# Knox News – November/December 2019

There will be no Bazaar and Tea at Knox this year.

At the August meeting of Knox Session, it was agreed that alternatives to our Church Bazaar be considered since it's getting more difficult to find the people, merchandise and energy to make the event a success. If you have suggestions for connecting as a community of faith, and/or fundraising, please contact a member of session *Everything you need to know to participate in worship at Knox is announced or displayed.* 

Everyone is welcome to share in celebrating Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. We use gluten-free bread. The outer ring of glasses on the tray contains juice – the inner rings hold wine.

2) X2 12 We acknowledge with gratitude and respect the Lekwungen peoples on whose traditional territory our congregation engages in ministry and the W\_SÁNEĆ, Songhees and Esquimalt peoples whose relationship with the land continues to this day.

**Thank you** to the helpful folks providing food for the *UVic Soup Supper* on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Thanks also to those who have contributed to *Wine before Supper* meals and the *Pet Café* cookies. It is wonderful to see our congregation support multifaith ministry at UVic.

*Warm Toes!* – Sunday November 17 Remember to bring your donations of socks for CARTS (*Christian Actions Reflecting the Spirit*), an outreach ministry for people living on the streets in Victoria. These items will be greatly appreciated.

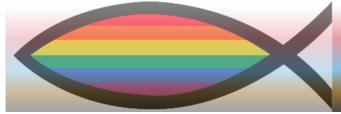
**Christmas Lunch** at **Glo Restaurant** (2940 Jutland Road). Sign up to enjoy a tasty meal and warm fellowship on **December 8** at **1:00 pm** – see Marianne Mortimer for information.

Christmas Concert ...stories and songs to celebrate the birth of Jesus7:00 pm December 18 ~ Admission by donation to PWS&D. Invite family and friends!

**Blue Christmas services** *...because Christmas isn't always merry* 5:00 pm December 19 at St. Andrew's / 1:30 pm December 22 at Trinity Church

Christmas Eve Communion 9:00 pm at Knox Church

At a congregational meeting after worship on November 10 **April Watt** was elected as ruling elder at Knox Church. She will be admitted to the session in worship on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. At that meeting a new congregational statement was also approved. It is printed on the reverse. Let's continually challenge ourselves to live out this vision of our congregation.



Knox is a caring and inclusive community of faith – all are welcomed here!

# **Knox Presbyterian Church**

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## Worshipping God in love and joy – sharing our gifts – reaching out in faith to the world.

We are a welcoming, reformed Christian community of faith that values inclusivity, affirming and honouring the diversity of God's creation. We believe we are stronger together.

*Relying on the enduring love and grace of God, we endeavor to follow Jesus' example of caring for the most vulnerable in society and make a positive difference in the world.* 

We look for meaning through intellectual engagement and sacred reflection. We believe that science and religion are compatible – we have to learn each other's language.

We believe that harmony with the divine implies a good relationship with the earth – caring for all creation responsibly while walking humbly with God.

We seek to provide safe space so that each person can bring every aspect of their identity as they participate in the life of this community. We would like to know each other better.

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Session Clerk

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#### **Children and Worship**

Ask an usher about involving your children

### **November Calendar and Celebrations**

- 03 Communion / All Saints 10:30 am
- 07 Lil Bateman
- 08 Nita Judd / Catherine Wilson
- 09 Book Club 10 am @ Laura's
- 10 Remembrance / Congregational meeting
- 11 Remembrance Day **office closed**
- 12-13 Presbytery Retreat in Parksville
- 13 Ken Bateman / Laura Kavanagh
- 16 Janis + Keith Elliott
- 17 Worship and *"Warm Toes"* 10:30 am Afternoon service – 1:30 pm @ Trinity
- 20 Danny Park
- 21 UVic Soup Supper
- 23 Gartshore Memorial Service 2 pm
- 24 Reign of Christ Worship 10:30 am
- 25 Session Meeting 6:30 pm
- 27 Martha Anderson
- 28 Elizabeth DeArmond
- 30 Advent/Christmas Decorating 1 pm

**Office** 250-592-6323 / <u>knoxpcvic@telus.net</u> Hours are flexible – usually Mon. and Wed. 1-4pm and Thurs. 10am-1pm. Please check!

#### **Church Musicians**

Carolyn Hoekstra 250-889-5361 Steve Sturgess <u>steve.sturgess@telus.net</u>

### **December Calendar and Celebrations**

- 01 Communion/Advent 1/New Elder 10:30 am
- 05 Peter Dunwoody
- 06 Lauré + Peter Balogh
- 08 Worship / Advent 2 10:30 am Congregational Lunch @ Glo Restaurant – 1 pm
- 09 Worship @ The Cedars 10:30 am
- 12 Janet Gibson / Jim Johnson
- 14 Book Club 10 am @ Laura's
- 15 Worship / Advent 3 10:30 am
- 18 Christmas Concert 7 pm
- 19 Blue Christmas service 5 pm @ St. Andrew's
- 22 Worship with Grace Church/Advent 4 10:30 am Blue Christmas service – 1:30 pm @ Trinity
- 24 Christmas Eve Communion 9 pm
- 24 Kay Crockett

#### Dec 25 – Jan 3 Knox Office closed

29 Intergenerational Worship - 10:30 am

Jan 3-8 Laura on vacation

