



## 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.

### Stewardship is a spiritual practice.

### How do stewards of the gospel prepare the way for Jesus?

**Reverend Heidi will be on holiday** from Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup> through to Monday, September 02<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

**We are grateful and we give thanks to our guest ministers and lay people.**



*Thank you to Pat for helping to fold the Sunday Bulletins.*



***The Stewardship Team***

#### **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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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

#### **Cobs Revenue**

**As our 3rd Quarter year ends, Cobs Revenue totals are over \$1800.00! Thank you to the Congregation for your support! Also thank you to our regular and new Pickup Volunteers-Ray & Dina Green, Floyd & Leona Richards, Gail Ellerton, Kathy Turcotte, Derek Hill, Bill Shank, Donna Robertson, Courtney Dunsmoor Farley, Carolyn Matheson, Judy Muir and Ken & Dianne McDougall.**

**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 6<sup>th</sup> (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.



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 8<sup>th</sup> in the 10:15 worship service. Don't forget to bring them!

**Oxfam Canada is accepting stamps for their 'Stamp Out Poverty Program' that focuses on the needs of women and girls. Please see the info posted in the CE Hall and where you can save your stamps here at the church or send them for this worthy program.**

## OUR NEXT FREE COMMUNITY DINNER WILL BE HELD ON



**MONDAY, SEPT 16<sup>TH</sup>  
5 PM UNTIL 6:30 PM**

*All are welcome here!*

**Fall into Harmony**

with

*Pacific Edge Chorus*

**FREE 6 week a cappella workshop!**

Experience the JOY of four-part harmony!

**Do something for YOU!**

Tuesday evenings 6:30 - 8:30 pm      Gordon United Church Hall  
September 17 to October 22      935 Goldstream, Langford BC

Pre-register: email Suzanne at membership@PacificEdgeChorus.ca

www.pacificedgechorus.ca/