



Comox United Church

Our Values: Spirituality, Openness, Care for the Common Good, Radical Love

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Visit our website: it is updated weekly: www.comoxunitedchurch.com

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, April 28, 2023

Sunday, April 30, 2023

Soup and Sandwich Lunch: Donations will be given

St. Peter's Unity Cupboard

Greeters: Merrilee Cameron, Loreleigh Fitzgerald

Coffee: Margie van Binsbergen, Lucia Brodie

Reflection:

Power Point: Sue Newman

Scripture Reader: Margie van Binsbergen

Psalm 23, Acts 2:42-47, John 10:1-10

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

Sat. May 6 12:00 UCW Bazaar

Men's Breakfast 9:00 May 20 – please RSVP to Scott agur@shaw.ca or 250 871 2027 by May 17

2nd Fri. 5:00 Social Singles room L1

Contact Sara, sara.mcdonald99@live.com, or

Merrilee tomyhome@shaw.ca for details.

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.



Comox United Church Walking Group

Join us this Sunday, April 30th for a walk along part of the Rotary Trail in Courtenay. We'll meet at **Bill Moore Memorial Park at 2 pm** and walk for about an hour.

To get to the park drive over the 17th Street Bridge, go up to Fitzgerald - turn left. Turn right on 23rd Street and it will take you right to the park entrance. Drive up to the main parking area and go to the right (north) end. All are welcome to join us.

Soup & Sandwich (bun) lunch on **April 30.**

If you were unable to sign up to bring soup/buns or clean up please feel free to contribute on Sunday. Donations will be given to St. Peter's Unity Cupboard



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.

- May 6 (Sat)** 11:00-12:00 pm Betty Clements
480 Evergreen Place Courtenay
- May 13 (Sat)** 11:00 am-12:30 pm Robert McDonald
1615 Valley Cres., Courtenay



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 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.

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 or Noreen at noreenr1944@gmail.com by **April 30th** and offer your talent



<https://www.weirdchurchcumberland.com/events/benefitconcert>

Men's Breakfast

May 20 at 9:00 cost \$15.00

Please RSVP by May 17 to Scott:
agur@shaw.ca or 250 871-2027

Our speaker will be Dayna Bowers, B.Ed.,
MA Ed

Dayna will speak about 'The Spear of
Destiny.' With the assistance of the four great
"ology's": Archaeology, Theology, Anthropology
and Mythology.



Prayer requests can be sent to any member of
the prayer group:

Elaine Burnell ebburnell@gmail.com.

Noreen Robertson noreen1944@gmail.com

Joan Gillies joanb1@shaw.ca and

Trevor Fox trevor.fox@viha.ca



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

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

May at Weird Church

One River. Many Wells

Wisdom Springing from Global Faiths

SUNDAY SERVICE 4 PM

Thursday CALM: Guided Meditation
Thursdays 12:15 - 12:45pm

Coffee & Conversations that Matter
Tuesday May 9 @ 10am & 6:30pm

Truth & Reconciliation Team Meeting
Saturday May 13 @ 12:30pm online

May Day Celebrations
Please visit our website for details

Community Potluck
Sunday May 28 following service

The Gallery @ Weird church
"Nostalgia" by Larissa McClean & Mary Gorman

Weird Church Youth Group
Sat May 13 @ 5pm; Fri May 19 @ 7pm;
Sat May 27 @ 2pm

details at weirdchurchcumberland.com