



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, Nov. 10, 2022

Sunday, Nov. 13, 2022

Greeters: Isobel McLeish, Marg Silman

Coffee: Lucia Brodie, Margie van Binsbergen

Service Leader: Rev. Brenda Riley

Sermon: The Seer and Seen

Power Point: Merrilee Cameron

Scripture Reader: Elaine Burnell

Isaiah 65:17-25

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21 5-19

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

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

If you have been attending Comox United and would like to be listed on our Household List (a directory of those who are involved with Comox United) please contact Lorna (admin@comoxunited.com or 250 339-3966) and she will send you the necessary forms.

Any changes to your contact information?

Please forward these to Lorna by Nov. 10, 2022.

Office Closed Nov. 11



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>

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



UCW Meeting at 1:15 on
Monday Nov. 14 in Room M7.

All women are invited to join in short
devotional and meeting

Followed by tea and fellowship. 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.

We will be donating these monies to a
charity of our choosing at our meeting on
Monday, 14th November.



Come to Glacier View Lodge on the 2nd Sunday
A small group goes to Glacier View Lodge on the
second Sunday of the month from 1:30 to 2:30
pm to share songs and short readings with the
residents.

Carol Jennermann or others play the piano and
three or four of us help with singing and page
turning. We have dougongs with songs and
readings.

Please will you join this group? We need a few
more people to take turns with us.

Please see Amy Y or phone 250-218-6846 or
email amyalma65@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

Comox UC Website – How To



This week's Tip:

1. To look at the organizational structure of
the Comox Church Council, or to read a
few key reports from Council, 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 **Church Council**.
4. Select the file you'd like to read.
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.**



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.

Dear Church Family,

This is FIESTA'S 30th year!
Volunteers needed

Who would have imagined 33 years ago when we started selling fair trade products in our Fellowship Hall that FIESTA would become such a force for good!

It has been in 7 towns on the Island during the 30 years since we moved out of Comox United. The fine folks at Comox United have played a major role in FIESTA'S success and longevity. FIESTA happens because of volunteers and I am again asking for your help. We need people on Friday the 18th to help with set up from 10 am to 8pm and on Sat. and Sunday from 9am to 4pm. If you could give us 2 or 3 hours FIESTA will again do its magic! Please email

Dave kye_bay@shaw.ca or phone 250 339-4975 or 250 218-3168. Thanks!

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/courtena/recreation/Activity_Search/5607

Space is limited to 30 people.

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



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 you tickets held at the door

For pre- payment options or more information,

contact Heather 250 338 2181

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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.

Questions? Please email Francine at

francineandjohn@outlook.com .

Thank you!

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