



# 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, May 5, 2023

**Sunday, May 7, 2023 – Communion**

**Flowers:** In memory of Phyllis Giovannetti

**Greeters:** Les Herauf, Klaus Jennermann

**Coffee:** Sonja van Sickle, Mae Pagdin

**Power Point:** Merrlee Cameron

**Scripture Reader:** Barb Page

**Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16**

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

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



Phyllis Giovannetti passed with loved ones by her side. Service date: May 27 – to be confirmed

## Security at Comox United

Footprints Security has reported finding unlocked doors when they do their evening rounds. **Reminder to ALL User Groups to lock up when you leave.**



**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.

## Social Singles May 12

The plan is to meet at the church at noon and depending on the weather we will stay there or go to a park. For more information, please contact Sara [sara.mcdonald99@live.com](mailto:sara.mcdonald99@live.com) or Merrilee [tomyhome@shaw.ca](mailto:tomyhome@shaw.ca).



## Neighbourhood Cluster Groups

Thank you to all who have volunteered to host.

**Signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the hall.**

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



## Talent Show Fund Raiser

May 12, 2023 at 7 p.m.

Admission by donation.

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.

Judy Jackson, the acclaimed Canadian filmmaker, is bringing her latest film, **"Where Can We Live in Peace?"** May 11th at 7pm at Comox United Church, 250 Beach Dr.

"Where Can We Live in Peace?" celebrates the 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ABBA shelter for migrants in Celaya, Mexico, which was founded by Pastor Ignacio Ramirez and his family. It's a safe way station for some of the thousands of migrants who are fleeing violence, crime, climate change and corruption in their Central American countries and transit Mexico each year as they search for a place where they can raise their children in peace. ABBA has cared for more than 80,000 migrants, and is now planning an exciting new expansion.

Entrance to the movie is by donation and 100% of the money raised will go to support Abba House and its new dream!

For more information please call Dave at 250 339-4975.

*Supported by the Comox United Social Justice Team*

## Men's Breakfast

**May 20 at 9:00 cost \$15.00**

Please RSVP by May 17 to Scott: [agur@shaw.ca](mailto: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.



## Invitation to Participate in St. Andrews 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

2023 marks the 150th Anniversary of the building of St Andrews Church located at 4680 North Island Highway; often referred to as the Mother Church of the north island. It's that little white church on Mission Hill you drive by regularly on the northern outskirts of Courtenay. Once known as St Andrews, Sandwick it is the vision of Rev Xavier Willemar, its construction took the energy and gifts of many and it is now managed by St John the Divine, Courtenay. It is their hope to preserve history for the next generations . . . and the church and cemetery need regular upkeep and attention. Water and washrooms would allow greater use not just by the parish, but hopefully others who might consider it a viable, intimate venue for other events, speakers, and musicians. A relocated entrance would be safer for the neighbourhood and participants. Better drainage will save the foundation. The list is long, the possibilities are great, and both require sustained support. Comox Valley residents have supported St Andrews in the past including relocation of the church, construction of the lychgate and restoration of the stained-glass window. Local people value this iconic site. They are requesting donations to not only preserve but also celebrate its past and future. Dollars raised this year will be held in trust solely for this purpose. Contributions can be made by cheque to St John the Divine, Courtenay, marked specifically, St Andrews 150. E-transfers to [givings@sitdcourtenay.ca](mailto:givings@sitdcourtenay.ca) need to be similarly marked. Charitable receipts will be issued for contributions over \$10. If there is a specific project you wish to support let the parish know. If you have questions, please call and ask. Most importantly all are invited to join with us on **June 17 (on-site)** as we gather at St Andrews, Sandwick as we acknowledge our shared history and commemorate a 150 years of ministry at St Andrews. We will commence the day with a Celtic inspired Eucharist led by our bishop. Food, games and music will follow. Our web and facebook pages will soon offer details on the events.



*The Aife and Aine Kennedy*  
**MEMORIAL FUND**  
Family Flowers for Courtenay Churches

The Memorial Fund was formed many years ago to honour the memory of members of our church family who have passed on. Over the years the fund has been used in a variety of ways, for example, to purchase some of the beautiful banners and to contribute to the purchase of the grand piano. We are grateful to those folk who have chosen to remember friends and family by donating to the Comox United Church Memorial Fund.



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# FAMILY RETREAT 2023

June 30 (4 pm)  
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July 2 (2pm)  
Camp Pringle,  
Vancouver Island

Enjoy a weekend in inclusive Christian Community with times of camp and outdoor activities, nature exploration, family-style worship, singing, crafts and much more!

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