



Sunday, December 31, 2023

Gordon United Church Announcements

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Office Hours: Wednesday to Friday 10:00 am to 2:30 pm

- ❖ We're glad to see you. All are welcome at Gordon United Church!
- ❖ Please speak to an Usher if you need large print bulletins or hearing assistance equipment.
- ❖ Please join us after the service in the CE Hall for refreshments and social time.
- ❖ We value all ages and expect children to act like children, not miniature adults! There are children's activity sheets, toys, craft supplies, and books available at the back of the church and in the upstairs loft. Feel free to take them to your seat if that is more comfortable for you.
- ❖ Whether you are new or visiting, or have been a congregation member for many years, we would invite you to send your contact information to the Office (contact information above, in purple). We would be happy to add you to our weekly email distribution list and/or update our church directory. Nametags are available by filling out the yellow or orange sheets on the ushers' tables and outside the church office.
- ❖ Gordon United Church strives to be fragrance-free. Did you know that most fragrances (e.g., those in perfumes, scented aftershaves, scented lotions, and room sprays) break down into other chemicals when released into the air; Very often these chemicals can have more serious environmental and health implications compared to the actual fragrance compound. Fragrances add to indoor and outdoor air pollution and harm us all.

*Great are the works of the Lord.
As stewards of God's creation, we delight in them.*

What is happening at Gordon United Church?

Choir - Sundays after the service, at noon we practice in the sanctuary. All are welcome, regardless of musical experience. Join us: singing, laughing, and preparing joyful, uplifting music for Sunday services.

Westshore Parky - The next meeting will be **Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at 1:30 pm.** Support group for spouses, partners, and others, who are supporting people with Parkinson's, meets monthly on the last Wednesday, in the hall.

Coffee and Conversation - **Thursdays**
Come join church friends for social time @ 10:00 am

PLEASE NOTE: REV HEIDI WILL BE AWAY FROM
JANUARY 02ND TO THE 10TH 2024.
THE COMMUNION SERVICE ON JANUARY 7TH
WILL BE LED BY REVEREND BILL SHANK.

Free Community Dinner



MONDAY, JAN 15TH

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

SIT IN OR TAKE OUT

Everyone is welcome!



*Thank you to all who share
their friendship
throughout the year with
others.
The Stewardship Team*

Regular Fundraiser - Twice a month we pick up baked goods donated by Cob's Bread. People willing to take the time to go pick up, sort, and put out the wonderful bread products we all enjoy are always needed. Please contact Judy Muir or check out the sign-up list on the "Ways to get involved" board in the Hall.

Financial report for the end of '23

Wow! What a great financial ending to 2023. We are wiping out our deficit for the end of 2023; we will know in another week! However, in a couple of weeks, we will be starting all over again with a deficit budget for 2024. But firstly, let us appreciate what we have done this year. Reaching our success for 2023 was partly due to the great fundraising effort that Rose and Pat ran for Purdy's, attaining a profit of \$1,267. Also, we have special thanks to Curtis Sage who in his will left Gordon United Church an inheritance of \$13,666. How very thoughtful and very much appreciated. Thanks to all for being positive & generous.

Ken McDougall, Church Treasurer

Annual Reports are due in from group/team leaders (emailed PDF or WORD document if at all possible) to the church office by January 28th at the latest. Annual Reports will be published by February 11th.

The Congregational Annual Meeting will be on February 25th after worship.

SAVE THE DATE!

As you know we have been in the process of updating our ministry goals and looking at our future here at Gordon United Church.

On Sunday, January 14th after worship, we will have a soup lunch followed by an exercise to discern the values that will shape our ministry in the coming years. We want EVERYONE who can come to be present, whether or not you are officially a member of GUC.

It is a straightforward and thoughtful exercise.

******Spring Fundraisers******

There are a few ideas in the works. Please consider setting aside books for a book sale (confirmed), as well as some odds and ends for a garage/white elephant sale (possible). Save your old tax forms and personal info for a Shredding fundraiser. All dates are TBD.

The **Coldest Night of the Year** is coming February 24th, and once again Gordon United will be walking that night in support of Our Place and the Pacific Centre for the Family here in the Westshore. You can walk 2km or 5km - you decide.

If you'd like to be part of our team (to walk with us or walk on your own) please cut and paste the following link into your browser:

<https://secure.e2rm.com/registrator/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=1005606&langPref=en-CA>

**coldest
night**
OF THE YEAR



We were among the top faith-based fundraisers last year, so let us see if we can do even better this year! All walkers who raise a minimum amount can proudly wear a "Coldest Night of the Year" toque!

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

Deanna Robb - (250) 294-6737

Dianne Wilson McDougall - (250) 391-7550
(home) or (250) 415-9461 (cell)

Ruth Kelbough - (250) 478-5450

BIBLE STUDY



Wednesday Bible Study Group resumes January 17th at 7:00 p.m. in Heidi's Study. Anyone is welcome to come. The readings will be Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20