

Church Announcements  
For the Week of January 28<sup>th</sup> – February 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Karen's Office Hours**

Karen is in the office on Tues. and Wed. each week. If you would like to see her on one of these afternoons phone the church or email RevKarenHollis@gmail.com



**Food Bank Sunday is next week – Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>!**

The local food bank is always in need of non-perishable food items. You can also make financial donations through your Church Offerings. Through your generosity we are *making a difference in our community!*



**Small Group Sessions**

In order for Karen to get to know us and our hopes for Christ Church Gabriola, several in-home group sessions have been set up. Karen will attend each session. She will have the following questions to ask us:

*What are our greatest strengths, joys and ministries as a congregation?*

*What areas or ministries would you love to see improved, strengthened, or created?*

*What do you feel are the top ministry priorities of an excellent Minister serving Christ Church Gabriola?*

Please bring your calendars or day planners to church and sign up on the sheets at the back of the church for the group fits your schedule. Please let Susan Brockley know if none of these times are possible for you.  
(247-9467, sbrockley@shaw.ca)



**Please Bring Your Palm Crosses by Feb 7th**

What a beautiful tradition it is to take palm crosses home for the year between Palm Sunday and Ash Wednesday! You're now invited to bring those palm crosses back to church by Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> so they can be burned to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. We'll give you a new Palm Cross... but you have to get through Lent, first!



**Worship Planning Meetings**

To those who are on the roster for each coming Sunday you are invited to help plan worship! You will receive an email inviting you to gather at the church to read and pray over the texts, share creative ideas, consider the core message for the coming week, and choose wonderful songs. There is no obligation to join in but you may not want to miss it! The first gathering will be Tues. Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am and going forward the meetings will then be on Tuesdays at 10:00 am starting Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Personnel Relations Committee**

The committee works to build positive and trusting relationships between staff and members of the congregation. Please see the email version of this week's announcements detailing the role of the committee, and who to contact if you wish to share comments or concerns about ministry personnel or paid for service contractors.

**Scriptures for Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup>**

Isaiah 40: 21-31 Psalm 147: 1-11, 20c  
1 Corinthians 9: 16-23 Mark 1: 29