



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

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, March 10, 2023

Sunday, March 12, 2023

Covenanting Service – Potluck to follow

Guest Speaker: Rev. Phil Spencer

Greeters: Stewart Crerar, Joan Gillies

Coffee: Heather Flint, Lucia Brodie

Reflection: Both/And

Power Point: Joyce Relyea

Scripture Reader: Stewart Crerar

Isaiah 61:1-6, Matther 4:16-21

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>



This Sunday: Covenanting Service for Rev. Karen Hollis & Potluck Lunch:

This 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 Mountain Regional Council. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Phil Spencer, and the service will feature a lot of music. And what better way to finish than with that most beloved of United Church activities: A POTLUCK LUNCH! (If you forgot to sign up for a dish, no problem! Just bring something!)



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

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
- Sun. Mar. 12 Covenanting Service
- Mon. Mar 13 UCW meeting
- Sat. Mar. 18 Men's Breakfast
- Sun. Mar. 26 Walking Group

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**



This week's Tip:

1. To read an inspiring Lenten prayer, go to the church website by googling Comox United Church.
2. Scroll down to the yellow box at the bottom of the page.
3. Read A Lenten discipline: Beginning
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 or phone 250-207-5650.

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



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



UCW invites all interested women to join our meeting March 13 at 1:15 in rom M7 to hear the Executive Director of Stepping Stones Recovery House speak about the work they do.



Give it up for the Earth! is built around three key elements: political advocacy, learning about biodiversity, and building relationships with Indigenous communities and personal action for the environment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Sign on to the [open letter](#) to call for increased federal action on climate: increasing greenhouse gas emissions targets; increasing climate adaptation support; establishing a national strategy on Environmental Racism and Justice (Bill C-226); Canadian corporate accountability, especially around resource extraction (Bills C-262 and C-263); all anchored in incorporating the perspectives, knowledge, and rights of Indigenous peoples.

On March 23, at 6:00 p.m. EDT, join Citizens for Public Justice and For the Love of Creation for a thoughtful conversation on Biodiversity and Creation Care in Canada! Please register for the [Preserving Biodiversity webinar](#), and for more details visit the [Give it up for the Earth! webpage](#).
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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 33, 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 Stony 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: 250.336.2430 ext. 1 or sidwilliamstheatre.com/tickets/

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Men: you are warmly invited to the Men's Breakfast on Saturday, March 18 at 9 am in the Comox United Church Hall. Chef James promises you a delicious breakfast, prepared especially for you.

We have breakfast promptly at 9 am. We finish by 10:45 am. The cost is \$15.00.

Our topic will be: "Search and Rescue in British Columbia". Our guest speaker will be Chris Beech, CFB Comox Station's Deputy Leader. Roch Massicotte, President of the Comox Valley Marine Rescue Society will also be on hand to share thoughts with you. There will be time for questions and conversation.

We have room for only 30 men, so I need your RSVP no later than Wednesday, March 15.

Chef James needs an accurate count to source the correct amount of food.

I can be reached: 250-871-2027 or agur@shaw.ca. I think that this will be a popular session, so reserve your seat at the table **now!**

Thursday CALM
 Weekly Meditation
 12:15 - 12:45pm
 2688 Parrish Ave. Cumberland
www.weirdchurchcumberland.com

Weird Church: Thursdays 12:15-12:45

No experience needed!

Come and join us for this 30-minute guided meditation: pause in the middle of the day

and enter into a time of connection and calm. Beginning Thursdays at March 9, 2023 at 12:15pm