



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 , Nov. 18, 2022

Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022

Greeters: Marj Adams

Coffee: Debra Monk, Marilyn Bourne

Service Leader: Rev. Brenda Riley

Sermon: The Spirituality of Leadership

Power Point: Barb Page

Scripture Reader: Joyce Wagland

Jeremiah 23:1-6

VU 900 The song of Zechariah (Luke 1:68-79)

Colossians 1:11-20

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>

Many thanks to Margaret Morin for her loving care and diligence in keeping the gardens in front of the church looking so attractive.

Exciting News

Our new minister, the Rev. Karen Hollis will be starting on 3rd January. She is seeking secure storage for 2 canoes, one 15 ft, one 12 ft. and two totes each approximately 2 1/2 feet square containing her gardening equipment. If you are able to help, please contact Ken Newman (250-792-6307; kennewman@shaw.ca).

Please be on the lookout for housing!
Our new minister and her husband will need housing when they arrive in Comox in January.
Needed: either a house or apartment ideally over 900 sq. Ft.
minimum 2 bedrooms
okay with dogs (38 lb. border collie)
\$2000 - \$2400 monthly rent
Ideas? Contact Joyce
ajwagland@hotmail.com



The Comox united UCW is happy to record that \$1279.40. was raised at our recent Bake and Book sale. Thanks to all who helped in so many ways and to those who attended and supported this effort.

Mark your calendars! On Friday November 25th at 5:30 pm, please join us for
**The Hanging of the Greens
Potluck & Service**

as we celebrate the arrival of Advent! Let's enjoy having dinner together, followed by a short service and chance to decorate the sanctuary. Please bring mitts, toques, scarves etc. to decorate the tree. These will be donated to Care-A-Van.

A signup sheet will be in the hall during coffee time for volunteers to help setup and cleanup for this event.

Hope to see you there!
Questions? Speak with Fiona Curry
(fmmcurry@gmail.com)

**Comox United Church Men's breakfast
Saturday, November 19 at 9 am**



Speaker: Dr. Jonathan Kerr (Comox Medical Doctor and member of the Comox town council)

Topic: Dr. Kerr will talk about the Medical Doctor shortage and

about his efforts to bring more Medical Doctors to the Comox Valley. He will talk briefly, also, about issues facing Comox in the next few years.

Those intending to attend the breakfast need to let Scott Agur know that they are coming: this will enable smooth planning for food requirements by Chef James. Scott can be reached: agur@shaw.ca or 250 871-2027

The cost is \$15.00

We will need set-up assistance at 8 am and clean up assistance at 10 a.m.

We hope to see you! Scott Agur

Belonging



We all long to belong.

How do you know where you belong?
Well, it's usually a place "where everybody knows your name, and they're always glad you came".

Have you ever noticed someone sitting by themselves on Sunday morning?
This person might be a regular attender or a newcomer.

Go and sit with the person.

If you know their name, use it.
If you don't, introduce yourself and ask "what's your name?"

If you don't recognize them, say "I don't believe we've met" and then introduce yourself.

A welcoming church doesn't leave someone sitting alone, even if you recognize them.

Each Sunday take the opportunity to let someone know that you're glad they came.



November 27 is the First Sunday of Advent and Rev Debra Bowman will be our minister that day.

After worship come and join us for **Soup and Buns** hosted by the Knitting Group.

Deb led us in our visioning process this past year. On May 29, 2022 the results of our visioning were presented to the congregation during worship. So many great ideas!

Four guiding values!

During our lunch on November 27, 2022 we will hear from 6 or 7 teams about how they are implementing some of the ideas that emerged.

Bring your appetite on November 27 and be prepared to be inspired once again.

Free Books

*They are a number of books on a table in the hall.
Please help yourself.*



Comox UC Website – How To

This week's Tip:



1. To read about our history and beliefs as an Affirming congregation, go to the church website by googling Comox United Church.
2. From the menu at the top of the page, click on About.
3. Click on Our Beliefs..
4. Click on any of the links on this page, to read more about the United Church of Canada's beliefs..
5. 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.

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,
12 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!*

Facilities Team

Comox United used to have one – a Facilities Team. And then... Well, there didn't seem to be much point when COVID shut down everything.

Now we are back in the swing of things and our Visioning Process identified that our physical building is a wonderful, under-used resource. Gradually external groups have been booking this space for special events and on-going classes or meetings. Do we know if our rates are competitive within the Comox Valley? Our new live-streaming system and enhanced sound management could be another resource we share with our community. For a fee, of course. Do we need to update the look of the building – inside and outside to attract new renters? How will our values guide our decisions around our physical resources?

We are looking for 3 or 4 people to form a new Facilities Team to answer these questions and lead us forward. Initially it will take time and effort to do some research and set up various processes. The Facilities Team would liaise with the Office Administrator regarding bookings, and with the Property Co-ordinator regarding physical enhancements. After that the involvement of the Facilities Team members should be significantly reduced. If this intrigues you and you would like to be part of the Facilities Team, please contact Joanne Wiens at hojo29@shaw.ca or 250-941-1598.

Communicator

We are looking for someone who could write the occasional article for submission to media outlets. This Communicator would help us increase the visibility of the church, a suggestion that came out of the Visioning Process.

If you, or someone you know, has the skills to craft informative, engaging articles / press releases, please contact Joanne Wiens at hojo29@shaw.ca or 250-941-1598. Knowledge of local media (print, radio, TV and digital) would be an asset but is not necessary.

Comox United has many resources available to fulfill its mission and live its values. This includes the experience and connections of the people in the congregation. Please pass along this opportunity to your connections. Thank you.

Social Justice Team

We need both a committee chair and additional members

Purpose: To raise awareness within the congregation about issues of social justice and need in the local community.

Time frame: 2-3 three hours for team meetings every month or two; co-ordination and planning activities several hours per month

FMI: Speak to a member of our NOVA (Volunteer recruitment) committee; Howard Robertson, Patty Forbes-King, Merrilee Cameron, Laurel Erhart, Scott Curry, Mike Stewart.
Sign up on the sheets provided in the Fellowship Hall after church service.

I think most of you know I have got involved with Refugee Ukrainians. The other day when I was thinking about Christmas and what it would be like for them....all displaced from what is familiar, I decided to do something. I reached out to Oksana, the Coordinator of the Ukrainians here in the valley. She in turn, asked some women. They said they would most appreciate gift cards from Super store or Walmart. I would like them by Nov 27, please.

I've also been asked if you know anyone who is selling their car, there are many Ukrainians looking for one between \$3,000.00 - \$20,000.00.

Thank you and many Blessings to you all

Merrilee tomyhome@shaw.ca

Learning towards Reconciliation

"Reconciliation" was one of the recurring themes during our recent Visioning Process. A starting point for reconciliation is to learn and understand as much as possible about Indigenous values and views. With that in mind, here is an opportunity for you to learn more.

Building Bridges Through Understanding the Village© is an experiential workshop where participants explore their own, personal role in supporting the revival of the values that worked so beautifully in Indigenous villages for thousands of years. This workshop will be held on **Thursday, March 9, 2023 from 8:30am - 4:30pm in the Bighouse on the traditional territory of the K'ómoks First Nation.**

Register here:

http://ca.apm.activecommunities.com/courtenayrecreation/Activity_Search/5607

Space is limited to 30 people.

Another workshop may be added in the spring if there is sufficient interest.



Once again the **Comox Valley Glacier Grannies** will be selling beautiful Christmas swags for your front door. We also have wreaths in two sizes and festive pots. All are made with fresh greenery.

Swags \$25. Pots

\$15.Small Wreaths \$25.Large Wreaths \$35.

Orders must be placed by Sunday, **November 27**. Items will be available for pickup at the church on Sunday, **December 4 at 11:15 am** outside the front door.

Payment can be made by cash or cheque or e-transfer.

Please make cheque out to: **Glacier Grannies.**

E-transfer to cvglaciergrannies@gmail.com with your order and phone number clearly identified in the "Message" box.