



Sunday, January 28, 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 are our stewardship practices affected when we consider that we are all God's children.



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>

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!

This is a reminder that next Sunday is the first Sunday of the month and therefore is Communion Sunday; it is also Food Bank Sunday. We collect donations all month but make a special effort to remind people that food, hygiene items, and financial donations to the Goldstream Food Bank are welcomed particularly on that Sunday.

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.



Remembering with affection and sadness,

Mary-Lou Berod

July 7, 1930, to January 1, 2024

We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of Mary-Lou. She was a wife, mom, sister, aunt, grandma, nana, and friend.

Mary-Lou leaves her husband Ron (of 65 years), son Leon, daughter Colette (Rob), and grandchildren James, Graham, Anakin, Sarah, Justin, and Stephanie. Predeceased by her son Paul (2023) and brother Douglas Park (2002). Mary-Lou was born and raised in Saanich before settling in Esquimalt. She worked for Trans Canada Airlines before it became Air Canada. She loved singing and met Ron in a Gilbert & Sullivan musical group. She was involved in the Esquimalt Arts & Crafts Music and Photography Groups and was part of the Esquimalt United Church Choir, then the Gordon United Church Choir. She was a loving, caring person with a huge heart and will be greatly missed. Memorial Service to be held at Gordon United Church (735 Goldstream Ave., Langford) on Sunday, January 28, 2024, at 2 pm. In lieu of flowers, please donate to either the Canadian Diabetes Foundation or the BC Heart & Stroke Foundation. Mary Lou had a big heart and "adopted" many people as members of her family. We will be glad to have the opportunity to honour her this coming Sunday.



*Thank you to those who
take care of the library.*

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.

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

Our Next Free Community Dinner



IS MONDAY, FEB 12TH

Everyone is welcome!

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) -589-2158
- **Dianne Wilson McDougall** - (250) 391-7550 (home) or (250) 415-9461 (cell)
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