



# 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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@comoxunitedchurch.com).

Friday, July 8, 2022

## Sunday, July 10, 2022

**Greeters:** Marg Silman, Merrilee Cameron

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

**Service Leader:** Serena Patterson

**Sermon:**

**Power Point:** Sue Newman

**Scripture Reader:** Alan Brown

**Scripture:** Luke 10:25-37

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

**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-q>  
[Sunday Services Comox United Church](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCprSWtXE0g4K3LOvG54v0-q)
- 3) Watch the service at another time from the "Virtual Services" page on our website:  
<https://www.comoxunitedchurch.com/pages/online-sunday-services>

**Please note: The Church office will be closed July 12 – 15.**



**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/>



**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.



### **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.

**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>



Wayne thinks this summer feels a little bit like Advent. Check out his latest blog **Summer Advent** by clicking on the link below.

While visiting the webpage be sure to check out the latest News and Events.

[Blog | Comox United Church](#)

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### ***This week's Tip:***



This week's Tip:

1. To read about how to deal with an email scam known as phishing, go to the church website by googling Comox United Church.
2. From the menu at the top of the page, click on News.

3. Scroll to Tech Advice.

4. Learn and be forewarned!

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.



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](mailto: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](mailto:gilesr@shaw.ca)



Rainbow Bike Racks

As part of our commitment towards “greening” Comox United Church the SAGE (Sustainable Action Group for the Environment) team has recently installed six new bike racks in two former car parking spaces in front of the church building. These racks will be able to accommodate twelve bikes and when there are more cyclists than we have capacity for we hope to install more racks! This green step was a team effort: racks were ordered by Cathie Talbot from Reliance Foundry in Surrey, installed by Stewart Tracey, and painted in beautiful rainbow colours by Joan Gillies. Since one of the car parking spaces that has been transformed into a bike parking space was designated for those with handicap parking permits there will be additional designated spaces added to the Comox Avenue side of the parking lot.

MINISTRY Minute

## Transformed Lives



Saidath Murorunkwere (middle row, second from the right ) is pictured here with classmates.

*Credit: Asian Rural Institute*

Saidath Murorunkwere is one of many Rwandans whose lives were scarred by the genocide of 1994. In just 100 days that year an

estimated 800,000 to 1,000,000 Rwandans were killed. Of Saidath’s extended family of nearly 200, only two aunts and a few of her siblings survived. When the genocide finally stopped Saidath and her family had to start over with absolutely nothing because everything they owned had either been burned or stolen.

To make ends meet through the following years, her mother sold charcoal and Saidath worked as a bus driver’s assistant. Many days they went without eating. Still, Saidath was determined to finish secondary school. She became a secretary and eventually studied at the University of Rwanda, where she graduated with a degree in journalism.

Despite her education, the pay was low so she began to work as a farmer and a social worker with a non-governmental organization that works to fight HIV/AIDS, malnutrition, and poverty while promoting organic agricultural practices. In that role, Saidath worked with 60 farming families to build kitchen gardens.

Inspired to make an even bigger difference, she applied to the Asian Rural Institute (ARI). There she learned about environmental conservation, educating farmers, initiating microfinance programs, attaining rights for women and children, and organizing aid for refugees. Saidath’s goal is to develop more cooperatives in her community where she can pass on skills she has learned.

Each year ARI, supported through the Mission & Service Fund, trains 25–30 grassroots leaders (like Saidath) from Asia, Africa, and Latin America at their centre in Tochigi, Japan. Part of your offering this week will help extraordinary leaders like Saidath to make a difference in their community.

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### **Announcement regarding Ukrainian refugees**

There are several groups in the Comox Valley working together to sponsor and support Ukrainian refugees. The work is being coordinated by the Comox Valley Ukrainian Cultural Society and includes a group from the Catholic Church, some individuals, and a representative from our congregation. One member of our congregation has offered accommodation and we will also be providing some furniture as needed from our storage area in the church. When the refugee families begin arriving in the Valley our church will be hosting some fundraising events to support their settlement.

We are seeking donations of kitchenware, dishes, and bed linens. Please contact Cathie [cgtalbot@shaw.ca](mailto:cgtalbot@shaw.ca) or 339-1021 to arrange delivery.

Thank you, The Social Committee

### **Ukraine Refugees and Hosts Comox Valley Presbyterian Church**

We are hosting an informal gathering on Sunday evenings from 6:00 – 8:00 here at Comox Presbyterian.

This informal gathering is for Ukrainian refugees and their hosts to simply gather together at our church to share a time together with coffee, tea, juice and snacks.

I would appreciate anyone who would like help. You are welcome to email me at, [buddiesatthebay@gmail.com](mailto:buddiesatthebay@gmail.com) or call me at 604-740-8123

Mary Bittroff



There is a time for everything, a season for every activity under heaven.

Summer is a time for ice cream cones, driveway basketball games, neighborhood swimming, and lazy afternoons.

May the joyous season of summer reflect God's loving care for our children.

Let us enjoy our times of sun, relaxation and leisure with our friends and family.