



Comox United Church

Our Values: Spirituality, Openness, Care for the Common Good, Radical Love

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

Announcements should be sent to admin@comoxunitedchurch.com or call 250 339-3966 by **8:00 am Thursday morning.**

If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter please email admin@comoxunitedchurch.com.

Thursday, June 30, 2022

Sunday, July 3, 2022

No Service at Comox United
We are invited to worship with St.
George's United Church

<https://www.stgeorgesunited.com/>

Please note: Church office will be
closed

July 1 and July 12 – 15.



Sunday 10th July our church will be hosting people from St George's United Church, and the Presbyterian Church. We would like to offer cookies along with the tea and coffee

during our social time in the hall. If you are able, then please help by bringing a few cookies to the kitchen before service for this social time. Thank you.



July 3 – no service at Comox United

We are invited to worship with
St. George's United Church – 10:30 am
<https://www.stgeorgesunited.com/>

July 10 – Shared Service HERE at Comox
United Church with St. Georges and the
CV Presbyterian Church

July 17 – no service at Comox United
We are invited to worship with the CV
Presbyterian Church – 10:30 am
<https://comoxvalleypresbyterian.ca/>



SUNDAE Sunday - July 24

Exciting advance notice: we are planning a
SUNDAE Sunday on July 24th! Donations
will be gratefully accepted towards
Homewood Retreat expenses.



Our dates are September 30-October 2, 2022 and we would encourage you to consider coming - for fun, fellowship, rest and recreation at the beautiful site on Quadra Island. Please email gilesr@shaw.ca if you plan on coming but have not already notified Joanne Wiens. We need a minimum number of 30 to attend.

Any photos from previous visits would be welcomed; send to gilesr@shaw.ca

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>



Check out the CxU Blog

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

This week's Tip:



1. To read about the summer schedule for Sunday Worship Services, 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 to Shared Summer Services.
4. Enjoy!

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.

Volunteer opportunities



Communion Servers Needed



Now that we are having communion on the first Sunday of every month, the Worship Committee is developing a list of people who would be interested in serving communion to the congregation, on a rotational basis. If you're interested in being on this list, please contact Joyce at ajwagland@hotmail.com



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

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Help Needed (not just Wanted...)

A United Church has one committee that is mandatory: the Ministry & Personnel (M&P) Committee. Its role and primary responsibility is to act as a confidential sounding board and support agency for church staff.

M&P also deals with all personnel business regarding church staff, including: maintaining regular, thoughtful contact with each staff member; an annual evaluation with each staff; goal-setting; career and continuing education planning; problem-solving; recommending to the Church Council and Treasurer yearly or situational adjustments to compensation and benefits; oversight of relations between staff or between staff and congregation members or groups, which may include helping to work through any disagreement or misunderstanding (a rare event generally); various administrative tasks in the employer / employee relationship; maintenance of personnel records; and so on.

At the moment our M&P Committee has one member, and one additional person who acts as clerk. Many thanks to you both. BUT...one person simply cannot carry out the mandate of an M&P Committee. To function, this committee needs a minimum of 4 members. This situation also puts our congregation in the position of not meeting our (required) responsibilities to our staff and to the United Church of Canada.

Not having an M & P committee is not an option. As noted, an M & P Committee is mandatory.

We need at least three more people if we are to fulfil our obligations. (M&P can have up to 7 members.) We seek people who:

can offer 2-8 hours each month - demand varies, includes a 1 - 2 hr. meeting & possibly 1 -2 hours of other work.

- are Members of our church (have formally joined our or another United Church)
- are able to listen, assess, discern, and help with problem-solving
- have good interpersonal skills

- can maintain a high level of objectivity and strict confidentiality
- can operate as a member of a team
- can commit to a two-year term
- have some experience in personnel management if possible

In the last few years our M&P Committee has been well-tested, with an evolving, chronic illness situation and much uncertainty. With the calling of a new minister we expect the committee's work will be both less in volume and less urgent.

Being an M&P member is rewarding and fulfilling for the right person. It is a chance to make a meaningful contribution to the church and to get to know some exceptional people – our staff. If you think you might be able, and willing, to serve in this capacity we would love to speak with you. We can explain the job in more detail than a note like this can do.

Please contact Howard Robertson, NoVA chair, at nova@comoxunitedchurch.com.

Together We Are Canada

by Leanne Guenther

My name is British Columbia
The jewel of the West Coast.
Forestry and fishing are
The things that I do most.

Hi, I am Alberta
A wild west kind of place
With cows and oil and mountains
And lots of open space.

I am Manitoba
And I'm Saskatchewan
We're the golden prairies
Where fields of wheat grow in the sun

Hi, I am Ontario
The home of government
To me each year the leaders
Of our democracy are sent.

Bonjour, I am Quebec
Here French is my language too
When I want to ask "how are you?"
I say, "comment allez vous?"

Newfoundland, New Brunswick
And Nova Scotia -- these are we,
We are Atlantic Provinces
The three musketeers of the sea.



I'm Prince Edward Island
And I know I may be small
But without me all the rest of you
Would have no potatoes at all.

The Yukon, Nunavut and North West
Territories are up north.
Through ice and cold and polar bears
Few brave souls venture forth.

Together we are Canada
One nation strong and free
With sharing, friends and happiness
Forever we will be!

MINISTRY Minute

Supporting Displaced People in Ukraine



Irina in a refugee shelter

Credit: Fekete Dániel/Hungarian Interchurch Aid

Recent statistics released by the United Nations are mind-boggling: More than 12 million people are believed to have fled their homes in Ukraine since the invasion began. Over 5.7 million have left for neighbouring countries, and another 6.5 million people are thought to be displaced inside the war-torn country itself.

Irina, a trained nurse, is one of these millions of people whose family has been torn apart by war. Her husband, a history teacher, joined the territorial defence in the first days of the occupation. In the beginning, Irina and her children (five and eight-years-old) moved in with her parents until nearby bombing threatened their safety.

Irina's parents didn't want to leave their home so after a lot of agonizing soul-searching, Irina left with her children and started walking toward the evacuation point. They were forced to take cover as shelling grew near. Eventually, after an exhausting 25 hour train journey the family arrived in Batiovo where they were welcomed into one of 120 refugee centres. There, thousands of people like Irina and her children have found shelter, warm meals, and hospitable supportive volunteers. For now the family isn't crossing the border; Irina's husband, sister, and parents are still in Ukraine and Irina doesn't want to leave them farther behind. But she recognizes this might not be an option in the future.

The United Church of Canada has raised over a million dollars to support Ukrainians and, in partnership with Hungarian Interchurch Aid, some of these funds are helping to provide refugee centres with food, water, hygiene products, and household appliances.

Our own congregation has raised over \$7000 to help in Ukraine. Please continue to hold Irina and the people of Ukraine in your prayers.

Each year on Indigenous Day of Prayer Sunday the Social Justice team of Comox United invites you to consider giving a special donation to the **Healing Fund** which helps the United Church of Canada live out its commitment to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action. This fund was established in 1994 and offers financial support to grassroots projects that focus on healing initiatives for survivors of the Indian Residential Schools system and its ongoing intergenerational impacts. The Indigenous church oversees the fund and communities can apply for up to \$15,000 for healing, culture, and/or language projects. Donations to this appeal can be made by cash or cheque using the designated envelopes (in the foyer) or by e-transfer to the Treasurer:

treasurer@comoxunitedchurch.com

For more information about the Healing Fund please see the bulletin board in the church hall.