



Comox United Church



There are a few paper copies available for those who would prefer a hard copy. Announcements should be sent to

admin@comoxunitedchurch.com or

call 250 339-3966 by **8:00 am Thursday morning.**

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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 10, 2022

Visit our website: it is updated weekly: www.comoxunitedchurch.com

Sunday, June 12, 2022

Greeters: Joan Gillies, Stewart Crerar

Coffee: May Pagdin, Sonja van Sickle

Service Leader: Rev. Phil Spencer

Sermon: Under Pressure

Power Point: Noreen Robertson

Scripture Reader: Barb Page

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.

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/UCprSWtXE0g4K3LOvG54v0-g>

[Sunday Services Comox United Church](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCprSWtXE0g4K3LOvG54v0-g)

- 3) Watch the service at another time from the "Virtual Services" page on our website:

<https://www.comoxunitedchurch.com/pages/online-sunday-services>



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

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 by the Thursday before (or earlier if you wish to contribute on a specific Sunday!)



Watch this spot for updated information.

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This week's Tip:

1. To read past sermons, go to the church website by googling **Comox United Church**.
2. From the menu at the top of the page, click on **Sermons**.
3. Scroll down to read the sermon of your choice, back as far as September, 2018!

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 or phone 250-207-5650.

Church Retreat on Quadra Island September 30 – October 2, 2022

Beautiful Camp Homewood on Quadra Island has been the site of 2 previous fall retreats for Comox United people.

<https://camphomewood.com/>

We are planning to hold another retreat on the weekend of September 30 – October 2, 2022, arriving Friday before dinner and leaving Sunday after lunch. This weekend is an excellent opportunity to relax, enjoy nature, let someone else do the cooking (and the dishes!) and get to know each other better. There are accommodation options to suit everyone.

So far only 14 people have said they will attend. Another 12 people have said “maybe”. We need a minimum of 30 people to say “yes” in order to reserve our weekend.

**Please indicate your intention by
responding to the following 4-question
survey
by June 14, 2022.**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GNT22PS>

Please note the following change to costs. The cost for the weekend, including accommodation and meals and activities led by Camp Homewood staff is:

Adults/Teens (13+) = \$188 for the weekend

Children (6-12) = \$150 for the weekend

Children (3-5) = \$94 for the weekend

Infants/Toddlers (0-2) = free

Financial aid may be available for a limited number of attendees.

More details will be provided once we know if enough people will attend.

Thank you.



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.

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 or Ross Griffith-Cochrane at 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.

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Hearing Assist Devices

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

Please contact the office.

Admin@comoxunitedchurch.com

BANNER

Banners! – please respond by June 17

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

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MINISTRY Minute

A Better World: Anti-Human Trafficking Work in India



Participants gather for an anti-human trafficking education program.

Credit: Diocese of Durgapur

The Diocese of Durgapur in Wests Bengal has been busy initiating life-saving anti-trafficking programming, advocacy, education, and relief efforts with the support of the Mission & Service Fund of the United Church.

In 2021 their work included:

- Training 985 key people, including youth, church, and community leaders, to become aware of anti-human trafficking methods
- Computer training for 20 young people
- Teaching bamboo crafting to 9 families so they could augment their income
- Providing relief for 500 families during COVID lockdowns, including food hampers and personal protective equipment

- Installing CCTV cameras in the Malda Safe Home, which houses 21 children

Most of the people who receive help from the Diocese of Durgapur live below the poverty line and earn their livelihood through agriculture and labour. “They go to other states looking for work and sometimes fall victim to human trafficking. Now as COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, people are again getting ready to go outside the area to find employment. We are working with these people, especially in the areas where people were trafficked earlier, so they don’t become victims,” says Raja Moses, a Project Coordinator for the Diocese.

Our congregation gives a designated amount of our annual offerings to the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church.



SUNDAY SERVICE 4 PM

CENTERING PRAYER 5:30 PM

details and online access at
www.weirdchurchcumberland.com