



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 Sept. 29, 2022

Sunday, Oct. 2, 2022

Greeter: Evy Gillespie

Coffee: Mae Pagdin and Leone King

Service Leader: Wayne Hughes

Sermon/Reflection: Faith as Big as a Mustard Seed

Power Point: Sue Newman

Scripture Reader: Ken Newman

Scripture: Luke 17:5-10

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

The office will be closed for Friday, Sept. 30 in honour of Truth and Reconciliation Day.

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>

COMING in February, 2023!

Beach Street Players and

Director, Gloria Herauf

are thrilled to announce their upcoming Musical,

SOUNDTRACK OF OUR LIVES

Performance Dates are February 9, 10, 11 and February 17, 18 at Comox United Church. Filled with fun, laughter, and great music, Beach Street Players will put a smile on your face and a song in your heart! Be sure to mark your calendars!

The UCW meeting for Oct. is on Oct. 3 at 1:15 p.m. in M7. All women are welcome for a short devotional and meeting followed by tea and fellowship.

Dance Classes

The Sept "try before you buy" classes are over.

Starting this week we would like to start asking for a \$5 a class donation that is a fundraiser for the Wachiay Friendship Center Society in Courtenay.

For further info contact Wendy @

Trinitydance@shaw.ca

Prayers of the People

The Worship Committee are reinstating the sheet for prayer requests for concerns and also welcome requests for prayers of thanksgiving. A sheet will be on the table in the Narthex with a pen for you to write requests and the worship leader will pick it up on their way into the service.



Volunteer Opportunity:

We are looking for more volunteers to run the PowerPoint on Sunday mornings. You would usually be scheduled for one Sunday a month.

Training will be provided. Please let the office know if this is something that calls to you.



This week's Tip:

Comox UC Website – How To .

This week's Tip:

1. To see an article with photos of the Soup & Sandwich lunch with Florence's 100th birthday, go to the church website by googling **Comox United Church**.
2. From the menu at the top of the page, click on **Congregational Life**.
3. From the dropdown menu, click on **Soup and Sandwich**.
4. Enjoy!

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 or phone 250-207-5650.

Minute for Reconciliation



"We call upon church parties to the Settlement Agreement to develop ongoing education strategies to ensure that their respective congregations learn about their church's role in colonization, the history and legacy of residential schools, and why apologies to former residential school students, their families and communities were necessary."

Friday, September 30 is **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation** in Canada, colloquially known as Orange Shirt Day. It is a day to acknowledge the lasting harm of the residential school system, and to reaffirm our ongoing commitment of living into right relations with the indigenous peoples of this land. Part of that commitment involves continuing to learn and to work for justice.

The **Indigenous Ministry of the Pacific Mountain Regional Council** of the United Church of Canada promotes and initiates traditional ancestral principles to be an integral part of living faith, and trust in God and the Gospel of Christ in all relationships including conflict resolution, rites of passage, purification, and affirmation. They have created an extensive online library of **Indigenous Recommended Readings** which includes key historical documents like Treaties, Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action and the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, as well as many articles, books, and websites. These materials are offered by the Indigenous Ministry leadership, for United Church people to explore, learn, and understand. As part of your commitment to learn more about Indigenous issues please visit:
<https://pacificmountain.ca/ministry/indigenous-ministry/pmrc-and-indigenous-foundational-reading-list>



Prayer requests can be sent to any member of the prayer group:

Elaine Burnell ebbburnell@gmail.com

Noreen Robertson noreen1944@gmail.com

Joan Gillies joanb1@shaw.ca

Trevor Fox trevor.fox@islandhealth.ca

Super Singles started a few years ago with the main purpose of sharing a meal with someone else rather than eating by ourselves. Over time we've celebrated birthdays, enjoyed outings, friendships and support. If you are single and would like to join us, we meet for dinner on the 2nd Friday of each month. For more information, contact Ruth Gibson rmgibson@telusplanet.net or Merrilee Cameron tomyhome@shaw.ca



Orange Shirt Day



On September 30, people all across Canada will wear orange shirts to remember and honour Indigenous children who were taken from their communities and families to residential institutions.

This year, Indigenous communities across the country continue to share the truth they have always known: that many of the children who never returned home remain on the grounds of those institutions in unmarked burial sites. These communities are now seeking to honour the missing children.

On Orange Shirt Day we also observe the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**. For non-Indigenous Christians in particular, this is a time to reflect on their role in colonialism and the ongoing responsibility to make reparations.

For more information visit: <https://united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/honour-children-who-attended-residential-schools>