



Comox United Church

Our Values: Spirituality, Openness, Care for the Common Good, Radical Love

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Visit our website: it is updated weekly: www.comoxunitedchurch.com

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, Jan. 6, 2023

Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023

We will be Welcoming Rev. Karen Hollis

Greeter: Merrilee Cameron

Coffee: Sonja van Sickle, Mae Pagdin

Service Leader: Rev. Karen Hollis and the
Worship Committee

Reflection: The Baptism of Jesus

Power Point: Sue Newman

Scripture Reader: Patty Forbes-King

Matthew 2:1-12, Isaiah 42:1-9, Matthew 3:13-17

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/@comoxunitedchurch
3917/streams](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
Tuesdays	9:45 Chair Dance (beginning Jan. 10)
Tuesdays	10:00 Coffee and Conversation at the Comox Gulf Club
Thursdays	9:45 Dance Class (beginning Jan. 12)
Thursdays	6:30 Choir practice
Fridays	9:00 Men's Shed
Sun. Jan. 8	10:00 Welcoming Rev. Karen Hollis
Mon. Jan. 9	1:15 UCW meeting



Gentle reminder: please wear your name
tag. Need one: there is a "request for name
tag" sheet on the table in the Narthex
(foyer).

Dear Comox United Community,

Thank you to all of you who have gone out of
your way to make me feel so welcome during my
first week in the office! I look forward to meeting
more of you on Sunday! I am currently in the
process of moving my household from Gabriola
to Comox, so my schedule will be irregular
through Sunday, Jan 15. The following Monday
I will have the following schedule: Mon/Tues are
days off. Office hours: Wed 1-4pm and Friday 9-
12. My office hours will likely change and/or
expand as I settle into a routine here.

I am very excited to be here and begin ministry
with you!

See you on Sunday!

Blessings,

Karen



Mon. Jan. 9 at 1:15 UCW meeting
United Church Women (UCW)
New members Welcome.

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 Wachiy Friendship Centre.

FMI Wendy at trinitydance@shaw.ca



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



Men's Breakfast

All Men warmly invited

Saturday, January 21 at 9 am

Please RSVP no later
than January 18

Scott Agur agur@shaw.ca

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 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 or call 250-941-1598.

Comox UC Website – How To



This week's Tip:

1. To read about the Indigenous Canada workshop series being offered by Comox United and Comox Valley Unitarian church, go the church website by googling Comox United Church.
 2. From the menu at the top of the page, click on Events.
 3. Scroll down to Reconciliation!
 4. Consider participating in this online event. 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

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 6th.

Tickets will also be on sale in the hall after church beginning January 8th.

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.

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/courtenayrecreation/Activity_Search/5607

Space is limited to 30 people.

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

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.

In the Spirit of ReconciliACTION

Mark your calendars for these dates
for
"INDIGENOUS CANADA"
WORKSHOP

ZOOM discussion sessions following every two, self-paced online webinars on these dates:

January 23, 2023
February 13, 2023
February 27, 2023
March 13, 2023
March 27, 2023
April 24, 2023

Beginning this month, 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.
"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

"Indigenous Canada" Working Group
Wayne Wilson Comox United Church
Christy Faraher-Amidon CVUF
Wanda Harssema CVUF
Barbara Huhn CVUF



SUNDAY SERVICE 4 PM

CENTERING PRAYER 5:30 PM

details and online access at
www.weirdchurchcumberland.com