



## 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, Oct. 14, 2022

### **Sunday, Oct. 16, 2022**

**Greeter:** Julie Whitman

**Coffee:** Ken and Sue Newman

**Service Leader:** Margie van Binsbergen

**Sermon/Reflection:**

**Power Point:** Merrilee Cameron

**Scripture Reader:** Stewart Crerar

**Scripture:** Psalm 138, Luke 11:1-4

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](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>



**Oct. 23, 2022 following the service  
Congregational Meeting to receive the report  
from the MPS Committee**

We will have a Special  
Thanksgiving offering for  
the Comox Valley Food Bank.



This is one of Comox United's four annual special appeals to support local and global outreach programs.

**Envelopes on the table in the narthex.**

### **Men's Breakfast**

**Sat. Oct. 22 at 9:00**

**All men are warmly invited to this time of  
food and Fellowship.**



### **Dance Classes**

The Sept "try before you buy" classes are over. Beginning in Oct. we will be asking for a \$5 per class donation. This will be donated to the Wachiay Friendship Center Society in Courtenay.

This is in solidarity with Comox United Church values, and our desire to address reconciliation.

For further info contact Wendy @

[Trinitydance@shaw.ca](mailto:Trinitydance@shaw.ca)

## Care-A-Van at Comox United Oct. 4, 2022



Recently the Comox Bay Care Society, who operate the Care-A-Van, approached Comox United to ask if they could use our address as their legal mailing address. Then Council learned that the Care-A-Van must vacate their current premises by the end of October. They are looking for a parking spot for the van as well as a location to store and sort clothing donations. Ideally the storage and parking would be in close proximity to facilitate stocking the van before it heads out on its rounds each week.

The Care-A-Van and Comox United Church have a long history dating back to the inception of the Comox Bay Care Society. Helen Boyd, Registered Nurse and Mental Health Therapist (and member of Comox United) identified a gap in health care for the homeless population in our community. On April 27, 2009 the program was launched and the concept of a mobile health clinic took shape. Now the "Care-A-Van mobile health unit maintains a schedule of 3 weekly predetermined stops at 6 geographic locations in our catchment area." Learn more about this work at <https://www.cvcareavan.ca>. To see the equipment and supplies inside the van watch <https://content.jwplatform.com/previews/SNeUM6EK>.

At the Council meeting on September 21, 2022 Dale Erhart, President of the Comox Bay Care Society (and member of Comox United), and Sabina Acheson, Program Coordinator, answered questions about their requirements. The result was the following motion, which was carried unanimously:

**MOTION that Comox United Church enter into a 5-year rental agreement, with annual review and option to extend, with the Comox Bay Care Society to provide storage for their physical donations and parking for the Care-A-Van.**

Soon you will see the Care-A-Van in a parking shelter in the lower parking lot. All applicable permits with the Town of Comox and the cost of the shelter will be handled by the Society. Storage for their clothing donations will be one of the unused Sunday School rooms on the top floor. And 250 Beach Drive is now the legal mailing address for the Comox Bay Care Society.

We are grateful for this opportunity to further enhance the relationship between the Comox Bay Care Society (Care-A-Van) and Comox United Church. It is a tangible way of living our value of "Care for the Common Good".

### **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.

### **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!*



### 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.

## Comox UC Website – How To



### This week's Tip:

1. To read this Newsletter, or to read past Newsletters, 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 down to Weekly Newsletter and click on that.
4. Under Downloads, choose which Newsletter you'd like to read.
5. Enjoy!

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.**

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## Minute for Mission

Thanksgiving and World Food Day



A large part of the world lives with the reality of food insecurity and over 700,000,000 will go to bed hungry tonight.

The **Food and Agriculture Organization** of the United Nations (FAO) created **World Food Day** on October 16, 1945. World Food Day events promote worldwide awareness and action for those who suffer from hunger and help strengthen the link between agriculture and food security. World Food

Day falls on a Sunday this year, a week after Thanksgiving Sunday.

The United Church of Canada believes access to food is a basic right. We believe that those who work to provide food—farmers, fishers, gatherers, and hunters—as well as those who transport, distribute, and prepare food should enjoy safe and dignified working conditions and earn an adequate livelihood. Funds raised through the **Mission and Service Fund** and **Gifts with Vision** help support community kitchens and meal programs, food cupboards, shelters, job training programs, community gardens, and healthy food programs across Canada.

Internationally, the United Church of Canada sends food in times of crisis, distributes seeds, funds agricultural training programs and micro-lending programs, and supports projects that help small-scale farmers get the equipment they need. We work with partners like **ACT Alliance** and the **Canadian Foodgrains Bank** to move beyond the charity model and work toward long-term systemic change for food security. Visit [Food Security](#) to see some of the ways the United Church is working to end food insecurity. In recognition of Thanksgiving Sunday and World Food Sunday the Social Justice team invites you to make a financial contribution to the **Comox Valley Food Bank**, which has been in operation for almost 40 years and serves over 2000 people every week. Donations of cash and cheques can be placed in designated envelopes available in the lobby or made by e-transfer to [treasurer@comoxunitedchurch.com](mailto:treasurer@comoxunitedchurch.com). Please write "Food Bank appeal" on your cheques or in comment section for e-transfer.

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### 2022 Fundraising Event

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2022

At 4 Quarters in Cumberland

Seatings at 5pm and 7 pm

Full Indian sit down dinner \$40 per ticket

Tickets available at Blue Heron Books, Comox

and Laughing Oyster Books, Courtenay or

prepay and have your tickets held at the door

For pre- payment options or more information,

contact Heather 250 338 2181

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