



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 17, 2023

Sunday, March 19, 2023

Greeters: Marg Silman, Isobel McLeish

Coffee: Sonja van Sickle, Mae Pagdin

Reflection:

Power Point: Sue Newman

Scripture Reader: Elaine Burnell

John 9: 1-41, Psalm 23

To read the scripture follow the link below then type in the scripture verse <http://bible.oremus.org>

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. 26	2:00	Walking Group

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>

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**

Walking Group

Hurford Hill on Sun Mar 26 at 2 pm

Ready for a spring stroll? The Walking Group will wend their way to Hurford Hill Park on Sunday, March 26. We'll meet at 2 p.m. on Mallard Drive, where the greenway starts opposite 1438 Mallard Drive. If you're not sure where Mallard Drive is, or for more details, contact Elaine & Alan Brown (browns.comox@gmail.com).

Covenanting Service Potluck

Thank you to all who lovingly made casseroles, salads and desserts, to all who brought buns and flowers, to all who helped set up and clean up after our delicious potluck meal. It was a wonderful celebration for our church family—welcome Karen and James!



This week's Tip:

1. To learn about the second in a series of climate action forums, sponsored by SAGE and the Unitarian Justice Committee, go to the church website by googling Comox United Church.
2. From the menu at the top of the page, click on Events.
2. Scroll down to Hot and Bothered.
3. Consider attending this worthwhile workshop.
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. 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

**Part 2 of a Local Climate Action Series
*Hot and Bothered***

In conversation with Tzaporah Berman, an award winning climate advocate – Live and Video Link.

Monday, April 3 at 6:00 in the Sanctuary at Comox United Church.
Cost by donation.
Hosted by CxU SAGE



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 Thursday at March 9, 2023

Host a Neighbourhood Cluster

Our minister, Karen Hollis, would like to get to know us better. One suggestion is to gather in a neighbourhood cluster of about 8 people in someone's home. We need 10-12 hosts to open their homes to others in the congregation.

Would you host a neighbourhood cluster in your home?

If you are willing to host, please select from one of the dates and times below, and then call Lorna at the church office (250-339-3966) to book your slot.

When the hosts have been determined the rest of the congregation will be invited to sign-up to attend a neighbourhood cluster.

Here are the possible neighbourhood cluster dates and times. Please select just ONE and then call Lorna to confirm.

- April 12 (Wed) 7:00 – 8:30 pm
- April 13 (Thurs) 2:00 – 3:30 pm
- April 14 (Fri) 2:00 – 3:30 pm
- April 15 (Sat) 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
- April 19 (Wed) 7:00 – 8:30 pm
- April 20 (Thurs) 2:00 – 3:30 pm
- April 21 (Fri) 2:00 – 3:30 pm
- April 22 (Sat) 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
- April 26 (Wed) 7:00 – 8:30 pm
- April 27 (Thurs) 2:00 – 3:30 pm
- April 28 (Fri) 2:00 – 3:30 pm
- April 29 (Sat) 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
- May 3 (Wed) 7:00 – 8:30 pm
- May 4 (Thurs) 2:00 – 3:30 pm
- May 5 (Fri) 2:00 – 3:30 pm
- May 6 (Sat) 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

All the dates above work for Karen's schedule. However we are going to limit the actual gatherings to 3 per week. Potential hosts please let us know which dates work for you. Thank you.



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.

[Image credit: The United Church of Canada]

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Ukraine refugee housing

Should you hear of anyone about to rent out their house ideally long term, (even a longer stretch of house sitting/ pet sitting) starting end of March or early April please let me know! I have a family of 3 adults (62 year old mother, & 36 yr old daughter Diana & 38 yr old son Sasha) that have been here a few months & the "kids" are both working in d/t Comox. They are currently house/pet sitting in Comox but need to find a rental soon under 2K/ month by end of March/early April. I have a short term possibility but it is on Mt. Washington so am trying to assist them to find something local. Many thanks in advance. Alexandra Griffith 250-207-1107 Supported by CxU Social Justice Ctte.

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/

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