

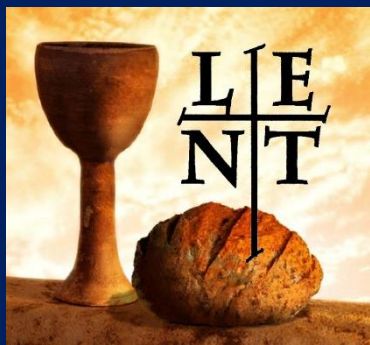
Announcements for CHRIST CHURCH GABRIOLA

February 25th, 2018



A Collaborative Anglican-United Church

Open to all



Sunday, February 25th. Celebrant: Rev. Karen Hollis - Service 10:00am

February Scriptures for Sunday 25th

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

Scriptures for Sunday March 4th

Exodus 20: 1-17, Psalm 19; 1Corinthians 18:1-25
John 2: 13-22:



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

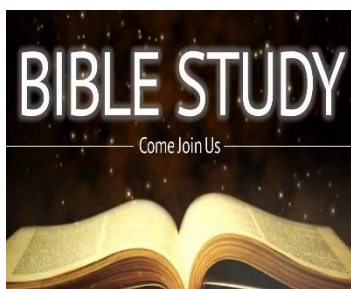
Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 5th**. The BC Conference of the United Church is adopting **Fresh Start**, a workshop series created by the Episcopalian church in the US to help newly called pastors and congregations get off on the right foot. BC Conference will be paying for 4 initial 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!

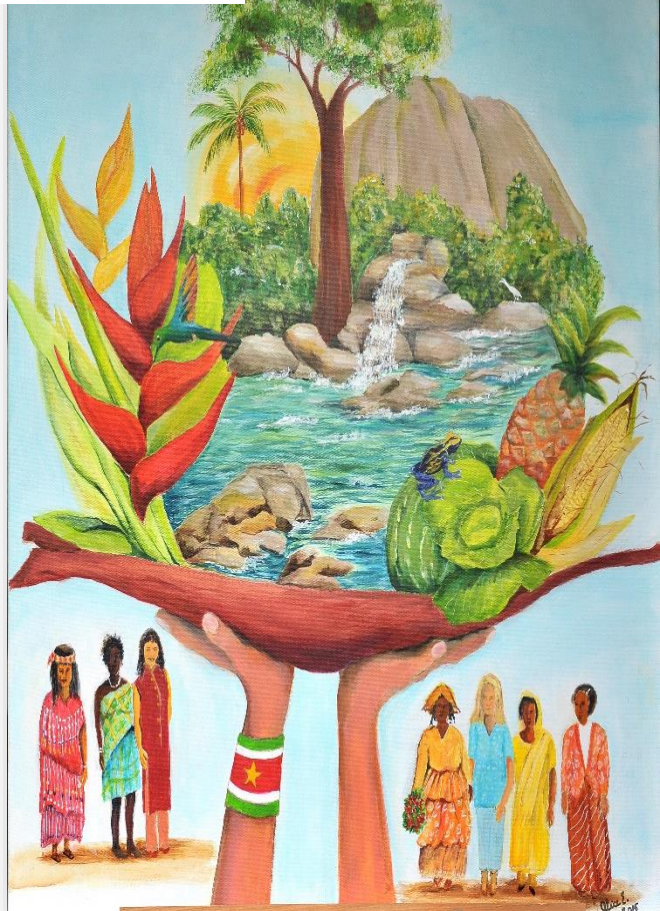
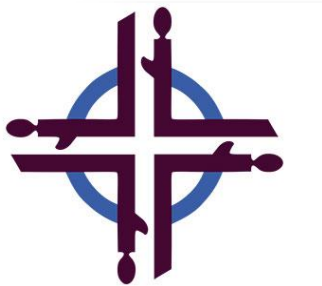
<http://unitedfreshstart.ca/what-is-united-fresh-start/>

Friday Bible Study & Soup Supper

Friday Bible studies continues at 4:00 pm at the home of Rob & Susan. The next Friday night Bible Study is March 2, at 4:00 pm at the home of Susan and Rob Brockley, 465 Bruce Lynn Drive. We will begin at Mark 8, verse one. As always, the study will be followed by a simple soup supper at 5:30 pm. The last in this series of Friday night Bible Studies will be held on March 9. They will resume after Easter.

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.)

UPDATE REGARDING DONATIONS TO CHRIST CHURCH GABRIOLA (CCG)

DONATIONS BY CHEQUE:

As of March 1, 2018 all donations by cheque can be made in the name of Christ Church Gabriola!

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR CHEQUES OR CASH:

For the next few months, the current two types of envelopes will continue to be used:

- Former St Martin's donors: Please use your St Martin's envelopes, and put "CCG" on the front; the numbers remain the same.
- Former Gabriola United donors: Please pick up your packet of more GUC envelopes at church, and put "CCG" on the front; the numbers remain the same.

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



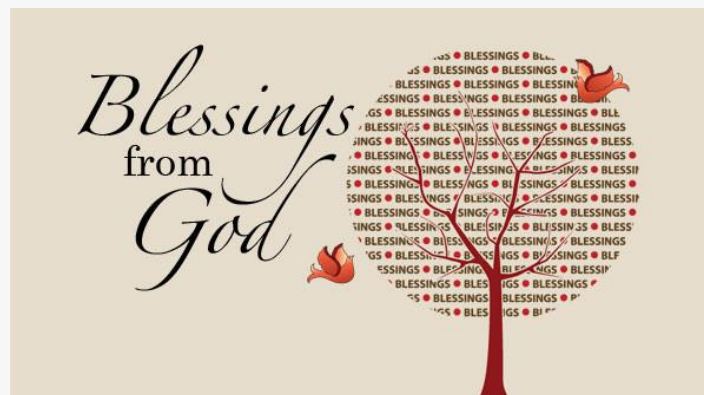
Remember Your Offerings

Thanks,
Nancy Hetherington Peirce, church treasurer

Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations

Birthday Blessings to^t Charlie Blackburn, March 1st

Blessings on your Wedding Anniversary Diane & Don, March 7th





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.



Theological Debate

Scholars have long debated the exact ethnicity and nationality of Jesus. Recently, at a theological meeting in Rome, scholars had a heated debate on this subject. One by one, they offered their evidence.....

THREE PROOFS THAT JESUS WAS MEXICAN:

1. His first name was Jesus
2. He was bilingual
3. He was always being harassed by the authorities

But then there were equally good arguments that.....

JESUS WAS BLACK

1. He called everybody "brother"
2. He liked Gospel
3. He couldn't get a fair trial

But then there were equally good arguments that.....

JESUS WAS JEWISH

1. He went into His Father's business
2. He lived at home until he was 33
3. He was sure his Mother was a virgin, and his Mother was sure he was God

But then there were equally good arguments that.....

JESUS WAS ITALIAN

1. He talked with his hands
2. He had wine with every meal
3. He used olive oil

But then there were equally good arguments that.....

JESUS WAS A CALIFORNIAN

1. He never cut his hair
2. He walked around barefoot
3. He started a new religion

But then there were equally good arguments that.....

JESUS WAS IRISH

1. He never got married
2. He was always telling stories
3. He loved green pastures

But perhaps the most compelling evidence

THREE PROOFS THAT JESUS WAS A WOMAN

1. He had to feed a crowd at a moment's notice when there was no food
 2. He kept trying to get the message across to a bunch of men who JUST DIDN'T GET IT
 3. Even when He was dead, He had to get up because there was more work for him to do.
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