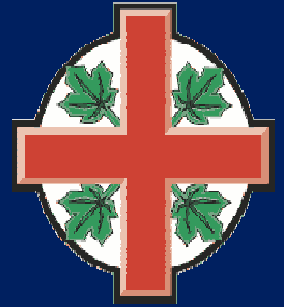




Announcements for CHRIST CHURCH GABRIOLA February 18th, 2018



A Collaborative Anglican-United Church – Open to all

Sunday, February 18th. Celebrant: Rev. Karen Hollis - Service 10:00am

Communion

Scriptures for Sunday Feb. 18th

Genesis 9: 8-17 Psalm 25: 1-10
1 Peter 3: 18-22 Mark 1: 9-15

Scriptures for Sunday February 25th

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22: 23-31
Romans 4: 13-25 Mark 8: 31-38



Rev. Karen's Office Hours

Rev. Karen will hold ongoing office hours on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

If you would like to come for a chat in the afternoon on one of those days, please phone the church or email her at:

revkarenhollis@gmail.com

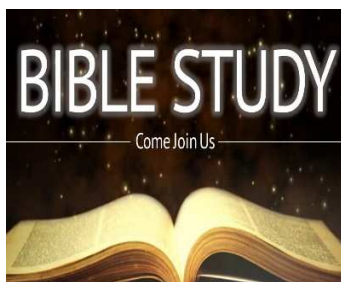


A Pastoral Relationship Program
of The United Church of Canada

Fresh Start in May

Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 5th**. The BC Conference of the United Church is adopting **Fresh Start**, a workshop series created by the Episcopalian church in the US to help newly called pastors and congregations get off on the right foot. BC Conference will be paying for 4 initial sessions; we have the option to pay for more, if we so choose. Our first 2 sessions will be in the morning and afternoon of Saturday, May 5th (9am-4pm); the topics are yet to be determined and will be published in the coming weeks. This is a whole congregation event, so please make it a priority to be there. Thank you!

<http://unitedfreshstart.ca/what-is-united-fresh-start/>



Friday Bible Study & Soup Supper

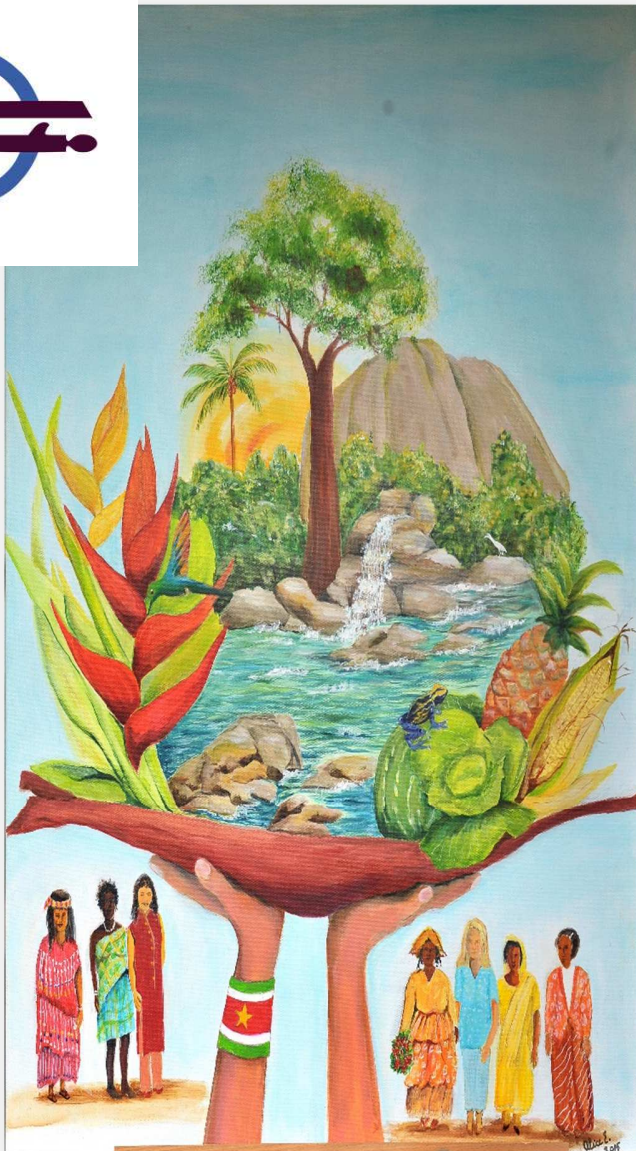
Friday Bible studies continues at 4:00 pm at the home of Rob & Susan Brockley - 465 Bruce Lynn Dr.

Each session is followed by a simple soup supper at 5:30 pm.

The current session of studies goes until March 9 and we are studying Mark.

All are welcome to attend one session or as many as you would like as you are able.

For more information please contact Susan Brockley 250-247-9467



WORLD Day of PRAYER

The motto of the World Day of Prayer movement is ***Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action.***

Through our participation in the World Day of Prayer, we affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence on the world.

All congregants and friends are welcome to attend the **2018 World Day of Prayer** service, which will be held at **Christ Church Gabriola on Friday, March 2nd at 1:30 pm**, with refreshments afterwards.

All churches on Gabriola Island are invited to participate.

This year, the service is written by the **World Day of Prayer Committee of Suriname**, which is located on the northeastern coast of South America.

The service was prepared and adapted for use in Canada by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Women.

"ALL GOD'S CREATION IS VERY GOOD!"

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement which brings Christians of many traditions together to observe a common day of prayer each year. Through preparation and participation in the worship service, we can learn how our sisters of other countries, languages and cultures understand the Biblical passages in their context. We can hear their concerns and needs and can join in solidarity with them as we pray with and for them. In this way, it is possible to enrich our Christian faith as it grows deeper and broader in an international, ecumenical expression.

(For more info on the artist of "The Divine Gift" please see her bio attached to the announcements.)

Special Service

Covenanting Service this Sunday, Feb 18th at 4:00pm



The service will covenant Rev. Karen with Christ Church Gabriola as our minister

The Presbytery and Bishop are both available on a date that is much sooner than any of us anticipated!

Our social time with our Anglican and United Church guests will be prior to the Covenanting Service as many will need to dash off immediately after the service to catch a ferry/ferries.

Please attend this social time with our guests many of whom arrived on Gabriola via the 1:10 pm ferry.

Social Time: 3:00 pm at Christ Church Gabriola

Covenanting Service: 4:00 pm at Christ Church Gabriola

Finger food will be provided but please bring some baking to supplement this.

If you are attending the morning service at 10:00 am, please bring your baking then.



Worship Planning Meetings on Tuesdays

There will be a worship planning meeting on **Tues. Feb. 20th at 10:00am**. Weekly gatherings at the church to read and pray over the texts, share creative ideas, consider the core message for the coming week

Donations to Christ Church Gabriola (CCG)

Even though the church has a new name, the legal details regarding donations to CCG are not yet completed. Therefore, please make your donations (offering envelopes, other cheques, etc) in the name of either St Martin of Tours Anglican Church or Gabriola United Church for the next few months. As usual, you will receive tax receipts for these donations.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 247-8632 or nhpeirce@gmail.com



*Thanks,
Nancy Hetherington Peirce, church treasurer*

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Prayer Shawl Ministry Group Tomorrow

Monday February 19th 1:00pm at the Church Hall.

Come join in this time of caring for one another and for others. Everyone is welcome!

George Matheson



One of his hymns, "**O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go**," we are singing in church this Sunday. Matheson himself wrote of the composition:

"I am quite sure that the whole work was completed in five minutes, and equally sure that it never received at my hands any retouching or correction. I have no natural gift of rhythm. All the other verses I have ever written are manufactured articles; this came like a dayspring from on high." [3]

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" was written on the evening of Matheson's sister's marriage. Years before, he had been engaged, until his fiancée learned that he was going blind—that there was nothing the doctors could do—and she told him that she could not go through life with a blind man. He went blind while studying for the ministry, and his sister had been the one to care for him through the years, but now she was gone. He was now 40, and his sister's marriage brought a fresh reminder of his own heartbreak. It was in the midst of this circumstance and intense sadness that the Lord gave Matheson this hymn, which he said

was written in five minutes.

"Oh love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I own, That in thine ocean depths its flow May richer, fuller be....."

Listen Here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZiZ9xXoZ1Mk>



If you, or someone you know, requires emergency pastoral care please **contact Carolyn Pullano (250 325-2747) or Gai Campbell 250 325-8801** for further contact information. The Pastoral Care Team will continue to provide regular pastoral care for members of the congregation.

PRAYER WHEEL

PRAYER WHEEL To request prayers for someone OR to become a member of the prayer wheel and pray for others as requested, please contact Susan Brockley: sbrockley@shaw.ca or phone her at 250-247-9467.



