

LECTIONARY READINGS**Jan. 6 - Epiphany**

Isaiah 60:1-6	Arise, shine!
Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14	Song to the Messiah King
Ephesians 3:1-12	Gospel for Gentiles and Jews
Matthew 2:1-12	Story of the Magi

**AFTER WORSHIP COFFEE SERVICE****Jan. 6: Group 4**

George & Eileen Hagblom
Jack & Annemarie Hillson
Ross Hinther
Gail Jorde
Kevin & Margo Junk

Jan. 13: Group 5

Irene Barsky
Wayne & Donna Knouse
Georgie Kyle
Ken & Mereda Leek
Brian & Susan Maitland

Jan. 20: Group 6

Doug & Simone McCosh
Keith McIntyre
Wendell Owen
Art & Janet Postle
Agnes Samson

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**KNOX UNITED CHURCH
JANUARY 6, 2019 - ANNOUNCEMENTS**

WELCOME TO KNOX UNITED CHURCH TODAY! After the worship service, we hope you'll come downstairs into the hall to share some **refreshments** and **conversation**. We invite our visitors to **sign the guest book** in the gathering space just outside the rear sanctuary doors.

WORSHIP TODAY - This morning's worship is led by Rev. Brian Maitland, Wayne Knouse, Mary Lou Beck and the Choir, and Patricia Deibert, organist.

NURSERY - We have a fully equipped nursery in McLeod Hall that is available for your use if needed during the worship service.



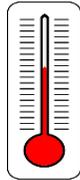
BIBLE STUDY/DISCUSSION takes place on **Wednesdays @ 1:30 pm.** at the Church. Everyone is welcome - come once or make it a regular habit. We discuss the coming Sunday's Lectionary scripture passages, what they mean historically, and how they connect with our lives today. It's a fun, wide-ranging conversation with lots of voices. Come and be refreshed in your faith!





Our gifts for **Mission & Service** support ministries to those living on the margins, like First United Church Community Ministry in East Vancouver BC. The community has become the epicentre of the converging crises of mental health, addiction, extreme poverty, homelessness, and marginalization. The people who gather here for help are people who literally have nowhere else to go - they may have been rejected by other shelters, mental health supports, hospitals, or their own families. Please make M&S giving a regular part of our life of faith. Loving our neighbor is at the heart of our M&S.

Knox is planning a **major capital fundraising project**, and **volunteers are needed!** If you are interested, please see John Rowson, who will Chair this special project.



Ushers - This is a reminder to pick up the new Usher schedule from your mailbox if you haven't yet done so.



IN OUR COMMUNITY

Jan. 19: KNOX - Spivohrai Ukrainian Children's Choir Concert, 6:30 pm.

Jan. 26: Sutherland Hall - 96th Highlanders Pipes & Drums "Burns Night" celebrating Robbie Burns, haggis, bagpipes, dancing, & all things Scottish! Cost \$50 each (Pam has tickets in church office). Make great Christmas gifts!

Jan. 27: KNOX - Knox Outreach Committee will present the Knox Annual **Robbie Burns Luncheon**. Free will offering - proceeds to Howard Coad School.

Becoming an Affirming Ministry

Knox United is again considering embarking on the process toward perhaps becoming an **Affirming Ministry** within the United Church of Canada. An Affirming Ministry is one which intentionally welcomes and affirms all people, embracing diversity and striving to include and be a safe place for all people regardless of age, gender, race, culture, education, ability, economic status, marital status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

The first step on this process is forming a **steering committee**, to guide the congregation in examining and considering the many aspects of diversity and discrimination that need to be addressed. The congregation considering all this may take a year or more. A detailed guide and materials are available to help the committee with this. If you would be interested in being part of this steering committee, please **speak with Rev. Brian**.