

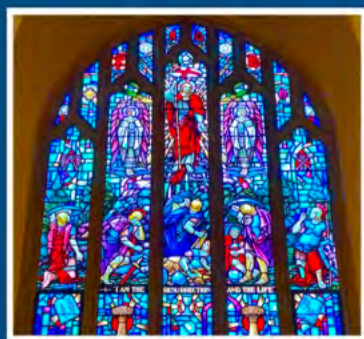


# Knox United Church

## September 20, 2026

### News & Notes

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



## Notice of Congregational Meeting

A Congregational Meeting will be held on Sept. 20th after the worship service. The meeting will be to review, and possibly approve, two ministerial job descriptions and search process.

A second meeting may be held, on Sept. 27th, if more discussion is required. Copies of the job descriptions will be circulated before the meeting.

## *Upcoming Services at Knox*

### **September 20, 2026**

*Congregational Meeting after Service*

**Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45**  
**"What Is It?"**

Presider & Preacher: Rev Richard Chung

### **September 27, 2026**

**Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16**  
**"Water Before Answers"**

Presider & Preacher: Rev Richard Chung

## **FALL SERMON SERIES WITH REV. RICHARD**

**Is the LORD Among Us? Finding God between the sea and the promise**

From the night at the sea to Moses' final view of the promised land, Israel discovers that freedom does not end fear, hunger, doubt, or failure.

Again and again, the deeper question is whether God is truly among them. We will follow these stories without avoiding their difficult parts, learning a faith that can question, grieve, wrestle and --- still remain.



## COFFEE AND CHAT WITH REV RICHARD

*In the privacy of the Knox Vestry*

**WEDNESDAYS 10:00am-2:00pm**



Feel free to drop in  
or call him at 250-215-0703  
to schedule a time.



### DAILY MEDITATIONS

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

### Red Bean Buns



## Red Bean Buns Reading Series

Richard reads his book *Red Bean Buns* aloud,  
one chapter at a time — sixteen short  
reflections on family, faith, and the ordinary  
moments where meaning quietly hides.

A new chapter each week; come along for  
the whole journey or drop in whenever you  
can.

**This Week**  
(September 23)

**"Beauty in the Cracks"**

## THE LONG WAY OUT A six-week study in Exodus with Rev Richard



Six weeks with the people God led the long way round.  
Each week we look at the passage before it is preached the following Sunday.

**Tuesdays, September 15 - October 20**  
**10:30 - 11:45 am at Knox**

Drop in any week. Nothing to read in advance. Bring your questions — including the ones you have never quite felt able to ask out loud. In this group you are allowed to say you do not like something in the Bible. Can't make Tuesday mornings? There's a version you can work through on your own — just ask.



### Knox Needs You!

As we look ahead to the coming ministry year, the Board is working to strengthen some of the structures that support the life and ministry of Knox.

**We're currently seeking members who may be willing to serve on a Ministry & Personnel Committee (M&P), as well as people who would consider joining the Board.**

As we lean into transitions in leadership, and as we work at building congregational growth and capacity, these roles will be rewarding ones. A commitment of even just a year could make a big difference for Knox at this time.

These are significant ways of supporting our staff, strengthening communication, and helping Knox prepare well for the future. If you would like to learn more about either opportunity, please speak with Susan or another member of the Board.

Thank you!



### "THE KNOX BOARD"

The **Board** provides overall governance, spiritual discernment, and strategic leadership for the church, meeting (generally) once monthly for up to 2 hours by Zoom or in person. Informational emails are shared regularly.

Our ideal folks are willing to serve for at least 1 year, and no experience is needed. Ideally, you bring gifts of faith, collaboration, confidentiality, and innovative / high-level thinking skills.



### "MINISTRY & PERSONNEL"(M&P)

A role on **M&P** includes getting to know our staff on a deeper level, acting as a confidential resource for human resources matters (no prior experience needed, training is provided).

The team works to build healthy relationships and resolve concerns between the congregation and staff. M&P also guides performance reviews, job descriptions, and staff evaluations. The workload will fluctuate, but the role is an important and meaningful one. We're hoping to find at least 2 people who can commit to at least 1 year on the team.



## "Then Let Us Sing"



Over the last year Knox has introduced music from this hymn resource, and now we begin actual use this music resource.

A quick look through the book shows the diverse nature of themes and the wealth of languages and styles available. Copyright has been approved for all of the music for streaming.

When More Voices and Voices United were first introduced many people chose to purchase and donate copies in memory of individuals – with a dedication insert placed in the front of the book. See Colleen for further information if you are interested in this idea.

**Sept 19 12:00 pm Rental: Brock House Big Band**  
**2:00 pm Brock House Big Band Concert** (*doors open 1:30 pm*)

**Sept 20 10:00 am Sunday Worship Service**  
**11:00 am Fellowship Time & Congregational Meeting**

**Sept 21 1:00 pm Monday Afternoon Social**  
**7:00 pm Rental: Alanon**

**Sept 22 10:30 am Bible Study w/Rev. Richard (Vestry)**  
**7:00 pm Rental: BC Therapeutic Touch Society**

**Sept 23 10:00 am Coffee & Chat with Rev Richard (Vestry)**  
**5:00 pm Rental: Acting UP! Musical Theatre**

**Sept 24 10:30 am Knox Board Meeting**  
**1:45 pm Stretch & Strength Senior's Exercise Group**  
**7:00 pm Knox Choir Practice**

**Sept 27 10:00 am Sunday Worship Service**  
**11:00 am Fellowship Time**

**KNOX  
WEEKLY  
CALENDAR**

## WEBSITE NEWS....

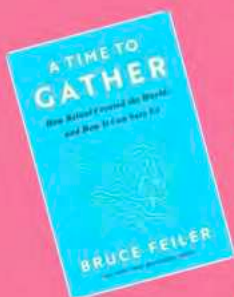
Have you recently heard uplifting Christian music or read a wonderful Christian book that made your life a little brighter? We are so excited to introduce two brand-new additions to our home page: "Great Reads..." and "Great Music..."

As we look for fresh, creative ways to 'engage others through the arts', we wanted to build a space that offers more than just a schedule of events.

Whether you are looking for a thoughtful book to curl up with or a new melody to brighten your week, these sections / parts of the home page are to celebrate incredible artists and designed to bring a little extra inspiration and joy to each digital visit.

Scroll down to the bottom of our home page to take a look.

Is there a book or music that has spoken to your heart lately? When you think others would love it, please take a minute to share a note on your thoughts about them?





## KNOX TRIVIA



Last week's question was "What is the history of the Peace Candle that sits on the table outside the Chapel?"  
Below are the words written in a frame beside it....

### THE PEACE CANDLE

*"Peace in our hearts and peace in our world"*

In 2002, in response to the tragedy of September 11, 2001 and its aftermath, the Worship Team of Knox United Church, Vancouver, decided to have a peace candle burning in the church during our worship services.

In the ensuing years after "9/11", violence around the world seems to have grown in intensity and frequency. Indeed, there seems to be no part of the world that has not suffered violence from some form of terrorism.

The Peace Candle originated in Russia, in 1986 when an elderly lady asked a visiting clergy, Dr Blair Monie, to take a candle as a symbol of peace back to his home church, First Presbyterian Church, York Pennsylvania. That church, upon receiving the candle, decided to make candles available to members of their congregation, inviting them to give them to other churches with which they had contact. We, at Knox, are proud to carry on this tradition.

Our prayer is that" the elderly woman's hope for peace be spread far and wide, as churches in many parts of the world receive these reminders of the vital task of working and praying for peace".

### MONDAY AFTERNOON SOCIALS!

1:00pm-4:00pm

at Knox

EVERYONE  
IS  
WELCOME!



### KNOX WEEKLY ACTIVITIES



### 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  
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## Knox United Church



#### 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"

The Deadline for Submissions to the Knox News & Notes is Wednesdays at Noon.



Some VST students are still searching for housing for the academic year.

If you have a room, suite, apartment, or other accommodation available for rent, consider sharing your listing with the VST community. Your listing could help a student find a welcoming and convenient place to call home while they study at VST.

Click below to learn more and submit a housing listing.

[LEARN MORE](#)

**Brock House Big Band  
Concert**

Enjoy an afternoon of jazz and popular music from this 18 piece Ensemble with tunes from Count Basie, Duke Ellington, and more!

**September 19, 2026  
at 2:00pm**  
(doors open at 1:30pm)

**Knox United Church**  
5590 Balaclava Street  
(Parking available at rear of Sanctuary)

**Suggested Donation: \$20 per person**

Proceeds donated to Knox United Church in appreciation of our summer rehearsal space.

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## Had to be There

CONCERT FOR A CAUSE

WHO: COXIBAMBA

WHAT: BRAZILIAN JAMS

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 27 @ 2 PM

WHERE: EPIPHANY CHAPEL  
6030 CHANCELLOR BLVD

WHY: SUPPORT FIRST UNITED

TIX: HERE →



UHill United Church's "Had to be There: Concert for a Cause" series presents monthly concerts supporting a different organization. September's concert features Coxibamba, led by Brazilian guitarist Mario Silva.

This month, all ticket proceeds and donations collected at the door will support First United Church in Downtown Vancouver and its programs and services.

[MORE INFORMATION & TICKETS](#)