



Knox United Church

December 21, 2025

News & Notes

**If you have a pastoral care emergency,
please contact Rev. Richard Chung at 250-215-0703**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

with Communion
December 24th, 7:30pm
In Person Only at Knox.
Service will not be live streamed



Upcoming Services at Knox

Dec 21, 2025
Advent 4 -Love
Choosing Courage Over Fear
Matthew 1:18-25

Dec 24, 2025
Christmas Eve
(Communion & Candle Lighting)
God Shows Up Where We Least Expect
Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 2:1-20

Dec 28, 2025
First Sunday after Christmas
When Life Doesn't Feel Safe
Matthew 2:13-23

Daily Meditations



**Find them in
video, text or printable
format at
knoxvan.com**



The Moderator's Christmas Message



THE RIGHT REV. DR. KIMBERLY HEATH
MODERATOR OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

In her annual Christmas message, The United Church of Canada Moderator, Rev. Kimberly Heath, reflects on the surprising origin of the word "Bedlam" and how its meaning connects the original Nativity scene to the confusion of our modern world.

The story of the Prince of Peace being born into the chaos of Bethlehem teaches us that Christians do not run from the confusion. Instead, we are called to follow Jesus directly into it.

"We follow Jesus into it, seeking out the lost, welcoming the lonely, and setting a place at the table for everyone."

[Click Here to View Video](#)

This Christmas, amidst fear, division, and uncertainty, the small things we do—as individuals and communities of faith—bring essential hope, peace, joy, and love.

Stewardship Campaign 2026

The Finance Team would like to thank everyone who has responded to our stewardship campaign. Your pledges help us prepare for the coming year. We know there are still a few pledges to be returned and appreciate your response and support. **THANK YOU!!**

Please reach out to the Knox Office if you have not yet received your stewardship package or have any questions.



Advent & Christmas Appeal

Our Advent & Christmas Appeal this year is to support the Knox Mission & Vision.

Special Appeal Envelopes can be found in the Narthex and pews on Sunday mornings.

Knox Weekly Calendar

Dec 21	10:00 am	Sunday Worship Service - Advent 4 Peace
	11:00 am	Fellowship Time
Dec 22	7:00 pm	Rental: Alanon
Dec 24	7:30 pm	Christmas Eve Service with Communion
Dec 28	10:00 am	Sunday Worship Service - Lessons & Carols
	11:00 am	Fellowship Time
Dec 29	7:00 pm	Rental: Alanon
Dec 31	10:00 am	Office Open (until 3:00pm) To Receive Year End Donations



December Office Closures

The Knox Office will be closed from December 24th – 30th.

For End of Year Donations, the office will be open Wednesday, December 31st from 10:00am – 3:00 pm to receive monies you wish to be part of your 2025 Tax Receipt.



January Reopening

The office will reopen on Monday, January 5th at 10:00 am.

The 2026 Canadian Church Calendar



Copies are now available for purchase in the Narthex after Sunday Services or by contacting the Knox Office.

\$15.00 each



ZATOUN ADVENT PEACE BOX SALES



Palestinian Agricultural Products include:

Olive Oil 750mL \$25
Za'atar Spices \$5
Olive Oil Soap \$5

Items will be available for sale in the Narthex after worship or contact David Cass, decass@uniserve.com or 604-314-7225.

Your support is greatly appreciated. Net proceeds go towards assisting Palestinian farmers.





Knox and Friends Reach Out to UBC Campus Ministry



This Advent and Christmas season Knox is reaching out to support the UBC Campus Ministry with donations to students and others in need at this time. At UBC there are students and families who are struggling, perhaps emotionally and, or financially, particularly at this time of the year. Many may be away from family, and struggling to make ends meet as they make their way through their education.

Donation ideas and gifts? Appreciated gift ideas include items such as gift cards (for food, specifically protein items, other groceries, coffee or tea, etc.). Other gifts could include personal care items, or small gifts which might brighten a day for the person or a family member.

Please put items in the large gift donation box at Knox United, and everything will be gathered for delivery to UBC Campus Ministry prior to Christmas. A deadline date will be established and advertised soon.

Thank you for your support for those in need.

Monday Afternoon Socials

2025 Sessions Are Now Over

Join us
in the New Year!

First 2026 Session
Monday Jan 5th
1:00pm-4:00pm

Stretch, Strength & Balance

Seniors' Fitness Classes at Knox

2025 Sessions Are Now Over

First 2026 Session - Jan 8th

Thursdays 1:45pm-2:45pm

All Classes are Drop-in
\$10 per week,
Payable at Class (Debit,
Credit, Cash)



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Mission:

**"We exist to love God and love
our neighbours"
(Matthew 22: 36-40)**

Vision:

**"We aspire to engage our
neighbours through the arts,
building a community without
loneliness"**