays in the CE Hall
- **Sunday Evening Reflection** 7:00pm online using Zoom or YouTube

~~~ ALL ARE WELCOME ~~~

## ♥♥♥ 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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