



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, Feb. 2, 2023

Sunday, Feb. 6, 2023 COMMUNION

Greeters: Stewart Crerar, Klaus Jennermann

Coffee: Margie van Binsbergen, Leona King

Reflection: Salt & Light

Power Point: Merrilee Cameron

Scripture Reader: Elaine Brown

Psalm 112:1-9, Matthew 5:13-20

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/@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 10:00 Coffee and Conversation at the Comox Gulf Club
 Wed 9:30 Chair Dance
 Thursdays 6:30 Choir practice
 Fridays 9:00 Men's Shed
 Mon. Feb. 13 1:15 UCW meeting
 Sat. Feb. 25 9:00 am Men's Breakfast
 Please RSVP no later than Feb. 18
 Scott Agur agur@shaw.ca
 Sun. Feb. 26 11:00ish AGM in the Sanctuary

2022 Tax Receipts

Tax receipts are available in the church foyer. Please make an effort to pick yours up and to check with friends/neighbours to ask if you can deliver theirs. Every receipt that does not require posting saves the church roughly \$1.00; therefore receipts will be mailed only if necessary.

Thank you, Envelope Secretary

Hello to ALL User Groups at Comox United

As we begin this New Year, 2023 we have an increased number of user groups using our church building, something we are celebrating and wish to continue.

We want to remind you about some basic building security at Comox United.

- Please ensure your entry door (south or main level) is locked following the arrival of your participants – regardless of the time of your meeting.
- As all user groups have their own key, please lock on exiting regardless of who else may be in the building.
- If you notice anything broken, for example a light burned out, please send a note to the office (admin@comoxunitedchurch.com) and Lorna will send the property management coordinator a message
- There are two First Aid Kits in the building, one in the main kitchen on top of the fridge, and one in the "Mens' Shed" room L6 – on the lower floor.
- The AED – (automated external defibrillator) is in the main Hall - on the main floor, by the stairs to the lower and upper floors.

Sincerely, Margaret and Margaret Property Co-coordinators, Comox United Church



Adrian Franck passed peacefully, with her daughter by her side, on Jan. 30, 2023.



Sunday, Feb. 26, 2023 in the Sanctuary following the service.

The Annual Report will be emailed to the congregation and a few paper copies will be available for pick up from the church office.



Men's Breakfast
All Men warmly invited
Saturday, Feb. 25 at 9 am
Please RSVP no later than Feb. 18

Scott Agur agur@shaw.ca



Coldest Night of the Year February 25, 2023

The local annual **Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY)** walk raises money to support the **Comox Valley Transition Society** and **Dawn to Dawn: Action on Homelessness**. These funds help people in our community by providing rent subsidies, food, and a safe place to shelter from abuse or tragedy.

The Comox United team is called **Comox United Walkers** and our coordinator is Marj Adams.

To participate as a "walker" on the team go to: <https://cnoy.org/location/comoxvalley> and register.

We meet at the Native Son's hall, 4:00 registration
Walk 5 pm- choice - 2 kil or 5 kil.

Or support the team and these charities by donation.

You can donate on-line or by cheque made out to Marj Adams, with "Coldest Night of the Year" in the memo line and drop off at the church until Feb 24.

Donations of \$20.00 or more will receive a tax receipt from CNOY.

For more information contact Marj Adams at 250-890-0798 or email mjbhouse@telus.net.

Help our CNOY team become a top-10 fundraiser!



Feb. 12, 2023

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

THE SOUNDTRACK OF OUR LIVES
February 2023

Beach Street Players directed by Gloria Herauf and sponsored by Strathcona Sunrise Rotary Club, present their 2023 musical revue at Comox United Church

- 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

Tickets are \$25 and are available at Blue Heron Books (Comox) and Benjamin Moore House of Color (Courtenay). Tickets will also be on sale in the hall after church



Our Social Justice Committee is again supporting Palestinian farmers by selling sumptuous jumbo Medjoul dates. The life of a Palestinian farmer is challenging and dangerous under Israeli occupation and they need all the help they can get in marketing their dates. We sell the dates once a year and you will have them no later than Easter. The price is still \$20 for a 900 grams, 2 lb. box. Please put your order in to Dave Talbot at kye_bay@shaw.ca or call him at 250 339-4975. He is looking forward to having a date with you!

Farewell to Wayne Hughes

Minister of Pastoral Care and Congregational Life
Sunday, February 12

There is still time to contribute towards a gift for Wayne.

You can send your financial gift by e-transfer to treasurer@comoxunitedchurch.com or drop off your contribution at the church by February 9th. Please indicate clearly that this is for a gift for Wayne Hughes.

On Sunday, February 12, during the worship service we will formally say "Good-bye" and "Happy Retirement" to Wayne Hughes and his wife Carol. Following the service there will be coffee, tea, and cake in the hall. Please join us!



A small Facilities Team has been established by Ken Newman and Howard Robertson. We have a vision for increasing the presence of musical performances and other presentations in the CxU sanctuary and hall. Our building offers performers and audiences many advantages, and several groups already use CxU as their local performance home: the Beach Street Players, Sarah Hagen, the Quarantones, and Island Voices. We could become a key performance venue in the Comox Valley, and even promote our own CxU music and presentation series. All of this would draw more people into the church, increase our presence for the Common Good in the community, and also provide more revenue. This requires some sprucing up of the sanctuary and hall, and we have started discussing this with the Property Team. Do you have thoughts and ideas along these lines? We would be happy to listen and chat with you. And...you could even join us! Email Howard at hojo29@shaw.ca with your thoughts.