



Sunday, January 14, 2024

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.

*How did the gifts you received this Christmas make a difference in your life?
What about the gifts you gave?*

Today, 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.

Free Community Dinner



MONDAY, JAN 15TH

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

SIT IN OR TAKE OUT

Everyone is welcome!

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.

VERY IMPORTANT DATES

January 28th – All of the Annual Reports are due in the Office by this date at the very latest.

February 11th - The Annual Report is to be out for the Congregants.

February 25th – 2023 Annual General Meeting to be held.

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

Good news!

Year End of 2023 Looks GREAT!

We did it! We had incredible results, especially near the end of 2023 and we finished 2023 in the positive! Well done everyone! While expecting a deficit of \$17,000 we worked together and finished the year with a surplus of **\$7,870.29**. This was a great effort by everyone. Now we also have a good start to 2024 in which we start all over again towards a new and even bigger deficit. But we are optimistic that we can repeat the success of 2023. Thanks again. Ken McDougall, volunteer treasurer.



*Thank you to those who give
what they can at Christmas
to help make Christmas
special for others.*

The Stewardship Team

******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.

LUNCH BUNCH

**Join us at Boston Pizza on
Veteran's Parkway on Saturday
JAN 20th at 11:30 a.m.
RSVP to Leona Richards
at leonalsrichards@gmail.com**

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

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

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/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=1005606&langPref=en-CA>



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!