



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.

Friday, July 22, 2022

Sunday, July 24, 2022

Greeters: Isobel McLeish, Marj Adams

Coffee: Sonja van Sickle, Mae Pagdin

Service Leader: Cathie Talbot

Reflection:

Power Point: Merrilee Cameron

Scripture Reader: Joyce Wagland

Scripture: Psalm 141

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/UCJlaxG_quMwagK5WeiQwXPA
- 3) Watch the service at another time from the "Virtual Services" page on our website:
<https://www.comoxunitedchurch.com/pages/online-sunday-services>



Check out the CxU Blog

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



SUNDAE Sunday - July 24

Donations will be gratefully accepted towards Camp Homewood Retreat expenses (see below).



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

This week's Tip:



1. To read about **sundaes** in the hall this Sunday, 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 Sundae Sunday!
4. Enjoy!

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



Free topsoil -courtesy of Edgett Contracting
- is available to any in the congregation
- first come, first served, but must do the loading and transport yourself.

Thank You !

You will notice that the lines in the parking lot have been freshly painted. This happened because one of our congregation skillfully negotiated with Edgett Contracting. In exchange for letting Edgett use our parking lot to store their trucks and excavators during the sidewalk construction project Edgett arranged for the lines to be repainted. No money changed hands. Just old-fashioned bartering and trust.

Thank you to Edgett and their partners.
Thank you to Andrew Black for handling this on our behalf.

How to live Our Values:
Spirituality

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>

How to live Our Values:

Openness

"Though "out of the world," we are in the same world as everybody else, the world of the bomb, the world of race hatred, the world of technology, the world of mass media, big business, revolution, and all the rest. We take a different attitude to all these things, for we belong to God. Yet so does everybody else belong to God. We just happen to be conscious of it, and to make a profession out of this consciousness."

Thomas Merton

How to live Our Values:

Care for the Common Good

(Space for your idea here. Send a note to admin@comoxunitedchurch.com.)

How to live Our Values:

Radical Love

Consider a role on the Refugee Support team that is helping dozens of Ukrainian people settle in the Comox Valley. Ruth G. offered her vacant suite and now has a young family living there.

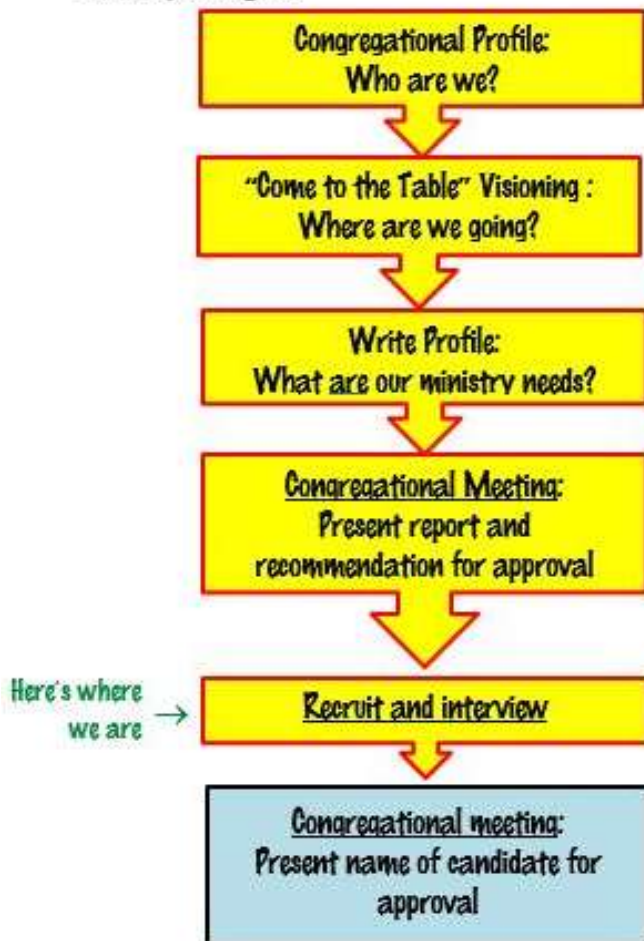
What role will you take?

To offer you gift of time or talent, contact Cathie Talbot at 250-339-1021 or cgtalbot@shaw.ca.

The Search for a New Minister

In early June, we posted our Living Faith Story and a job description with an application deadline of July 15, after which we will begin to interview candidates.

Once we have selected a successful candidate, three weeks' notice will be required for a congregational meeting to approve the candidate. If that person is serving with another congregation, they will have to give three months' notice before joining us.



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

MINISTRY Minute

Supporting Refugees



Food baskets are distributed in Agadir, Morocco
Credit: Église Évangélique Au Maroc

Although we are very aware of refugees fleeing the war in Ukraine these days, there are situations all over the world which force people to leave their home country.

In the last two years, the number of refugees and asylum seekers in Morocco has more than doubled. Today, the country is both a transit and a host country with 19,620 refugees and asylum seekers. Each person arrives in Morocco hoping for a better life for themselves and their family. Many attempt to cross the Strait of Gibraltar from Morocco to Europe, a 14-km trip.

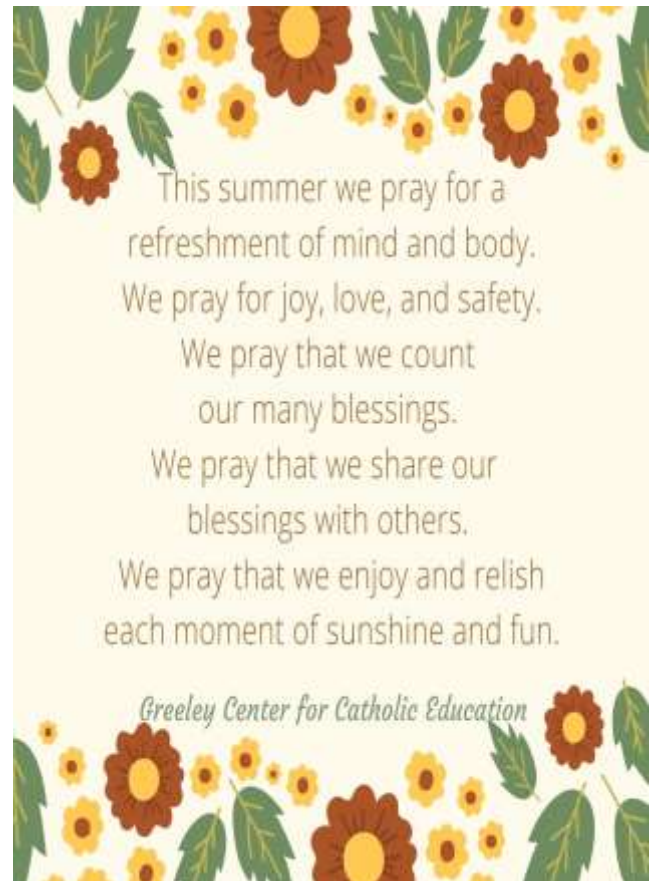
“To give you an idea of what this ‘trip’ looks like, they get on an inflatable boat (normally made for 10–20 people) with more than 40 people, hoping that the wind, their manual maneuvers, and God will get them to Europe. And they pay thousands of euros to get on that boat!” write Fritz Joseph and Emmanuela Loccident, who served four years in Morocco with the United Church in partnership with Global Ministries of the Disciples of Christ.

“Every day we hear of people who die trying to cross over. A lot don’t even know how to swim. Many of those wishing to cross the sea and ultimately go to Europe were, and still are, living in scarcity and poverty because they have used all their money to get to Morocco. Every country they must cross requires fees for passage. So, when arriving in Morocco, they must find a way to pay for their next and final trip to Europe.”

In Morocco, United Church Mission & Service gifts support refugees and migrants by providing life-saving medication as well as blankets, food, clothes, and professional training. “Helping migrants is one of the biggest ministries of the church. We are there for people who have nowhere else to go,” said Fritz and Emmanuela.

Part of your offering this week will help dedicated leaders such as Fritz and Emmanuela in the life-saving work of supporting refugees.

How to Stay Cool in the Heat



Join The Grand Parade to benefit Glacier View Lodge! Saturday, September 17, 2022 Comox Marina Park 10 – 1:00. Proceeds from this fundraising walk will go towards the Music Therapy Program. Gather friends and family to form a team to fundraise and walk, or donate to an existing team. More information at: <https://thegrandparade.org/location/comoxvalley>