



# 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, Feb. 10, 2023

## Sunday, Feb. 12, 2023

**Greeters:** Merrilee Cameron, Loraleigh Fitzgerald

**Coffee:** Debra Monk, Marilyn Bourne

**Reflection:**

**Power Point:** Joyce Relyea

**Scripture Reader:** Lucia Brodie

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 9:30 Dance  
 6:30 Choir practice  
 Fridays 9:00 Men's Shed  
 Mon. Feb. 13 1:15 UCW meeting  
 Feb. 21 5:30 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper  
 Sat. Feb. 25 9:00 am Men's Breakfast  
 Please RSVP no later than Feb. 19  
 Scott Agur [agur@shaw.ca](mailto:agur@shaw.ca)  
 Sun. Feb. 26 11:00ish AGM in the Sanctuary  
 Sat. Mar. 4 9:30 Healthy Habitat

## 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

## 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](mailto:treasurer@comoxunitedchurch.com)  
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!



## Men's Breakfast

**All Men warmly invited**

Saturday, Feb. 25 at 9 am

Please RSVP no later than Feb. 19

Scott Agur [agur@shaw.ca](mailto:agur@shaw.ca)



**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper  
ALL are Welcome!**

Date: Tuesday Feb. 21, 2023  
Time: 5:30  
Cost: \$5.00 per person \$20.00 per family  
Hosted by the CxU Men's' Group



We are invited to a  
**Shared ASH WEDNESDAY  
SERVICE**

St. John the Divine  
Anglican Church  
579 5<sup>th</sup> St. Courtenay

Feb. 22, 2023 - 7:00 pm

**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



***This week's Tip:***

1. To read about the currently running Beach Street Players' show, go to the church website by googling **Comox United Church**.
2. From the menu at the top of the page, click on **Events**.
3. Scroll to **The Beach Street Players are Back!**
5. Enjoy!

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](mailto:websiteadmin@comoxunitedchurch.com) or phone 250-207-5650.***



**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 doutrangs 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)

# AGM

Annual General Meeting

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

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



## 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](mailto:mjbhouse@telus.net). **Help our CNOY team become a top-10 fundraiser!**

## 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 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](mailto:kye_bay@shaw.ca) or call him at 250 339-4975. He is looking forward to having a date with you!



L'Arche published a report this week regarding the inquiry into Jean Vanier. Many of us have been following this story over the past few years. Here is the link to a summary and the full report.

Let us join together in continued prayer for the L'Arche community.

<https://www.larche.org/about-larche/news/study-commission-2023/>



Dear Friends in Christ,

An urgent situation has arisen for two New Ukrainian families in the Comox Valley who are at risk of being homeless:

Family 1 is: Mom (Yuliia) Dad (Sergii ) Stas(16), Kirill(14) Artyom(11)and Anya(5). This is a beautiful family ready to do what they can to make a life here in the Comox Valley. They need to leave their host family by March 1, 2023.

Family 2:

A Ukrainian family from Odessa is arriving on the island on Feb 12th and would appreciate finding a host here in the Valley as soon as possible. They have temporary accommodation in Qualicum Beach but need a local host family to assist them for a few months while they get settled. The parents both speak a bit of English. The Kutsak family of 5 is comprised of: Nicolai, Dad 33, construction professional Yana, Mum 27, chef Liubov, Grandmother 50, cleaner/dishwasher ,Nikoli, Daughter 4.5,Timofey, Son 1.5

**OUR APPEAL**

We are seeking some way of housing these two very vulnerable families.

They will need at least 3 months. Job search is difficult. Family one is trying to get an old car. So much shuffling and change and constant war trauma. They need a helping hand. Please spread the word and if you have tangible help please contact the following people:

Irene Borysowich

[hosting@ukrainehelpvi.ca](mailto:hosting@ukrainehelpvi.ca)

or

Oksana Moisieieva

[coordinatorcvus@gmail](mailto:coordinatorcvus@gmail)

Thank you for considering this appeal. Christ The King Catholic Church Ukrainian Support Committee. (Supported by the CxU Social Justice Committee)



**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>