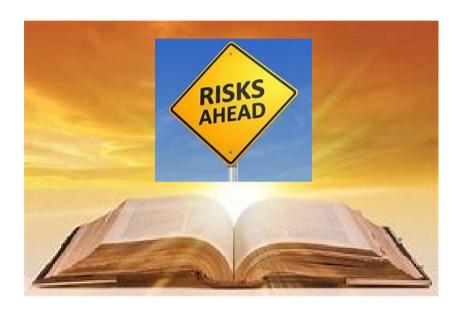
# **Christ Church Gabriola**

# A Collaborative Anglican – United Church Open to All

We gather on the ancestral lands the Snuneymuxw people.



# 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost November 18, 2018

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### Karen is away November 12-25

Part of this time she will be going home for American Thanksgiving. Susan Brockley and Mona Smart will be leading the service today (we have moved the eucharist to the 4th Sunday for this month). Jim Holland will be here Nov. 25 to lead worship and preside at the Eucharist.



## Prayer Shawl Ministry Mon. Nov. 19 1:00pm

Don't knit? Don't Crochet? Don't let this stop you from coming and visiting with the Prayer Shawl Ministry Group this Monday. Free yarn and needles if you want to start a project. Shawls are made and given away to anyone going through a difficult time, an offering of the blessing, love, care and compassion woven into the shawl.



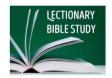
#### **Order Christmas Cakes & Goodies**

Made by Monks at Val Notre Dame Abbey. See the red flyer on the church bulletin board and email judithanne@shaw.ca to place orders by Nov 21.



#### Flowers for our Church

If you would like to contribute flowers, or a seasonal fall display of autumnal leaves for the front of our church the Worship Committee would greatly appreciate it. We would like to maintain the tradition of having natural flora in our church every week. Sign up on the flower registry in the hall. For more information Please contact Worship Committee members.



### **Tuesday Lectionary Bible Study is Suspended**

From now and through the season of Advent the Lectionary Bible Study on Tuesdays is suspended. While Karen is away in November people are welcome to gather at their convenience and discuss the texts. During Advent, instead of Bible study, we will have an Advent Study Series.



### **Advent Study Series Wednesdays 1:00pm**

There will be four gatherings at the Church Hall
Nov 28, Dec 5, 12, 19. Theme: Resting Place for God
We will explore the weekly themes of Advent
(Hope, Peace, Joy, & Love) through scripture, video,
prayer, personal engagement and group sharing.
Gatherings will be approx. 90 min, led by Karen.



# Decorating the Church for Advent & Christmas Saturday December 1<sup>st</sup>

Everyone is invited to a joyful decoration of the church. If you have evergreens such as holly that you could contribute, along with poinsettias, it would be greatly appreciated. For more information please contact Worship Committee members.

# *Silence*

During the season of Advent, the Worship Committee is inviting us to enter into worship in silence. We will be observing 3-5 min of silence at the beginning of the service. The sanctuary doors will be closed and those who wish to chat can do so in the hall. This practice will be part of our preparation for Jesus coming into the world.



#### **Christmas Services Schedule**

December 21 ~ Blue Christmas 7:00pm
December 22 ~ Christmas Alive at Commons
December 24 ~ Lessons & Carols 7:00pm
December 24 ~ Candlelight Eucharist 11:00pm
December 25 ~ Christmas Morning Eucharist 10:00am