

Knox News – October 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.

For more than 15 years **Knox Mission** has been... *worshipping God in love and joy – sharing our gifts – reaching out in faith to the world.* It is a good statement, but the session would like to expand it and therefore is proposing that the following **Congregational Statement** be added and adopted at the congregational meeting planned for November 3, 2019. Please speak with any member of session if you have feedback to offer.

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.

The session of Knox Church is calling on the congregation to **elect up to three people** to serve as ruling elders. Between September 29 and October 13, you are invited to nominate members of the congregation you believe would serve the congregation well as ruling elders. **Nominations must be in writing and made by at least two persons, either separately or together.**

Interviews with nominees will take place between October 15 and 24. On Sunday, October 27 letters and ballots will be distributed to all members of the congregation. There will be a **Congregational Meeting on November 3** during worship to cast your votes. **All ballots must be returned by the end of worship on Sunday, November 10 when a special meeting of session will be convened to count the votes.**

The ordination/admission of newly elected elders will take place during worship on Sunday, December 1.

Please contact the session clerk, Fiona Gow, or our minister, Laura Kavanagh, if you have questions about this process.

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



Knox Presbyterian Church

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*God has called us here to celebrate and give thanks – to confess and be assured of forgiveness – to hear God's Word and to respond in faith. We hope you feel comfortable in this community of faith and are inspired by our worship together. If you would like us to contact you, please fill in one of the cards in the pews or send us an email. We pray that each one will be nourished and encouraged. There is a time for conversation and refreshments in the hall following the service – **everyone is welcome!***

Minister

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Hours are flexible – usually Mon. and Wed.
1-4pm and Thurs. 10am-1pm. Please check!



Celebrations

- 02 Yvonne Fowler / Amanda McAlpine
Alf and Jan Eamer
- 04 Terry Foster / Yin Lam
- 08 Nicole Bateman
- 11 Kittie Ure
- 14 Dahim Park
- 21 Bruce and Kittie Ure
- 23 Lauré Balogh
- 27 Moira Prieto
- 30 Ursula Crockett

World Communion Sunday

connects Christian churches globally in the bonds of love and justice. It is a celebration at the Lord's Table taking place on the first Sunday of every October, that promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. The tradition was begun in 1933 at Shadyside Presbyterian Church.



Church Musicians

Carolyn Hoekstra 250-889-5361

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Session Clerk

Fiona Gow terryfiona@shaw.ca

Children and Worship

Ask an usher about involving your children.

October Calendar

Sept 29 – Oct 13 Ruling Elders Nominating Period

04 – 06 Vancouver Island Women's Retreat

05 *Ride for Refuge* – pray for Tristan, Mary & Laura

06 World Communion / New Members – 10:30 am

09 Worship @ *The Cedars* – 10:30 am

12 Book Club – 10:00 am @ Laura's

13 Thanksgiving Worship – 10:30 am

Afternoon service – 1:30pm @ Trinity Church

14 Thanksgiving Day – **office closed**

18 – 20 The Synod of BC meets in Kelowna

18 – 31 Laura away at meetings and on holiday

20 *Presbyterians Sharing Sunday* – 10:30 am

27 Reformation Sunday with the Rev. C. Victor – 10:30am

Elder election letters and ballots distributed

November Calendar

03 Communion Worship / All Saints – 10:30 am

Congregational meeting for election of elders

09 Book Club – 10 am @ Laura's

10 Remembrance Worship – 10:30 am

All ballots due. Special Session to count ballots.

11 Remembrance Day – **office closed**

13 Worship and *"Warm Toes"* – 10:30 am

Afternoon service – 1:30pm @ Trinity Church