



# 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, Dec. 29, 2022

Please note:

The office will also be closed Tuesday Jan. 3, 2023.

## **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/@comoxunitedchurch3917/streams>
- 3) Watch the service at another time from the "Virtual Services" page on our website:  
<https://www.comoxunitedchurch.com/pages/online-sunday-services>

## **Life and Work of the Church**

Mondays 1:30 Knitting Group (NOT mtg. Jan.2)  
Tuesdays 9:45 Chair Dance (beginning Jan. 10)  
Tuesdays 10:00 Coffee and Conversation  
Thursdays 9:45 Dance Class (beginning Jan. 12)  
Thursdays 6:30 Choir practice  
Fridays 9:00 Men's Shed  
Sun. Jan. 1 no service at Comox United - shared service CV Presbyterian Church – 10:30 worship time  
Sun. Jan. 8 10:00 Welcoming Rev. Karen Hollis  
Mon. Jan. 9 1:15 UCW meeting



Jan Bentley passed peacefully on Dec. 20, surrounded by family and friends.  
Memorial service date: April 1, 2023.



One of Comox United's four major appeals is Our Place in Victoria.

<https://www.ourplacesociety.com/>

If you would like to donate, e-Transfer with a note stating Our Place to [treasurer@comoxunitedchurch.com](mailto:treasurer@comoxunitedchurch.com)



Please remember that one of Comox United Church's main charities is Healthy Babies and their families. Donations such as diapers, skin care, shampoo and feminine hygiene products and food are gratefully received. These can be brought to the church and placed in the basket in the foyer.

**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>

*Thanks to the thoughtful person who gave me a lovely little Christmas tree ornament. The sentiment in the card touched my heart. Merry Christmas to you! Joanne Wiens*

Thank you for the prayers, loving concern and meals after Alex's fall. Alex is healing well and back to a more normal life. I have been so touched by that great love passed on by my church family. We have been so blessed.

Noreen and Alex Robertson

*Farewell to Wayne Hughes,  
Minister of Pastoral Care and  
Congregational Life*

Sunday, December 18 was Wayne's last Sunday with us at Comox United. Wayne will continue to fulfill his role until the early part of January and then he will be taking some vacation and study leave. **We will have a formal good-bye for Wayne and Carol at the church on Sunday, February 12, 2023.**

If you would like to contribute towards a gift for Wayne please e-transfer to [treasurer@comoxunitedchurch.com](mailto:treasurer@comoxunitedchurch.com) or drop off your contribution at the church. Please indicate clearly that this is for a gift for Wayne Hughes.

## We need a Treasurer!

Robin Giles is retiring after seven years of being the Treasurer and leading the Finance Committee at Comox United Church. Thank you, Robin, for your diligent work and dedication to the financial well-being of our faith community. We truly appreciate that you've kept our eyes wide open to our financial situation for these many years.

We need a Treasurer! Could this be you?

You pride yourself on attention to detail.

You enjoy working with numbers and arithmetic.

You are able to spend 2-3 hours a week reviewing and coding receivables and payables.

You have experience with spreadsheets.

You are able to attend and report to Council once a month (usually a 2-hour evening meeting).

You would work in conjunction with the bookkeeper, the envelope secretary and another signatory, and have the support of the Finance Team.

You are able to begin this interesting position in January 2023.

Experience with SAGE Accounting software is helpful but not required. Training will be provided.

For more information contact Joanne Wiens at [CouncilChair@comoxunitedchurch.com](mailto:CouncilChair@comoxunitedchurch.com) or call 250-941-1598.

## Message from the Envelope Secretary

- Any gifts that you wish to have receipted in the 2022 calendar year must be received before December 29<sup>th</sup> (the date of the last 2022 deposit).
- Please ensure that the church has your current mailing address for tax receipting purposes.
- Please contact me if you would like church envelopes or wish to have monthly debits to your bank account through the United Church's Pre-Authorized Remittance Program.

Thank you - Cheryl McMahon

[envelopesecretary@comoxunitedchurch.com](mailto:envelopesecretary@comoxunitedchurch.com)



Plants in the Narthex (entrance)  
Free to a good home.

### Dance Classes Returns

Chair Dance: Tuesdays 9:30-10:30 beginning Jan. 10

Dance Basics: Thursdays 9:30-10:30 beginning Jan. 12

Drop in fee: \$5.00 per class to be donated to Wachiay Friendship Centre.

FMI Wendy at [trinitydance@shaw.ca](mailto:trinitydance@shaw.ca)

### COMING in February, 2023!

Beach Street Players directed by Gloria Herauf and sponsored by Strathcona Sunrise Rotary Club, present the 2023 musical revue,

#### SOUNDTRACK OF OUR LIVES

Show times are

February 9 at 7:00 pm

February 10 at 7:00 pm

February 11 at 2:00 pm

February 17 at 7:00 pm

February 18 at 2:00 pm at Comox United Church.

*Tickets are \$25 and will be available at Blue Heron Books and Benjamin Moore House of Color beginning January 6<sup>th</sup>.*

*Tickets will also be on sale in the hall after church beginning January 8<sup>th</sup>.*

#### SOUNDTRACK OF OUR LIVES

*is a humorous look at the adventure and journey of living, from childhood and the Lone Ranger, all the way to the Comox Senior Centre. Yes, life is 'just a bowl of cherries' and aging is not for sissies!*

*The Beach Street Players will keep you laughing with parodies and music that touches your hearts, featuring rock to country, jazz standards to gospel, Jerry Lee Lewis to Elvis and Sinatra.*

*From the 'Little Old Ladies of Shady Pines' dancing down Comox Avenue with their walkers, and the razzle-dazzle of show biz, to a big 'ole' country hootenanny and Hee-haw singalong, The Beach Street Players will keep you smiling and remind you of a song or two that once were part of the sound track of YOUR life!*

### 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](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.



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 doulang 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](mailto:amyalma65@gmail.com)

## “INDIGENOUS CANADA” WORKSHOP

Beginning in the New Year a cooperative learning opportunity is being jointly offered by Comox United and Comox Valley Unitarian Fellowship. Using the **free** online open access course from U of Alberta through Coursera, "Indigenous Canada" is presented in 12 modules. Participants will independently listen to two online modules of 45-70 minutes in length sometime over a 2 week period. Then participants will meet via Zoom for a facilitated discussion about the content of the two modules. The Zoom discussions will be 7 p.m. to approximately 8:30 p.m. every second and fourth Monday of the month **beginning January 23, 2023** and ending April 24, 2023. There will be no Zoom discussion April 10, 2023, Easter Monday.

"Indigenous Canada is a 12-lesson Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) from the Faculty of Native Studies, U of Alberta, that explores the different histories and contemporary perspectives of Indigenous peoples living in Canada. From an Indigenous perspective, this course explores complex experiences Indigenous peoples face today from a historical and critical perspective highlighting national and local Indigenous-settler relations. Topics for the 12 lessons include the fur trade and other exchange relationships, land claims and environmental impacts, legal systems and rights, political conflicts and alliances, Indigenous political activism, and contemporary Indigenous life, art and its expressions."

<https://www.coursera.org/learn/indigenous-canada>

Join us in exploring the history and background of Indigenous peoples in Canada. To sign up or ask questions about this joint program between CU and CVUF please contact Christy Faraher-Amidon at: [christyfa@gmail.com](mailto:christyfa@gmail.com)

"Indigenous Canada" Working Group  
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Prayer shawls are for anyone, not just church members. They can be used for: people undergoing medical procedures; as a comfort in time of loss or in times of stress; during bereavement; birthing, nursing a baby; ministering to others; ordination, celebrations.....the possibilities are endless. Requests often come from the Pastoral Care Team but anyone can request a shawl. The shawl is a gift. When a shawl is delivered, a loving prayer or verse is included which is to be read to the receiver by the person delivering it.

Valetta Nixon is the person to contact to request a shawl. Her contact information is: [valettanixon@gmail.com](mailto:valettanixon@gmail.com) or call 250-941-6117.

*The Adelle and Aine Kennedy*  
**MEMORIAL FUND**  
Raising Funds for Children's Charities

The Memorial Fund was formed many years ago to honour the memory of members of our church family who have passed on. Over the years the fund has been used in a variety of ways, for example, to purchase some of the beautiful banners and to contribute to the purchase of the grand piano. We are grateful to those folk who have chosen to remember friends and family by donating to the Comox United Church Memorial Fund.