



St Paul's United Church

APRIL NEWSLETTER

Zoom Services
Sunday 10am

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St Paul's United

April 2021

You Are Welcome Here!

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Sunday Service via Zoom: 10am

Visit us online for all of our current news and events at: www.stpaulsunitedkelowna.com

Ivy's April Message

"I came that you might have life and have it abundantly." – John 10:10

LeAnn and I have a love of art, whether it is oil, water-colour, or multi-media, ceramics, porcelain, metal or wood. We just love art! One of the joys of our new home is that we have, what we thought was, an abundance of cream walls and bookshelves to display our art pieces. Still, it wasn't enough, and some works did not make the cut, but will likely find their way into my office, when we are back to working in the church.

One of the things that draws my eye to a particular art piece is a sense of movement. The depiction of motion, made with a simple brush stroke or a carefully placed arm, has the ability to bring an inert object to life.

So too, the movement of the Spirit, inviting us to shift and grow and change, brings life to our living. A nudge here, a word there, an insight previously hidden, invites us to come to life. No more trudging from day to day. No more walking around with our eyes closed to the possibilities that are all around us.

There are many things that can zap the life out of us, not the least of which is thirteen months of social restrictions and isolation, with no clear end in sight. However, in this coming season of growth and new life, a season coloured extravagantly with God's paint brush, may Spirit dance through us, bringing us alive to life and to living in new and vibrant ways.

In peace,

Ivy





Birthdays

Richard Murphy 10th

Ruth Galinis 11th

Robert Keller 12th

Vicki Pedlar 12th

Gloria Stevenson 12th

Beryl Baldeo 13th

Vicki Anderson 14th

Lois Serwa 27th

Anniversaries

Sue Goodwin &

Glen McBurnie

8th

Adriaan &

Gwen Boek

18th



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“The secret to living well
and longer is:
Eat half, walk double,
laugh triple and Love
without measure.”

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Tibetan Proverb

Thank you Rose Hoffman for contributing this quote!

Zoom Worship Services

Sunday at 10am

Join in via Zoom.us

and on Facebook Live

Share the link with friends and family
who may like to join us live!

All Welcome!





With Rev. Ivy Thomas

WORSHIP US
Online

EVERY SUNDAY

10AM ON ZOOM

LIVE ON FACEBOOK

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Each week an email will be sent to our subscriber list with the details of how to connect to Zoom. The meeting details are the same each week. The videos of these Zoom Worship meetings are posted onto our website for you to view. Our services are also streamed LIVE on Facebook. If you know anyone who would like to be added to our subscriber emails, please email admin@stpaulskelowna.ca





Congratulations

On Sunday, March 21, 2021 history was made. First United Church, Rutland United Church and St Paul's United Church have voted in overwhelming majority to amalgamate, pending approval from the Pacific Mountain Region.

Special Thanks to all those who participated in the amalgamation process from the beginning, as well as all the congregants of First United and Rutland and St. Paul's, who showed trust and faith in the proposal throughout the process. The future is bright and the possibilities are endless going forward.

Let the spirit guide our way!

Thank You for the
beautiful little plant!
Happy Easter to
you all!

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Evelyn Nicholson

Jackie O'Looney

Congratulations!
Blessings to all of you
as Spirit leads the way
to an exciting journey!

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Congratulations from me. I have watched this process over this last twelve months with some trepidation. Hopefully the spirit of this decision will continue to guide the three congregations in plans for a creative Christian community in Kelowna.

This has been a trying time for many. We may see a long term benefit emerge from a recreated United Church, especially with the reduced covid19 fears associated with the available meds.

Thank you for all the phone calls, and information.

Best wishes from Russell

Russell Bowman



Wild Church



Wild Church is wild again! We are escaping the confines of the zoom room twice a month for live on the land gatherings! Come seek the wisdom of Creator in creation with us! Our ninety minute gatherings hosted by local parks on Saturdays are designed to nurture your body and your soul. For more information, please contact wildchurchokanagan@gmail.com or visit our website at wildchurchbc.org.

The United Churches of
Kelowna

EASTER 2021

April 1st Maundy Thursday:
7pm All Congregations Service

April 2nd Good Friday:
3pm All Congregations Service

April 4th Easter Sunday:
Regularly Scheduled Zoom Worship

Outreach

FOOD DONATIONS



First United hosts a weekly drop in grocery hand out Cupboard for people in need in the community. You can be an "unofficial" shopper and augment the regular purchasing with your donations to the Tuesday/Thursday Food Cupboard. You might consider the items below and pick up a can or two on your next visit to the grocery store.

None of it is wasted and ALL of it is appreciated.

Some Groceries Currently Offered:

Canned soup, canned tuna, Chef Boyardee, Canned meat (chicken or ham), canned pork & beans, canned chili, canned beans (kidney, chickpea, lima beans, etc.), canned vegetables, canned fruit, peanut butter, cereal, oatmeal, brown sugar, rice, pasta, pasta sauce, mac & cheese, Mr. Noodle soups, coffee, tea, fruit cups, granola bars, crackers, toilet paper.

Larger packets are split up by volunteers.

Lunch Items Currently Offered

Pop, juice, cookies & sweets **Fresh Fruit is always welcome!**

Questions? Email: Firstunited@telus.net



Giving & Donations During COVID19

Are you wondering how you might continue to support the congregation financially, while in-person gatherings have been suspended? Here are a few options for you:

- Join Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)
 - o How it works – An amount that you determine will be automatically withdrawn from your bank account and deposited in St. Paul's account
 - o How to sign up – Contact Delaine and she will forward the form to you via email. This is a fast and easy donation solution.
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- Mail – yes, you can mail your cheque to the church, or simply address it to us, and drop it in the mail slot just right of the main church entrance, and we will make sure it gets recorded and deposited. **Our address at First Mennonite: 1305 Gordon Dr, Kelowna BC V1Y 3E7.**
Also please note whether you would like your cheque to be deposited in the General Fund, or Mission and Service, or any other special designation you may prefer. Thanks!
- Canada Helps – there is a tab on the church website that allows you to make a donation online. <https://www.stpaulsunitedkelowna.com/> Note that you will require a credit card for this transaction.
- E-transfer – If you do your banking online, you can e-transfer your donation directly to the church with the use of our finance email: finance@stpaulskelowna.ca

***Please Note:* Due to Covid-19 we are not ordering special donation envelopes this year. Personal cheques may be mailed in as usual. All donations made under your name will continue to be recorded as usual for Tax Purposes.**

Thank you to everyone for your support!



Nourish Families Initiative

Every meal ordered provides a second meal to a family in need!

Nourish Families Initiative was created by Vicky Wallace, a local parent and Play Therapist, at the beginning of the Covid-19 crisis in March 2020. The program works by providing a free meal to a family-in-need for every meal that is purchased by a community member. In the beginning, Nourish Families initiative was a small social enterprise; generating business to closed restaurants, reducing food-prep and grocery shopping for community families and providing free meals to families who had been hit the hardest by Covid.

This model worked so well that it was too much for a single person to handle! In June of 2020, Childhood Connections took on this program with Vicky as a program consultant. We've now had 5 different meal partners (and counting!) to provide multiple weekly menu options and are providing meals to families-in-need on a weekly basis!

Order Through This Link:  <https://trellis.org/nourishfamiliesinitiative>

Nourish Families - <https://nourishfamilies.com>



New! St Paul's Zoom Café and First United's Blether are uniting!
Join the all new **"Friday Zoom Cafe Blether"** – Every Friday at 10am
for all three churches to get together for casual coffee time chat.



Friday Zoom Cafe Blether

Formerly known as "Blether"
and "Zoom Cafe"

Log On
Grab a cup and
pull up a chair

FRIDAY each week at 10AM
Starting April 2nd

St Paul's United Church Welcomes You To:



Wednesday 4pm

Zoom
Sing Along

Join Choir Director Sylvia Clerke
for a weekly online sing a long!

Wednesday
4pm

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