



The Dove

April 27th, 2024



DUNCAN UNITED CHURCH

A warm Duncan United Church welcome to all! We hope that you will find our celebration of worship a meaningful part of your spiritual journey. If we can provide any information or do anything to assist you, please let us know.

Rev. Nancy Colton – rev.nancy@duncanunited.org

Linda Evans – Administration & Outreach Co-ordinator

Sarah Prestwich – Sunday Journey & Youth Co-ordinator

Connie Masson – Music Director

Peter Gray – Custodian

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SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10 AM

Join us for worship at 10am in the sanctuary or through zoom. Our services are approximately one hour in length.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/536213059?pwd=S1RyeHVZL3ZXVFJLdy9QUHBPSXVKQT09> Meeting Id 536 213 059 – Password is 239075

refreshments will be served in Heritage Hall following the service. We warmly welcome all to our church and are glad you chose to join us. If you would like to receive more information about our church and our programs, please fill out the slip in the pew and place it in the offering plate or you may call the office at 250-746-6043.

Donations to our church can be made through weekly envelope offerings in the offering plate on the table at the entrance, direct monthly payments through PAR or you can contribute through e-transfer to admin@duncanunited.org or through our website donate button at www.duncanunited.org. If you would like to sign up for envelopes or PAR please contact Linda in the office. Thank you for helping us continue to do all that we do as a church family.

A Note from Nancy

End of April (already?!?!?) thoughts, thank you, and the church plan for while I'm away

I'm counting now – from this Sunday only 10 more sleeps until my surgery. I can't wait!!! Thank you for all your kind words, best wishes, support, compassion, and prayers; you've been most generous with your care and concern and love. It is truly appreciated; it makes my heart sing.

Thoughts in the form of two quotations (from my Facebook feed) to share:

We are made for goodness. We are made for love.

We are made for friendliness.

We are made for togetherness.

We are made for all of the beautiful things that you and I know.

We are made to tell the world that there are no outsiders.

All are welcome: Black. White. Red. Yellow. Rich. Poor.

Educated. Not educated. Male. Female. Gay. Straight. All. All.

All. We all belong to this family.

This human family. God's family.

~ Desmond Tutu

"Hope is not optimism, which expects things to turn out well, but something rooted in the conviction that there is good worth waiting for."

~ Seamus Heaney

(One of my favourite Irish poets and authors)

The plan for while I'm away after my surgery:

Worship. Graciously and generously, Rev Duncan Barwise has agreed to cover worship for the three last Sundays of May. You will be in wonderful, worshipful hands. Thank you, Duncan!!! Rest assured, I'm on it along with the Chair of the Worship Committee if we need anyone(s) to take any services in June.

Emergency pastoral care. I have approached two neighbouring ministers who have graciously and generously agreed to be the first and second (if necessary,) calls in the event of a pastoral care

emergency. Rev Katherine Brittain (Sylvan United) will be the first call; Rev Greg Darjes (Chemainus United) will be the second call. They can be reached through our Office Coordinator, Linda, by calling her at 250 746-6043.

I encourage you to please trust the plan; I promise it will work. All will be well. Worship and emergency pastoral care will be in very good hands. Trust me, and trust my four very fine colleagues.

In case you've been worried or wondering, the other part of the plan.... My son, Keane, will be here from May 7 to 22 to stay with me, take care of me, and make sure I follow all the doctors', nurses', and physiotherapists' instructions. He is experienced and reliable at such things, I promise.

PASTORAL CARE NEWS

OUR PRAYERS

- ✚ All those in care facilities and those facing ongoing challenges.
- ✚ The people who are living in countries at war.
- ✚ The congregation of All Souls Parish Church in Forfar, Scotland.
- ✚ The congregation of Chemainus United Church

To contact the confidential telephone prayer chain, email admin@duncanunited.org or call Audrey Towle at 250-745-6616
Pastoral care calls may be directed to the office or for emergencies please contact Nancy at 250-709-8660. Please inform the office if you know of a person or family you know in our church who needs support.



Joys and Concerns

Happy Birthday this week to Jerry Tothill, Molly McLean, Garth Williams, Elaine Dougherty, David Goodacre, Leighton Mellemstrand and Sharon Annis!



To everyone who donated items and those who purchased them from the Skills and Service Auction! Winners list will be emailed out on Monday morning! A fun way to raise funds for Mission and Service.

FROM THE OFFICE

If you are interested in receiving the **Dove and Shalom newsletters** via email, please call or email Linda in the office. It's a great way to stay in touch plus you get the Dove on Friday mornings ahead of Sunday.

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FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY SERVICES – If you would like to beautify our sanctuary with flowers for one of our services please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in Heritage Hall and bring the slip to Linda so we can acknowledge it in our Dove newsletter. They can be in memory of a loved one, special celebration or just because you love flowers.

BROADVIEW MAGAZINE – Broadview magazine is published 8 times a year by the United Church of Canada filled with articles relating to church and life in our world. It is time to renew our annual subscription for Broadview magazine. If you would like to continue to receive or start receiving the Broadview magazine the cost is \$30.00 per year. You may pay for your subscription through the office, your envelope donation marked “Broadview” or through e-transfer. Make sure all payments are marked Broadview. It must be renewed by May 31st.

OPPORTUNITIES!

RAISING AWARENESS FOR PEOPLE OF PALESTINE - PALESTINE ITEMS FOR SALE - Olive Oil, Soap and Spices has arrived.

Oil - \$25.00 - Soap \$7.00 - Spices \$7.00

USHER ORIENTATION – TODAY! Sunday April 28th there will be an orientation for current and new ushers for our Sunday morning services. New ushers are always welcome so if interested please plan to stay for the meeting following the church service. Held in the sanctuary.

COMING EVENTS

PASTORAL CARE GATHERING/TRAINING On April 30th from 1:00-4:00 pm the pastoral care volunteers and anyone else who is interested will be gathering to receive and share information on how to visit in a pastoral care capacity representing Duncan United Church. This will include reviewing important principles, guidelines and boundaries and ideas on how to be present and pray with others. Anyone interested may attend. Please RSVP through the office or talk to Cathy Coulter if you are planning to attend.



PLANT SALE PICKUP – If you purchased plants you may pick them up between **1.30pm - 3.30pm on Friday May 10th.** from the church parking lot. Thanks to all who purchased flowers. We have raised approximately \$1,462.00 for programs at DUC.

What: Annual Congregational Picnic

When: June 14th, 2024 - a couple of weeks earlier this year

Where: Providence Farm

Who: Everybody! Bring your family and friends

Why? Why not? DUC has been doing a version of this for 70 years!

How can you help? Stay tuned to the Dove for further details.



WIDER CHURCH COMMUNITY

LECTIONARY READINGS for Next Sunday, May 5th2024

Acts 10:44-48 • Psalm 98 • 1 John 5:1-6 • John 15:9-17

LINKS FOR DUC AND UCC

SPECIAL LINKS FOR DUNCAN UNITED

Join our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Duncan-United-Church/1436427283263566>

Check out our website for lots of great information!

www.duncanunited.org

Our Services can all be viewed later on our YOUTUBE site:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCarlwkTa31rKtKCKd1-N5Lg>

PACIFIC MOUNTAIN REGION

<https://pacificmountain.ca/news-events/news/>



AFFIRM UNITED

Website <https://affirmunited.ause.ca/category/news-events/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/affirmunited> \

KAIROS CANADA – <https://www.kairoscanada.org/blog>

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	Worship	10am	Sanctuary
	Usher Training	11am	Sanctuary
MONDAY –	Thrift Store Sorting	10am	Heritage
TUESDAY –	MMO	9:30 am	Heritage
	Pastoral Care Training	1 – 3 pm	Heritage
WEDNESDAY –	Quiet Connection Meditation	8:30 am	Sanctuary
THURSDAY -	Pause Café Bible Study	10am	Friendship
	Library Open	9:30 – 11am	Solstice
	Mercury Theatre Play	7:30 pm	Heritage
FRIDAY	Thrift Store	9:30 – 1:30	Store
	Third Place Café	10-11am	Burns Hall
	Mercury Theatre Play	7:30 pm	Heritage
SATURDAY	Mercury Theatre Play	2:30 pm	Heritage
	Cowichan Vocal Collective Concert	7:00 pm	
(Bonnie and Kevin Loudon)			