



## Comox United Church



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**Please note: Newsletters are also posted on the Comox United website.**

**If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter press reply and let me know.**

Friday, June 3, 2022

Visit our website: it is updated weekly: [www.comoxunitedchurch.com](http://www.comoxunitedchurch.com)

### Sunday, June 5, 2022 – Communion

**Greeters:** Merrilee Cameron, Evy Gillespie

**Coffee:** Margie van Binsbergen, Ruth Gibson

**Service Leaders:** Jenny Carter, Alan Brown

**Sermon:**

**Power Point:** Barb Page

**Scripture Reader:**

To read the scripture follow the link below then type in the scripture verse <http://bible.oremus.org>

**Please Note: the Newsletter is now being posted on our Website.**

#### Thank you!

Thanks to all those who have contributed flowers from their garden for the communion table this spring. We would also like to invite congregation members to contribute a small bouquet or plant (bought or picked from the garden) in memory of someone or in celebration of something.....this memory can be included in the newsletter. Just email Julie at [cjwhitman98@gmail.com](mailto:cjwhitman98@gmail.com) by the Thursday before (or earlier if you wish to contribute on a specific Sunday!)

### Pentecost Sunday

This Sunday we celebrate Pentecost, so wear something **flame-coloured** and collect your flame at the door, ready to hold it above your head during the dramatic reading of the Scripture!



Listen to the inspiring sermon from Rev. Jenny Carter, minister and community organizer from Salmon Arm.

Our Visioning Process has brought us to this time of change:

**Pentecost is Now!**



Coffee and Tea will be served following the service however as the dishwasher in the church kitchen is awaiting repair. Please LUG a MUG

#### Comox United Church worship services are available in three ways.

- 1) Attend worship in-person at the church on Sundays at 10:00 am.
- 2) Watch live on-line by going to our YouTube channel. Just click on this link at 10:00 am on Sunday morning:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCprSWtXE0q4K3LOvG54v0-g>  
[Sunday Services Comox United Church](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCprSWtXE0q4K3LOvG54v0-g)
- 3) Watch the service at another time from the "Virtual Services" page on our website:  
<https://www.comoxunitedchurch.com/pages/online-sunday-services>

**Daily Reflections hosted by the *Christian Seasons Calendar*** offer encouragement in our common ministry as disciples of Christ Jesus, for the glory of God and the sake of God's beloved world.

<https://christiancalendar.squarespace.com/daily>

### Ministry Profile & Search (MPS)

The Regional Council has approved our request to search for a new minister, and our Living Faith Story and job description have gone "live" on the United Church's "ChurchHub" website. From this point on, MPS will be operating in confidential mode. Please bear with us as we work through the process of receiving applications and conducting interviews.



Got Questions? Ask any member of the MPS Committee:

Ken Newman, Barb Craig, Dale Erhart,  
Serena Patterson, Sue Fabrizio, Robert  
McDonald, Sue Sutherland-Justice,  
Alan Brown

**Thank you** from the Tech Team to Ken Vaux who stepped in on short notice to take a quick tutorial on our streaming system and then ran the system to stream last Sunday's service (May 29, 2022). Tech member Ross Griffith-Cochrane and Margaret Griffith-Cochrane watched the service from Sointula and were pleased with the quality of the broadcast. Thanks so much to Ken, and to our streaming tech Brandon Myrbo for his orientation work to show Ken the operation. We are pleased that the stream is reaching folks who can't attend or are away but want to be part of Sunday's time together. If anyone else wishes to have an orientation or just wants to see how this streaming thing works, we'd be happy to do a demo. There's no obligation to become an operator, as we're just happy to show our congregation what is possible with this system. Please contact Ross at [rgriffco@gmail.com](mailto:rgriffco@gmail.com)

### Parking Lot UPDATE

For approximately ten weeks, Edgett Excavating will be using part of the upper parking lot as they install a sidewalk along the south side of Comox Ave in the vicinity of the church. Good news for us! We apologise for any temporary inconvenience this may cause, but we are confident that we will continue to be able to accommodate our congregation and our many user groups.



### Banners!

The Worship Committee is currently reviewing our use and placement of the abundance of banners we possess. If you have some considered thoughts about the banners and suggestions for their use, you are encouraged to contact members of the Worship Committee. Thanks for the input! Joyce Wagland [ajwagland@gmail.com](mailto:ajwagland@gmail.com)



### I-HOS Donation

Many thanks to Renata at I-HOS for this beautiful bamboo bowl from our Comox First Nation. You can see it on the kitchen counter during Coffee hour every Sunday, collecting our coffee donations!



To the Ladies of Comox United Church:

The UCW is pleased to announce that they will be hosting a luncheon for the women of the church on **Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup>** to which you are invited. The luncheon will begin at 12:15 p.m. Food will be provided. (No potluck this time.) There will be a small charge of \$5.

As per our usual practice we will be collecting items for the Transition Society, they have suggested sets of gently used twin sheets, socks, sunscreen, underwear and grocery cards. Toiletries are also welcome.

Please register by June 9, 2022 if you wish to attend. Phone Noreen at 250-890-0204 or email [robertsonalexnoreen@gmail.com](mailto:robertsonalexnoreen@gmail.com)

**We look forward to seeing you  
for lunch at the church on  
Monday, June 13 at 12:15 pm.**



**Check out new postings.**

<https://www.comoxunitedchurch.com/blog>



### Tech Team

Your church Tech Team has a need for interested folks to help enhance our weekly worship. We now stream our services live and have hired a tech to do the streaming on Sunday mornings as he earns his way to North Island College.

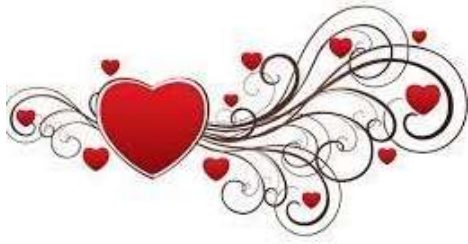
Sound is important, both in the Sanctuary and on-line and we are looking for helpers to assist with providing sound quality. This involves a few functions, most conducted while sitting in a pew with a laptop. We offer training and mentoring to do this and the opportunity to take part in providing a quality experience to the members of our faith community and others.

Do you have an interest? Would you like to know more about what is involved before you plunge into "tech"? Would you prefer to watch a live demonstration of how the system works before making any commitment?

Our team would love to hear from you and talk about what is involved. Please send a message to Joyce Wagland at [ajwagland@gmail.com](mailto:ajwagland@gmail.com) or Ross Griffith-Cochrane at [rgriffco@gmail.com](mailto:rgriffco@gmail.com) with your e-mail and/or phone number and we'd be happy to talk to you or give you an orientation at your convenience.



## IS THIS YOU?



1. You have a heart for the Comox United church family.
2. You make others feel safe to speak up.
3. You can communicate expectations.
4. You lead by example.
5. You avoid procrastination and just get things done.

The Pastoral Care team of Comox United Church is a small, dedicated group that among other things:

- ❖ arranges for cards to be sent to members (and sometimes friends) of our church family for concerns with health, loss, and celebration
- ❖ oversees monthly services at three facilities in the Comox Valley (Glacier View, Comox Valley Seniors Village, Berwick)
- ❖ provided a Caregiver Retreat locally (and have funds from ProVision to conduct another)
- ❖ supports small workshops
- ❖ meets monthly by Zoom

I joined the Pastoral Care team just a few months after I started attending Comox United and became the facilitator later that year. It has been a wonderful way to get to 'know' the people. Our congregation members are quick to let us know about illness, struggles and life changes in other members' lives.

I have been so grateful for this group, but would like to get involved in other areas of church life. We need a new facilitator and a couple of new members would be nice too. Please contact Marni Fisher or Wayne Hughes if you have an interest or questions.

**WE NEED YOU to join  
OUR CREW!**



### Hearing Assist Devices

We are looking for a volunteer to maintain the hearing assist devices.

Please contact the office.

[Admin@comoxunitedchurch.com](mailto:Admin@comoxunitedchurch.com)

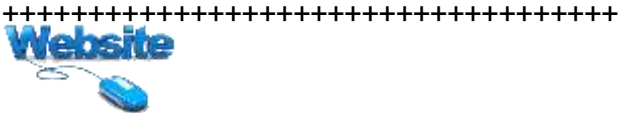
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### Lorna requires help !!!

Occasionally even the tireless Lorna needs a break from her role as our church Office Administrator and plans on taking a vacation. Normally Joanne Wiens steps in to provide backfill and ensure the office runs smoothly in Lorna's absence, however in September when Lorna would like to take her vacation, Joanne is unavailable. Can you help keep the office going during these 3 weeks? (Tues – Fri 9-1).

The role of the Comox United Office Administrator requires good computer skills with a working knowledge of Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Gmail to prepare the church weekly service bulletins, newsletter, PowerPoint slides and email correspondence. Many different groups come into the church so we are looking for someone who will demonstrate our mandate of being a welcoming, affirming, faith-centred place to congregate.

Training would be provided. If you believe that you have these skills and would be willing to help us fill this gap, the Ministry and Personnel Committee would love to hear from you. For more information, please contact Mike Stewart at: [mnstewart@shaw.ca](mailto:mnstewart@shaw.ca)



## Comox UC Website – How To

### *This week's Tip:*

1. To read about this Sunday's Pentecost service, go to the church website by googling **Comox United Church**.
2. From the menu at the top of the page, click on **Events**
3. Scroll down to read about this service.

Questions? Comments? Concerns?  
Submissions? Photos?

**NB: This is YOUR website! If you'd like to add any articles or photos to this or any page, please email Joyce Wagland at [websiteadmin@comoxunitedchurch.com](mailto:websiteadmin@comoxunitedchurch.com) or phone 250-207-5650.**

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### Groups and Gatherings of CxU Folk

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 1:15 UCW (United Church Women)  
Contact Noreen 890-0204

Mondays 1:30-3:30 Knitting Group  
Contact Bev 871-2027

Tuesdays 10:00 Coffee and Conversation  
Contact Cameron 339-0739

Walking Group – watch website or Newsletter for details

CxU Singles  
Contact Ruth Gibson 890-3438 or  
Contact Merrilee 941-5898

Men's Shed/Group  
Contact Mike 339-7877



## Worship, Thank-you, and a Picnic

### Sunday June 26 at 9:15 am Kin Beach

Join us at Kin Beach at 9:15 am on Sunday, June 26, as we gather for an outside Worship Service to say Good-bye to Reverend Phil and Reverend Deb.

Yes, it's hard to believe but the two minsters who joined us last September to help out, have reached the end of their contracts and it is time for them to re-enter retirement. Bring a lawn chair at quarter after nine for a camp style worship service and your favorite camp songs accompanied by Phil on the guitar! After the service, plan on staying for a light lunch and an opportunity to build community with your church family. See you then!

Kin Beach is accessed by going down Ryan Road and turning left on Little River Road at the Military Base, go North until The Griffin Pub and then turn down Kilmorley Road. Turn left on Astra Road and you're there. (or copy the link for more details)

[https://kin-beach-provincial-park.business.site/?utm\\_source=gmb&utm\\_medium=referral#gallery](https://kin-beach-provincial-park.business.site/?utm_source=gmb&utm_medium=referral#gallery)

## MINISTRY Minute

### Experiencing God in Nature: Kathleen's Story



[Photo courtesy of Kathleen White]

June 5 is **World Environment Day**, a time for collective, transformative action on a global scale to celebrate, protect and restore our planet. One of the ways in which children (and adults) learn about the natural world is by spending time at summer camps. The Mission & Service Fund helps support a network of United Church camping programs across Canada attended by approximately 20,000 children every year. Here is the story of someone's camping experience.

Kathleen is a special education teacher, a busy mom of three children under the age of five, and a youth and young adults coordinator at her church. She says her early summer church camp experience gave her skills that will last a lifetime and continues to impact her approach to each of these important roles.

Kathleen grew up in very formal churches where she felt she had to be perfect all the time. Outdoors, in an informal setting, her faith blossomed. "I never felt really connected to God before going to camp. It opened up my perspective of what church is. My relationship with God expanded. I learned to pray, to reflect, and to experience God in nature."

Those early lessons continue to ground Kathleen in trying moments. "Today, because I learned to

connect with God in nature, I can take time to reflect and I can show God's love. I remind my own children that God is with them, even in the hardest times too," she says.

Our congregation gives a designated amount of our annual offerings to the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church which helps support summer camping programmes.

Watch a video of Kathleen's story here:

<https://youtu.be/iveTaP1ITBw>

For more information about World Environment Day 2022 ("OnlyOneEarth") visit the SAGE page of our church website: [Sustainability Action Group for the Environment | Ministries | Comox United Church](#)



**SUNDAY SERVICE 4 PM**

**CENTERING PRAYER 5:30 PM**

details and online access at  
[www.weirdchurchcumberland.com](http://www.weirdchurchcumberland.com)

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