



August 18th, 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.

**Nothing is ever truly lost that is shared with others.
Knowing this, how can we jealously hoard what we have been given?**

Reverend Heidi will be on holiday from Thursday, August 8th through to Monday, September 02nd, 2024. For emergencies, please call any member of the Pastoral Care Team and they can put you in touch with the clergy person on call. Both the Reverend Erin Sterling and the Reverend Bill Shank have volunteered to be available. Rev Bill as needed, and Rev Erin evenings and on weekends.

Next Sunday, Aug 25th, Reverend Erin Sterling will be leading the service.

COBSBREAD

Can you add your name to our volunteer list for a Saturday pick-up between 7 and 8:15 pm?

Please call Judy Muir

250 478-9650



*Thank you to all who help
To Serve Communion*



The Stewardship Team

Ray sorted and took a load of bottles into the recycling depot, collecting \$320.90 for Gordon United Church!

Keep those bottle donations coming!!

And thank you Ray – we appreciate you & all you do!

What's happening at Gordon United Church?

Choir - Practices will resume in September.

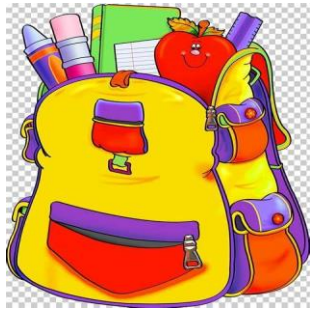
We are always looking for volunteer singers. Everyone is welcome, regardless of musical experience. Join the fun: singing, laughing, and preparing joyful music for Sunday services.

Westshore Parky –Wednesday, Aug 28th, 2024

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 or the main lounge.

Coffee and Conversation – Thursdays

Come join church friends for social time at 10:00 am



It's back-to-school time and for students of all ages as well as working folk, it's time to get back into a routine.

To bless you on your way, we will be offering a blessing of your backpacks and workbags on September 8th in the 10:15 worship service. Don't forget to bring them!

SAVE THE DATE: A new network is starting up in our area – **Christian Contemplative Practice Network for Greater Victoria United Churches** and other interested folk. There will be a first event on October 6th (Sunday) from 1:30-4:30 p.m. at Esquimalt United where folk will be introduced (or reminded) of one practice called **Centering Prayer**. It will also be an opportunity to meet others in the area who are interested in the practices of deep spirituality to undergird our practices of justice and reconciliation.



Last Wednesday, August 14th, The Canadian Newcomers Information Session took place here at Gordon United. The VIRCS (Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Centre Society) and the Langford Residents Association joined forces to organize this event; with information tables from the Vancouver Island Counselling Centre for Immigrants and Refugees, Literacy Victoria, our own Gordon United Church, and others.

What a great way to Welcome new immigrants and refugees to our neighborhood.



Children's Sunday Program Leader – September 2024

Esquimalt United Church is seeking a leader for our **Sunday** Children's program. We usually have 4-8 young children between the ages of 3-9 years old. Our ideal candidate has experience working with young children, some knowledge of age-appropriate, inclusive theology, and some musical ability, and is confident and able to display compassion and good judgment around behavioral expectations. You will be able to provide references and have a good sense of fun! 4 hours per week at \$25/hour. For a full position description or to apply please contact: Juliannekasmer@gmail.com copies to cblack10@telus.net and esquimaltunited@shaw.ca