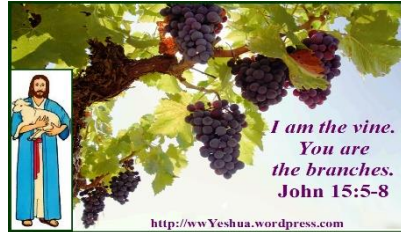




# CHRIST CHURCH GABRIOLA ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIFTH  
SUNDAY OF  
EASTER  
APRIL 29, 2018



**Sunday April 29, 2018 - Celebrant Karen Hollis**  
**Sunday Service 10:00am**

## Rev. Karen's Office Hours



Karen's drop-in office hours will be Tuesday and Wednesday 1:00 - 3:00.

If these times don't work for you, please phone the church -250-247-8633, or email her [RevKarenHollis@gmail.com](mailto:RevKarenHollis@gmail.com) to make an appointment

## Notice of Annual General Meeting of Christ Church Gabriola



The Annual General Meeting of Christ Church Gabriola will be held **TODAY Sunday, April 29, 2018 following morning worship**. Business will include receiving the 2017 committee reports and 2017 financial statements, approval of the 2018 budget, and the election of: Trustees, Churchwardens, Council, and a Chair and Secretary for congregational meetings.

**ANNUAL  
GENERAL  
MEETING**



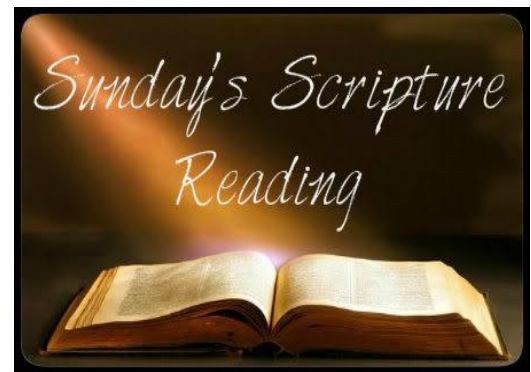
## Food Bank Sunday is next week – May 6th!

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!

## Scripture Readings Format Change

Starting the **first Sunday in May**, Karen will begin doing the first reading of the service (usually a Hebrew Bible Old Testament). We're trying this change in an attempt to simplify the roster and lighten the volunteer load on Sunday mornings.

As well, the Hebrew Bible reading will now serve as a children's story when children are present and Karen will speak directly to them (although all are welcome to listen!) When children are not present Karen will tell the story to the congregation.



## The Kitchen Angels need your help!

We need to keep our kitchen clean and stocked with supplies. We are hoping you can spare a little time to take a turn at being in charge for a month or two. There is a sign-up sheet in the hall and a list of responsibilities posted in the kitchen.

Please consider a donation of your time (no more than an hour a month) in keeping our wonderful Church in tip-top shape.

See Sue Murray or Betty Schultze if you have questions

## PLEASE PRAY Toronto Weeps



God our companion,  
You inhabit the silence of meaningless pain  
You breathe our wordless lament  
You swallow the bitterness of our shock  
**Stay with us, Lord, and pray**

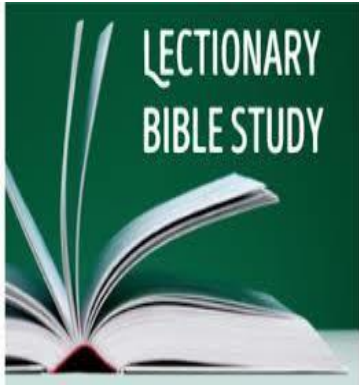
God our heartbeat through day and night,  
You give us the imagination of hope,  
The grammar of love,  
And the courage of calm  
**Stay with us Lord, and heal**

God our fearlessness  
In your image you have made us whole,  
To wait with the suffering  
And to tend the wounded  
To break cycles of abuse and violence  
With the boldness of compassion  
**Stay with us, Lord, and hope**

For yours is the power and the glory,  
Before, within, and after our grief.  
**Now and forever. Amen.**

Please pray for all affected by the attack in North York (Toronto): ten people dead and many others with very serious injuries. For the full text of one prayer, please see <https://www.anglican.ca/news/toronto-weeps/30021287/>

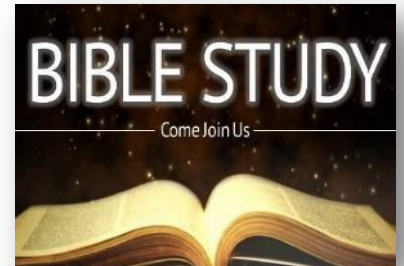
## Lectionary Bible Study Tuesday Mornings!



Please join us on Tuesdays at 10am for a conversation on the lectionary texts for the coming Sunday. All are welcome! Those are lectors and leading prayers that week may find attending particularly helpful for their preparation. So, come and gather for study, prayer and a time of sharing.

## Friday Bible Study & Soup Supper

Friday afternoon (4:00 pm start) **Bible Studies resumed on April 13 and will continue until May 18.** We will begin at Mark 9:2 and work our way through the Gospel of Mark from there. These studies are at the home of Susan and Rob Brockley, 465 Bruce Lynn Drive. Each study is followed by a simple soup supper at 5:30 pm.



Come when you can: to one session, a few sessions, or all six.  
All are welcome.  
Susan Brockley

For more info contact the Church Office ph # 250-  
247-8633

.....

## What's on Next Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup>? Fresh Start Workshop Series

# SATURDAY

The BC Conference of the United Church is adopting Fresh Start, a workshop series created by the Episcopal church in the US to help newly called pastors and congregations get off on the right foot.



As a whole church, we will be gathering to learn about living into healthy patterns and dynamics right from the start. BC Conference will be paying for four initial sessions; we have the option to pay for more if we so choose.

Our first two sessions will be in the **morning and afternoon of Saturday, May 5th (9am-4pm)**; the topics are:

**Conflict Awareness and Power, Authority & Influence**

**There will be a sign-up sheet in the hall for the next few Sundays.**

**BRING A BAGGED LUNCH**



If you, or someone you know, requires emergency pastoral care please **phone the church office** ph # 250-247-8633 for further contact information. The Pastoral Care Team will

continue to provide regular pastoral care for members of the congregation.



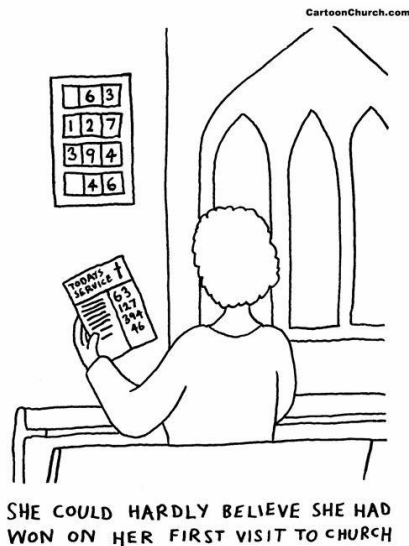
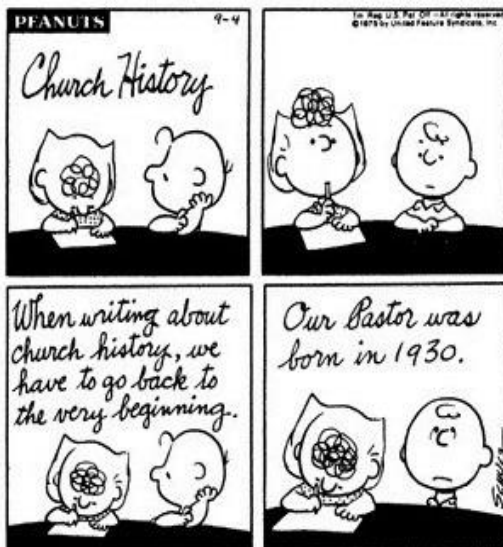
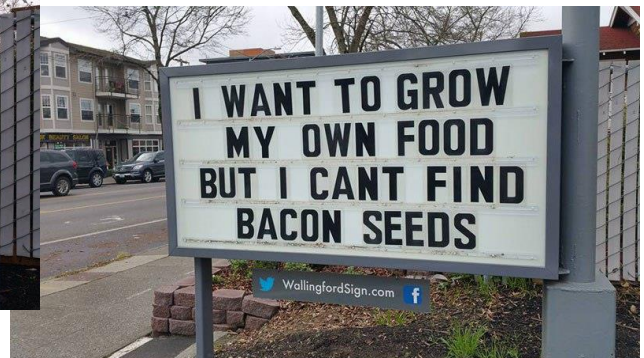
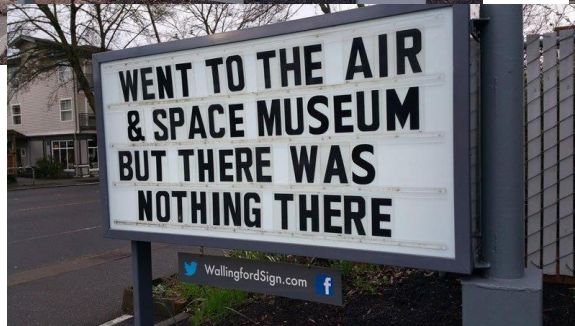
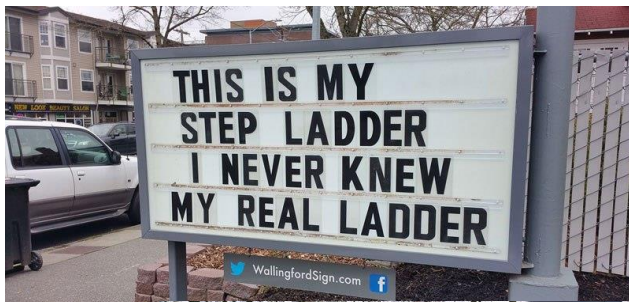


### PRAYER WHEEL

PRAYER WHEEL To request prayers for someone OR to become a member of the prayer wheel and pray for others as requested, please

contact Susan Brockley: or phone **the church office** ph # 250-247-8633

## Church Humour



***All Are Welcome to Worship Together***

We welcome you, whoever and wherever you are, to join us on a journey. We strive to accept each other as we are and welcome the ministry and participation of all persons regardless of age, gender identity, health, race, sexual orientation, differing abilities, religious or ethnic background or economic circumstance.

We hope that in all that we do, in our worship and community life, that the Creator's unconditional love is experienced.

We do this trusting The Creator is with us on the journey.

*We gather on the ancestral lands the Snuneymuxw people.*

*Rev. Karen Hollis*

*Office: 2600 South Rd. Gabriola BC V0R 1X7 250-247-8633*

*Musician: Marilyn Smith*

*Email: office@stmartinoftours.ca office@gabriolaunitedchurch.ca*

*Office Administrator: lisamillard@shaw.ca*

*Communications: hplowright@shaw.ca*

