



## GOD'S PEOPLE WORSHIP

*from the Minister's desk*

Each week we gather, we listen, we pray and make offerings, we leave with renewed commitment to our faith. Each week we worship. We take time, sometimes an hour, sometimes more – time to focus our attention on glorifying and enjoying God in Jesus Christ.

Worship varies from place to place, from congregation to congregation, from time to time. It reflects the culture of each community of faith. There are many essentials that are common to most worship experiences. There is a logical movement through the service – all the elements work together in a rhythm we call liturgy. Worship may be seen as a drama in four acts which engages us in a shared encounter with God.

At Knox we use these headings for the four acts of the worship drama:

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME  
WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD  
WE RESPOND  
WITH FAITH AND THANKSGIVING  
WE ARE SENT OUT WITH GOD'S  
BLESSING

Within each part of worship we sing. We lift our voices in song to gather us together – to set the tone or the theme for the week's worship. We sing hymns about the Bible, about God, about the life of Jesus, about the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We listen to the *Ministry of Music* or join together to celebrate the message of good news offered in worship. We sing out our commitment, our renewed hope, our joy in the Christian life as our service comes to a close. Music is part of all our worship.

You may be very familiar with participating in worship, even planning worship – or you may wonder why our service is shaped the way that it is.

This fall I hope you will come to engage in discussions about how and why we worship together each Sunday.

**God's People Worship will meet  
on six Wednesday nights from:  
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm,  
October 4<sup>th</sup> to November 8<sup>th</sup>**

You don't need to register in advance and there is no charge unless you want to purchase the \$5.00 booklet rather than borrowing one. Gathering to think and talk about worship will connect us to one another and make each Sunday time of worship richer and more meaningful.

*"Through the preaching of the Word and the celebration of the Sacraments, in praise, prayer, teaching and fellowship, God sustains the life of the church. We worship God as Lord, offering ourselves in the service of Christ, rejoicing that we have been brought from darkness to light."*  
[Living Faith 7.3.2]

*Living Faith* says that we have no higher calling than to praise God.

Come – now is the time  
to worship.



## JUST A "MINUTE"

Eileen Mossop, one of this congregation's ProVisionaries, passed away in February. Eileen had been a member of Knox for many years. She was always excited about the future of this congregation - excited about its possibilities. So much so, that in the 1980s she made a gift to Knox in memory of her husband James Mossop, setting up the gift so that its benefit could be spread over a ten year period.

Sometime in these past few years Eileen Mossop caught a vision of a new and different source of funding for the church. She learned about gift annuities and the opportunity they provide. At the end of July we were notified that Eileen was an annuitant with The Presbyterian Church in Canada and that she had identified Knox as the sole beneficiary of one of her annuities. Through the purchase of an annuity, Eileen, at her death, left a substantial gift to Knox. The ministry of this congregation was of such importance to her that she chose this way to contribute into the future.

You may remember from The Reverend Herb Gale's visit to Knox earlier this year, that the Planned Giving Office of The Presbyterian Church in Canada has coined a term for those who, in gratitude for God's many blessings, have made a planned gift. That term is "ProVisionaries". Throughout her life, Eileen Mossop was one of those ProVisionaries. She wanted to help **provision** the present and future missions and ministries of Knox, and she was **visionary** enough to take concrete action to help that come to pass. We thank God for Eileen.

*The Stewardship "Minute" from September 17*

# Do You Know?

(When welcoming or ushering, this may be helpful)

1. When do our church doors open on a Sunday morning for early arrivals?
2. If our parking lot is full, where might you direct visitors?
3. Where would you direct a first time visitor after arrival to our church?
4. What other areas might they need direction to?
5. Have you ever noticed the chrome coloured tacks in the pew ends of the mid sanctuary? What do they signify?
6. What special bulletins do we provide each service?
7. When a new family with small children arrive, who should you notify?
8. We have three models of 'listening assistance' sets. How does one access these?
9. In case of emergency, do you know where the first aid kit is? - or wheel chair? –
10. In case of emergency, do you know the plan to evacuate the building? Where is the written procedure placed/ posted?
11. Where might you find a backrest or cushion not in use?
12. Where might you find a large print Bible or hymn book?

(answers on back page)

The Worship Committee

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## ALPHA - A CHALLENGING LIFESTYLE

I am sure there are times when life is truly a challenge. Are you finding yourself searching for answers without satisfaction? We of the Alpha team are offering a series of talks put together by Nikki Gumbel which should give many answers you seek. These will be presented just after the new year in a slightly different format to the previous Alpha courses.

"A CHALLENGING LIFESTYLE" will be presented with dessert, coffee, talk and then a small group will finish the Thursday evenings. As the series is fairly lengthy, it has been considered advisable to split the 19 sessions into two parts, the first ten during January, February and into March. This way we will be in a position to stop during Lent and commence again after Easter for the remaining nine talks. Are you up to the challenge? I am! May I count on seeing you sign up when the time comes? This will be your initial challenge....to bring a friend or acquaintance to accompany you. Looking forward to seeing you in January.

Agnes Duke and the Alpha team



## UPCOMING EVENTS

(mark your calendar)

Wednesday, Oct 4 . . . . .	God's People Worship
Sunday, Oct 15 . . . . .	Worship & Dessert evening service
Sunday, November 12 . . . . .	Worship & Dessert evening service
Saturday, Nov 18 . . . . .	Christmas Bazaar
Friday, Dec 1 . . . . .	Greening of Knox
Sunday, Dec 10 . . . . .	Christmas Isn't always Merry
Wednesday, Dec 13 . . . . .	Afternoon Group Christmas Potluck
Saturday, Dec 16 . . . . .	Christmas Party
Sunday, Dec 24 . . . . .	Evening services
Sunday, Dec 31 . . . . .	Service at Oak Bay Lodge



## CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX PROJECT

In the spring I was invited to attend Mount St. Stephen's Church near Brentwood to listen to the BC coordinator of the Franklin Graham Christmas Shoe Box Campaign. I met a lot of people from the lower island churches and the evening turned out to be very informative. We were asked to introduce ourselves after which the coordinator showed several short videos

of the children opening and receiving their boxes. There were also shots of the volunteers mingling with the children and sharing refreshments. Some of these volunteers were with us that evening. I was amazed to hear that some of the churches in our area were donating hundreds of boxes. The Church of the Vineyard in Brentwood is no longer the drop off location for these boxes.

We will be notified in November of the new location. When doing your Christmas shopping this year, please remember these little children as we remember the Child Jesus, who makes all things possible.



*Emily Campbell  
For The Afternoon Group*

## LUNCH WITH FRIENDS



In July, the ladies of Knox surprised Edna Kirk, wife of our former minister Cecil Kirk, with a surprise birthday lunch .  
A good time was had by all!

## MISSION 'POSSIBLE'

In September the Afternoon Group took 31 toques and 20 vests to the Mission Fellowship Day in Port Alberni . These hand-knitted items will be sent to Malawi and the Jobat Hospital in India for the babies in these countries. Thank you to all who make this mission possible.

*The Afternoon Group*

## Do You Know? *Answers*

1. 10:00 am
2. Options Day Care parking lot
3. Visitors Book
4. Coat Room, Washroom, Nursery, Lounge or Kitchen.
5. Division of front from back of the sanctuary in the fire drill evacuation plan.
6. Enlarged print bulletins for visually challenged, full sermons for severe hearing impairment or language aid, children's resources
7. Christian Ed. Convener, Vi Taylor or Sunday School teacher
8. Closet at back of sanctuary near entrance. May ask usher or sound system operator for assistance
9. (a) Fireside Lounge closet (b) Coat room
10. Choir Loft (at end of each pew), Sound Centre, Pulpit,
  - posted on wall above closet (books/listening assistance storage) near sanctuary entrance,
  - posted on **inner entrance doors** of Sanctuary; main Hall (near light switches); and lower level meeting rm
  - posted near entrance to Fireside Lounge and hall access to Kitchen.
11. Beneath the back pew near entrance
12. Bookshelf at back of Sanctuary near entrance



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## Smile Please.....

### STORY OF ELIJAH

The Sunday school teacher was carefully explaining the story of Elijah the Prophet and the false prophets of Baal. She explained how Elijah built the altar, put wood upon it, cut a steer in pieces, and laid it upon the altar. And then, Elijah commanded the people of God to fill four barrels of water and pour it over the altar. He had them do this four times. "Now, asked the teacher, "can anyone in the class tell me why the Lord would have Elijah pour water over the steer on the altar?" A little girl in the back of the room started waving her hand, "I know! I know!" she said. "To make the gravy!"

### LOT'S WIFE

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, "My Mummy looked back once, while she was driving," he announced triumphantly, "and she turned into a telephone pole!"

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## KNOX YOUTH

The Youth group has started again for the year. At the moment, Rachel and Laura are discussing what the best program will be for our youth. Since our numbers are small, we need to plan a good program for the group, but also consider other options such as joining another youth group. Please pray for us during this time of transition and planning.

*Rachel*

## KNOX CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Our annual bazaar will be held on Saturday, **November 18** from 10:00 am—2:00 pm. Lunch will be \$5.00. Our popular stalls will be back again. Attic treasures and books, jewelry, collectibles, crafts, baking, plants and a children's table. Please start making your crafts and putting items aside for the various stalls. Remember, our sale is a big success due to everyone's participation and contributions!