



# 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, March 3, 2023

## Sunday, March 5, 2023 – Communion

**Greeters:** Jane Wilson, Evy Gillespie

**Coffee:** Jan Bjarnason, Peter Senior

**Reflection:** Late Night Conversation

**Power Point:** Sue Newman

**Scripture Reader:** Elaine Burnell

Psalm 121, John 3:1-17

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/@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>

**Have you seen the new carpet** in the hallway? It's modern, clean and even makes the hallway look wider. Stewart Tracey installed it late Tuesday and we're so pleased.

And it gets better!!!!

Stewart has gifted us the cost of the carpet and installation. United Flooring contributed the flooring glue at no charge. This project has cost us nothing.

So, sincere thanks to Stewart Tracey for his kindness and generosity. He has donated the carpet and installation as a thank you to the congregation for all the referrals and work opportunities we have steered his way.

## Walking Group

Everyone is welcome to join the walking group this Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Park in the parking area on Mansfield Road and we will meet by the Skypark playground. The walk will start at 2 pm and will take about an hour.

## Life and Work of the Church

Mondays 1:30 Knitting Group  
Tuesdays 10:00 Coffee and Conversation at the Comox Golf Club

Wednesdays 9:30 Chair Dance

Thursdays 9:30 Dance

6:30 Choir practice

Fridays 9:00 Men's Shed

Mon. Mar.6,20, April 6 7:00 pm

Expanding Spirituality – 3 Dialogue Sessions

Sun. Mar. 12 Covenanting Service

## Upcoming Special Services

April 6 **Maundy Thursday** at Comox United **5:30 – 7:30pm** in collaboration with Weird Church, Soup supper with Communion

April 7 **Good Friday Service** at CV Presbyterian (725 Aspen Rd, Comox) **10:30 am** in collaboration with Comox United

April 7 **Last Hour Service** at St. Peter's Anglican Church (218 Church St, Comox) **2:00 pm**

April 8 (Holy Saturday) **Easter Vigil Service** at St. George's **6:30 pm**

April 9 **Sunrise Service** at Goose Spit **6:30 am** hosted by Comox United and St. Peter's

**Sunrise Service** in Royston with Weird Church **6:30**



**THANK YOU** to the hard working Men's Group who put on a lovely pancake dinner for us on Shrove Tuesday, the food was delicious and all who came enjoyed it immensely!



You are invited to join the Comox United, UCW for the **World's Day of Prayer service on Friday, March 3 at 1:30p.m.** This years' service is written by the women of Taiwan. The service will be followed with tea and fellowship.

## Register for United in Learning's Online Lenten Study

Registrations are still open for Rev. Stephen Fetter's six-week Lenten study series exploring devotional readings from *Good Courage: Daily Reflections on Hope*, starting **Tuesday, February 28, 2023.**

Ponder the kind of courage that God calls out of ordinary people, contemplate their stories, reflect on how they connect, to your own and reimagine how our lives can contribute to God's healing of the world.

Register for the Lenten study and you'll also receive 20% off your book purchase. [Sign up today!](#)



### Covenanting Service for Rev. Karen Hollis: Sun. March 12 and Potluck Lunch!

Next Sunday features a special Covenanting Service for our new minister, Karen Hollis. We will make and celebrate covenants between us (the congregation), Karen, and Pacific Mountains Regional Council. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Phil Spencer. And what better way to finish than with that most beloved of United Church activities: A POTLUCK LUNCH!

Look for the potluck sign-up sheet this Sunday.



### This week's Tip:

1. For a photo and article about the *Coldest Night of the Year* team and event, go to the church website by googling **Comox United Church**.
2. From the menu at the top of the page, click on **News**.
3. Scroll to **CNOY a huge success!**
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](mailto:websiteadmin@comoxunitedchurch.com) or phone 250-207-5650.**



### Communion Servers

Are you interested in serving Communion Please send me your name and I'll add you to the current list!

Joyce Wagland [ajwagland@hotmail.com](mailto:ajwagland@hotmail.com)

### Heat pump in Sanctuary

Joan Gillies, Julie Whitman and Fiona Curry (SAGE) met with a Temprite rep. today for an orientation on how to set the heat pump in the Sanctuary. We will be "trying out" different temperatures. **Please DO NOT adjust the settings.**

Please send feedback to:

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

## Expanding Spirituality 3 Dialogue sessions



Comox United has Spirituality as one of its Values, but what do we mean by Spirituality? Is it different from Religion and Church? How do we know when we are experiencing the Spiritual?

How do we know if it is really from "Spirit"? How can we understand our Spiritual experiences? Are those experiences different for everyone?

We invite you to join us, Robert McDonald and Howard Robertson, in a set of dialogue sessions exploring these questions. This will be a chance to ponder, articulate your ideas, and listen to others in an open, safe, non-judgmental way.

**Monday evenings, March 6, 20, and April 3, in room L1 here at CxU from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.**

RSVP Howard at [hojo29@shaw.ca](mailto:hojo29@shaw.ca) if you plan to attend one or more, so we know how many cookies to bake!

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*"The Christ the King Saint Joseph's Ukrainian Support Committee is in a desperate state of emergency to find housing for a Ukrainian family of six who have been in the Comox Valley for six weeks. Our Committee has had success feeding and clothing this family; the crisis now is housing - the family is being evicted from their current home on **March 10th**. The husband is a very skilled tradesman who has several job offers so there will be income in the near future. But, urgent, transitional housing is needed. Anyone with any possible housing solutions can contact Roger Collin at the Parish Office: 250-334-4716 or [ctkparish@shaw.ca](mailto:ctkparish@shaw.ca). Thank you."*

Supported by the CxU Outreach ctte.



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](mailto:amyalma65@gmail.com)

**Divine Comedy**

Sunday, March 5  
4:00 pm  
Comox United Church

Stand up Comedian  
**Ryan Gunther**  
will inform and entertain at  
the CV Unitarian gathering



*Comedy and religion are polar opposites in tone, but often serve the same fundamental purpose: to help us deal with the parts of life that are horrible.*  
—Ryan

*This will be a serious discussion of comedy, a light-hearted look at religion, and an exploration of the many ways the two overlap.* —Ryan



Dear UCC friends concerned about climate,

As you know, our planet is warming at unprecedented rates, changing weather patterns and disrupting the balance of nature with devastating consequences.

The challenge of climate change is large and the stakes are high. We must pull together all our best efforts.

We encourage you to participate in the Lenten effort, [Give it up for the Earth](#).

As well, During Earth Week 2023, The United Church of Canada is joining with numerous sibling denominations and faith-based organizations

under one banner, [Together For the Love of Creation](#). During this week, we invite you to hold events to **pray**, **learn** and **act** for climate justice.

Come learn more, brainstorm possibilities and hear from our Moderator, Carmen Lansdowne.

[United for the Love of Creation Zoom session](#)

**ZOOM SESSION:**  
**TUESDAY, March 7, 2023**  
**9:30 a.m. PT, 10:30 a.m. MT, 11:30 a.m. CT, 12:30 p.m. ET, 1:30 p.m. AT,**

**2:00 p.m. NT**

**\*\*\* Please note the time, it is half an hour earlier than originally advertised.**

[Register](#)

If the time is not good for you, please register anyway so we can send you the link to the recording.

**12th Annual Iona Campagnolo Lecture on Restorative Justice**

Inaugurated September 23, 2012 in honour of The Honourable Iona Campagnolo, Patron Emerita of the CJC

**Judge John Reilly**  
 BA (Alberta), LLB (Alberta)

Judge John Reilly, was, at age 30, the youngest jurist ever named to the Provincial Court of Alberta. For most of his 33 years on the bench he was the circuit judge for the Stoney Indian Reserve at Morley, Alberta. During his career he became interested in aboriginal justice. He saw the failure of the "white" legal system to do justice for aboriginal people, the harm caused to them by Canadian colonialism, and the failures of all levels of government.

**Conversations with a Renegade Judge: A Recipe for Reconciliation**

Judge Reilly is the author of a trilogy of books about the Indigenous experience with the Canadian justice system. They include: *Bad Medicine: A Judge's Struggle for Justice in a First Nations Community*, *Bad Judgment: The Myths of First Nations Equality and Judicial Independence in Canada*, and *Bad Law: Rethinking Justice for a Postcolonial Canada*. After 33 years as a circuit court judge, Reilly retired, having become disillusioned with the Canadian criminal justice system and in particular its treatment of Indigenous people. Still publicly active and openly critical about the law, politics, and the legal system, he now seeks to challenge people to rethink the true meaning of justice, the need for drastic changes in the criminal justice system in Canada, and the need to change our attitudes towards Indigenous people.

His forthcoming book, titled *Conversations with a Renegade Judge: A Recipe for Reconciliation* proposes the repealing of the Canadian Criminal Code all together and replacing it with the healing approach of Indigenous-based Restorative Justice.

**North Island College Lecture Theatre** **Thursday, March 23, 2023**  
**Doors at 7:00 — Lecture at 7:30**

Tickets from Sid Williams Box Office: 250.335.2430 ext. 1 or [sidwilliamstheatre.com/tickets/](http://sidwilliamstheatre.com/tickets/)

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