

CHRIST CHURCH GABRIOLA A COLLABORATIVE UNITED- ANGLICAN CHURCH OPEN TO ALL

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 9, 2018



Karen's drop-in office hours

Tuesday 11.00am -1:00pm & Wednesday 1:00pm-3:00pm.

If these times don't work for you, please phone the church 250247- 8633, or email her revkarenhollis@gmail.com to make an appointment.



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**Communion
Service First &
Third Sunday of the
Month**



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Lectionary Bible Study Tuesday Mornings!

Join Karen as she hosts a lectionary bible study on Tuesday mornings at 10:00am.

This is open to anyone in the community who would like to engage the weekly readings on a deeper level however those that are lectors and leading prayers that week may find attending the session particularly helpful for their preparations for the upcoming service.

Come gather for study, prayer and a time of sharing



Celebration of Comox Nanaimo

Presbytery November 17th 2018 at Trinity

United Church, Nanaimo



Please mark Saturday, Nov.17th on your calendar. This is an exciting event for the whole Presbytery and all church folk are invited to this celebration. We are sending advance notice to save this date

" As you may know, the United Church is terminating the Presbytery level of its original (1925) fourlevel organizational structure on December 31st this year. All the UC and UC-Shared Ministry congregations in BC (plus Whitehorse and Banff) will then become part of the 'Pacific Mountain Region' of the new three-level organisation."



About the Music

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord

is written by Andy Park, a Vineyard songwriter from the Lower Mainland. The song is based on Isaiah 61, a proclamation that the time of God has come to bring good news; God's vengeance (justice) will clean up the corruption and oppression and bring freedom to those who suffer. In this morning's gospel text Jesus takes the message of God's kingdom, which is intended for Israel and opens it up to Gentiles . . . to all.



Listen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFgybDDXWpU>

<https://www.andypark.ca/>

Healer

is wonderful to hear anytime we talk about healing. It highlights the variety of ways we experience healing, from our bodies to the inner workings of our hearts, our thoughts, our insecurity. When Jesus performs a healing he affirms the faith of the one being healed, "your faith has healed you." Jesus stresses that the faith or belief of the one being healed is central for the healing to take place. This idea is also affirmed in the voice of this song.

"Healer" from the album "This is our God" from Hillsong.

Listen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J5qoQmjwv-0>

You hold my very moment
You calm my raging seas
You walk with me through fire
And heal all my disease
I trust in You, I trust in You
And I believe You're my healer
I believe You are all I need
I believe
And I believe You're my portion
I believe You're more than enough for me Jesus You're all I need You hold my very moment
You calm my raging seas
You walk with me through fire
And heal all my disease
And I trust in You, Lord I trust in You
And I trust in You, Lord I trust in You
And I believe You're my healer
I believe You are all I need
And I believe You're my portion
I believe You're more than enough for me
Jesus You're all I need
Nothing is impossible for You Nothing is impossible
Nothing is impossible for You
You hold my world in Your hands Nothing
is impossible for You Nothing is impossible
Nothing is impossible for You
You hold my world in Your hands Nothing
is impossible for You Nothing is impossible
Nothing is impossible for You
You hold my world in Your hands
And I believe You're my healer
I believe You are all I need
Oh I believe, I believe
I believe You're my portion, Lord
(An excerpt)

Saturday

Don't
forget to
bring a

bagged
lunch



A Pastoral Relationship Program
of The United Church of Canada

Next 'Fresh Start'
Saturday Sept 15th
9:00am - 4:00 pm

Christ Church Gabriola Council met and had a great discussion around our final 2 Fresh Start modules.

We settled on #5 Dialogue & #17 Planning for Effective Ministry.

5. Dialogue – Searching for Common Ground: An approach to living in community in spite of our differences.

17. Planning for Effective Ministry – The Discern/Plan/Do/Reflect Cycle: Planning is a cyclical process – “Vision without action is a dream. Action without vision is simply passing the time” (Joel Barker). There must be accountability for action embedded in the cycle and every system needs feedback about how things are going and changing. Cultural relevancy is a key component when discerning the who, what, where, when, why and how of the Spirit's leading and discerning how the church lives into the way of Christ, expressing love for God and neighbour.

Remember the last Modules we looked at in this program...weren't they really informative and helpful?

<https://unitedfreshstart.ca/what-are-the-modules/>

9/11 memorials:

The Story of the Cross at Ground Zero

Sally Jenkins The Washington Post



The shape was oddly identifiable in the blasted wreckage of the World Trade Center, standing upright amid beams bent like fork tines and jagged, pagan-seeming tridents. A grief-exhausted excavator named Frank Silecchia found it on Sept. 13, 2001, two days after the terrorist attacks. A few days later, he spoke to a Franciscan priest named Father Brian Jordan, who was blessing remains at Ground Zero.

“Father, you want to see God’s House?” he asked. “Look over there.”

Father Brian peered through the fields of shredded metal. “What am I looking for?” he asked. Silecchia replied, “Just keep looking, Father, and see what you see.”

“Oh my God,” Father Brian said. “I see it.”

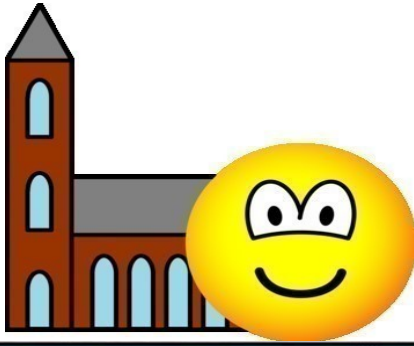
As Father Brian stared, other rescue workers gathered around him. There was a long moment of silence as he beheld what he considered to be a sign. Against seeming insuperable odds, a 17-foot-long crossbeam, weighing at least two tons, was thrust at a vertical angle in the hellish wasteland. Like a cross.

Ever since the two jets had slammed into the twin towers on Sept. 11, leaving 2,753 dead, Father Brian had been asked by countless New Yorkers, “Why did God do this?” He would reply tartly, in his Brooklynborn accent: “It had nuttin’ to do with God. This was the actions of men who abused their free will.” Now here was God explaining Himself. It was a revelation, proof that “God had not abandoned Ground Zero,” even as the awful excavations continued.

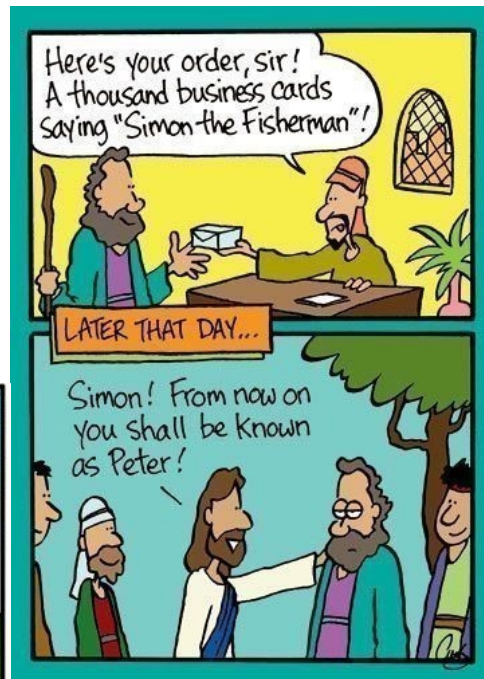
Read more here: https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/911-memorials-the-story-of-the-cross-at-ground-zero/2011/09/07/gIQA2mMXDK_story.html?noredirect=on&utm_term=.e7da71f8afd9

CHURCH

HUMOUR



My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.
- JOHN 10:27 NIV



Poster found in a Church in France... (translated):

"When you enter this church it may be possible that you hear "the call of God". However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving."



Mission Statement

We follow Jesus Christ Worshipping and Serving with Love and
Joy

We open our minds, hearts, and doors to the world.

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