



# Knox United Church

## April 26, 2026

### News & Notes

**Rev. Richard Chung will be away from April 20th to May 12th**  
**If you have a pastoral care emergency during this time**  
**please contact Rev. Jay Olson at 604-561-7005**

## *Upcoming Services at Knox*

**April 26, 2026**  
**"Super Shepherd"**

**Psalm 23 (VU 747), John 10:1-10**  
*Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Joni Sancken*  
*Presider: Ben Bouguerra*

**May 3, 2026**  
**"Don't Give Up."**  
**Luke 18:1-8**

*Guest Preacher Rev. Dr. Richard Topping (VST President)*  
*Presider: Ben Bouguerra*

## Guest Preacher, April 26, 2026



This Sunday, we welcome Rev. Dr. Joni Sancken as our guest Preacher. She is the Vice President of VST and holds the Butler Chair of Homiletics and Biblical Interpretation.

Much of her recent research has concerned the intersections of preaching and trauma studies. She is a Mennonite Church USA ordained pastor and has authored several books. She has enjoyed serving the church as a seminary professor and guest preacher in a wide array of ecumenical settings.

She lives in Vancouver with her Presbyterian pastor spouse, Steve Schumm, children Maggie and Teddy, and dogs Pax and Poppy. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with family, watching reality competition shows, reading, and exploring the natural beauty in Vancouver.

## Easter Appeal: Refugee Sponsorship

The Westside Churches Refugee Sponsoring Committee consists of four local churches, Knox, Pacific Spirit, West Point Grey and the Mennonite church. A small committee meets to assess the current situations with our individual families.

We are currently processing four groups: a family in Cairo, an individual in Istanbul, a family in Iraq, and a Rohingya family in a Bangladesh camp. You can donate through the Knox Donation page, e-transfer to [knox5600@telus.net](mailto:knox5600@telus.net) (with a note) or using an appeal envelope.

We urge you to donate generously to this cause, keeping in mind how you, yourself, might survive under similar conditions. Donations will be matched, up to \$5,000, for this important program. Thank you.



# Spring Vodcast Series with Rev. Richard

## "Seven Things That Carry Us" April 15 to May 27

Life is not held together by certainty or control. It is carried by a few deeper things that steady us when life gets hard, confusing, or unexpectedly beautiful. This series reflects on seven of them: truth, response, people, conviction, wonder, steadiness, and spirit.

### Episode 3: People (April 29)

A meaningful life is never built alone.



## DAILY MEDITATIONS

Find them in video,  
text or  
printable format  
at [knoxvan.com](http://knoxvan.com)

**April 26 10:00 am Sunday Worship Service**  
**Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Joni Sancken**  
**Presider: Ben Bouguerra**  
**11:00 am Fellowship Time**

**April 27 1:00 pm Monday Afternoon Social**  
**7:00 pm Rental: Alanon**

**April 28 5:00 pm Rental: Chants Encounter**

**April 29 5:00 pm Rental: Acting UP! Musical Theatre**

**April 30 1:45 pm Senior's Fitness Class**  
**7:00 pm Knox Choir Practice**

**May 3 10:00 am Sunday Worship Service**  
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**11:00 am Fellowship Time**

## Knox Weekly Calendar



# Stretch, Strength & Balance

Seniors' Fitness Classes at Knox

Thursdays  
1:45pm-2:45pm

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

For more information  
contact Knox at  
604-261-3747  
or email:  
knox5600@telus.net



# MONDAY AFTERNOON SOCIALS!

1:00pm-4:00pm  
at Knox

EVERYONE  
IS  
WELCOME!



## Knox United Church



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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"

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## Submissions for the Knox News & Notes



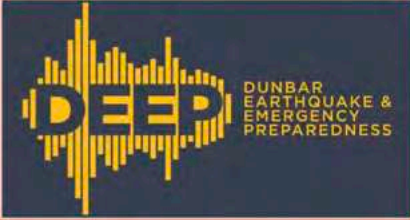
If you wish to submit a notice to appear  
in the Knox News & Notes,  
please email the Knox Office at  
[knox5600@telus.net](mailto:knox5600@telus.net).

The weekly deadline for submissions is  
Wednesday at Noon.





# Upcoming Concerts & Events



## Wildfire / Emergency Preparedness Open House

Hosted by DEEP and FireSmart BC

Date: Saturday, May 2nd, 2026

Time: 10:30 am – 1:00 pm

Location: Dunbar Disaster Support Hub, beside the Dunbar Community Centre Tennis Courts



[Click Here for More Information](#)

**GOOD NOISE VANCOUVER GOSPEL CHOIR**

# Voices IN BLOOM

DIRECTED BY · WARREN DEAN FLANDEZ

Saturday, May 2nd at 3pm & 8pm  
Christ Church Cathedral | 690 Burrard St, Vancouver, BC

**GENERAL SEATING**

Adults	\$35
Seniors/Students	\$30
Ages 11 & Under	\$15
Reserved seating (all ages)	\$50

Tickets available at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) [GOODNOISEVGC.COM](https://www.GOODNOISEVGC.COM)

## VANCOUVER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY 2026 CONVOCATION

Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 7pm (PT)  
Shaughnessy Heights United Church & Live Streamed  
(1550 W33rd Avenue, Vancouver)

THE CHANCELLOR, BOARD, AND PRESIDENT invite you to celebrate the Vancouver School of Theology Graduating Class of 2026.

Dr. David Janzen, this year's Convocation Speaker, is Professor of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament at Durham University. His research engages historical, decolonial, and trauma-informed biblical interpretation. He trained at Princeton Theological Seminary and has taught in the United States and Guatemala.

Please join VST in-person at Shaughnessy Heights United Church or live stream on [VST.EDU/CONVOCATION](https://www.vst.edu/convocation)

A light reception will follow.

