



# 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, April 21, 2023

**Sunday, April 23, 2023 Earth Day**

**Greeters:** Bev Agur, Joan Gillies

**Coffee:** Debra Monk, Marilyn Bourne

**Reflection:**

**Power Point:** Joyce Relyea

**Scripture Reader:** Jane Wilson

Genesis 1:26-31, Job 28:1-12

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 Golf Club

Thursdays 6:30 Choir practice

Fridays 10:00 Men's Shed

Sunday April 30 Soup and Sandwich signup sheets available in the hall following the service.

Sat. May 6 12:00 UCW Bazaar

## Security at Comox United

Footprints Security has reported finding unlocked doors when they do their evening rounds.

### Reminder to ALL User Groups

- 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.



## Neighbourhood Cluster Groups

Thank you to all who have volunteered to host.

**Signup sheets for each cluster are on the bulletin board in the hall. Please find your cluster and sign up.**

**April 27** (Thurs) 2:00-3:30 pm Lucia Brodie  
2036 Valley View Drive, Courtenay

**April 28** (Fri) 2:00-3:30 pm Sue Sutherland Justice  
#315-3666 Royal Visa Way, Courtenay

**April 29** (Sat) 11:00 am -12:00 pm Sue & Ken Newman  
3771 Meredith Drive, Royston

**May 13** (Sat) 11:00 am-12:30 pm Robert McDonald  
1615 Valley Cres., Courtenay



A huge shout out to all the groups for your huuuuge contributions to **Soup & Sandwich** (bun) lunches. Although some people told me they were in 5 groups & some people don't belong to any groups. So on **April 30** we will be doing it the old fashioned way. That means

there will be signup sheets in the hall for bringing soup, sandwiches or buns, set up and clean up. So those who didn't bring anything this past fall and winter, if you hurry, you can be the first to sign up.



Sat. May 6 9:00 – 12:00 UCW Bazaar

Home baking, jams & jellies, books, puzzles, treasure table, tea tables.

Donations of baked goods, (please label ingredients), books, puzzles, jewelry and small treasures gratefully received Fri. May 5 between 1:00-3:00.



## Talent Show Fund Raiser

May 12, 2023 at 7 p.m.

Admission by donation.

**This is Your talent show.**

Please contact Mike at [mnstewart@shaw.ca](mailto:mnstewart@shaw.ca) or Noreen at [noreenr1944@gmail.com](mailto:noreenr1944@gmail.com) by **April 30<sup>th</sup>** and offer your talent

We would like each number to be a maximum of 4 minutes each to give everyone an opportunity.

It has been a number of years since our last show and it was so much fun! So....get your thinking cap on: What would you like to do?

Gloria will be available to accompany anyone who needs her.

Please sign up: We will have our pens ready and be in the church hall after the service.

WE LOVE  
OUR VOLUNTEERS

Is 2023 your year to volunteer? We are a strong and supportive church community, with a lot to offer to each other and the Valley. Many of us have stepped up in the last few months to offer help and fill in the gaps in our ministries, and many just continue to do what you always do! For this, we are all grateful. **We need a new Council Chair starting July 1.** Our current chair, Joanne Wiens, is coming to the end of her term, but will certainly be around to help guide and advise the new Chair through the role. Do you feel called to step in to this role? Our congregation is moving forward with new spiritual leadership from Rev Karen, and she needs a Council Chair alongside her. The possibility of co-chairs sharing the duties could also work well. Maybe you are now ready to make deeper connections and contributions to this ministry. **If not as Chair, almost every team and committee which makes this community so rich, has openings for new volunteers in various capacities.** In particular, Ministry and Personnel, and Worship need additional help, but there is something for everyone's interest and talent. Contact Howard Robertson at [Nova@comoxunitedchurch.com](mailto:Nova@comoxunitedchurch.com) or at church, or any member of the NoVA Team, for more information or to express interest. NoVA Team: Howard Robertson, Laurel Erhart, Merrilee Cameron, Scott Curry, Patty Forbes-King, Make Stewart.



## Moderator Urges Action for Climate Justice



For Earth Week, Moderator Carmen Lansdowne writes about actions and choices for climate justice that may preserve our future:

"The climate emergency is not just a big problem; it's the end of the world as we know it... We need to talk about what we want to see from each other. Not confrontationally, where we beat each other over the head about our shortcomings—we need to inspire each other."

Read the [full opinion article](#).  
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## Earth Week Events from Coast to Coast



This week, United Church communities together with faith communities across the country are praying, learning, and acting for climate justice as part of [Together for the Love of Creation Earth Week](#). More than 70 in-person and online events are happening across the country. You can go to this map to see a full roster of [events](#).

Plus, stay tuned for The United Church of Canada's second Sustainability Report 2021-2022 coming out on Thursday, April 20, just in time for Earth Day!

Change takes all of us. Each action brings hope. We are making hope visible across the country.

[Image credit: Together for the Love of Creation]



### Pacific Mountain Region

We're excited as we gear up for [Resurrect 2023](#) – a *Party* for inspiration and restoration - happening May 4-6 at First Met in Victoria

BC from Thursday after lunch and ending Saturday with a shared meal.

Check out [www.resurrectparty.ca](http://www.resurrectparty.ca)

We'll have Indigenous theologians / activists [Randy and Edith Woodley](#), singer-songwriter [Liz Vice](#) (of solo and Porter's Gate fame), musician Poor Clare / [Lacey Brown](#) from Church of the Apostles (Lutheran/Anglican), Moderator [Carmen Lansdowne](#) UCC General Secretary [Michael Blair](#) reflect on resurrection in the beloved community.

We'll share in eclectic worship, prayer and spiritual practice, have a beverages (beer/wine/soda) and hymns time, a 'rave in the nave' dance party from [UpperLVL dance church](#) (Presbyterian), [Wild Church BC](#) (UCC) and a Friday evening concert from Liz.

We'll hear lots of good news stories from emerging and re-emerging communities of faith. We'd love it if you could come along and party and share what God's Spirit is doing in your community of faith (as well as be together in the struggles)!

There's also a children's and youth program and times in the intergenerational space.

If you register between now and Easter Sunday it's 15% off the \$100 adult registration – now \$85. Children and youth are just \$25 each.

To register: [www.resurrectparty.ca](http://www.resurrectparty.ca)

PS: Resurrect is happening at the same time as the [John Albert Hall Lectures](#) on land, law, religion and reconciliation. Their closing lecture will be a joint event between Resurrect and JAH with Randy Woodley, Jason McKinney and Carmen Lansdowne on site at Resurrect. If you're planning to come to JAH let us know and we can give you a discount code for Resurrect so you can flow between the two events.