



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, May 12, 2023

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Greeters: Marj Adams, Evy Gillespie

Coffee: Ken and Sue Newman

Power Point: Barb Page

Reflection: God of Many Names

Scripture Reader: Sue Newman

Acts 17:22-31 and John 14:15-21

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>

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

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

May 28 Pentecost Sunday – Soup & Sandwich Lunch and Birthday Cakes



Phyllis Giovannetti passed with loved ones by her side. Service date: May 27 at 1:30

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 or Merrilee tomyhome@shaw.ca.



Talent Show Fund Raiser

May 12, 2023 at 7 p.m.

Admission by donation.



Mother's Day is May 14. At this time of year, we take a moment to reflect on the person or people who helped nurture us and guide us to be who we are today. You can amplify the love you have received by giving to Mission & Service, inspiring and transforming lives by building a better world. If you are looking for a way to honour or thank a special person for Mother's Day, please consider a [gift to Mission & Service](#).

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May 14, 2023

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 duotangs 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



Neighbourhood Cluster Groups

Thank you to all who have signed up to be hosts.

Signup sheets for each cluster are available in the hall

New Dates:

Fri. June 9 - 2:00- 3:30 Joyce Relyea

1920 Beaufort, Comox – one spot available

Wed. June 14 – 11-12 room M7 at Comox United

Fri. June 16 – 11-12:30 Betty Clements

480 Evergreen Place, Courtenay



The UCW would like to invite all the women of the church to the annual spring potluck luncheon on **Monday, June 12 at 12:15 p.m.**

We are supplying meat, buns and drinks. Please bring a salad or dessert.

Donations for Stepping Stones, which is a local recovery centre for women suffering from addictions will be gratefully accepted.

<https://www.steppingstonesrecoveryhouse.ca/>

Tuesday May 16th
Movie: 1948: Creation and Catastrophe
7:00 pm by Donation

This Tuesday our Social Justice Committee is providing the opportunity to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Creation of Israel and the Nakba, the Catastrophe, that has brought about the destruction of Palestine, by showing the excellent documentary "1948: Creation and Catastrophe". Through riveting and moving personal recollections of both Palestinians and Israelis the movie tells the story of the beginning of Israel as seen through the eyes of the people who lived it. It is not possible to make sense of what is happening today in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict without an understanding of 1948!

Please take the time to join with other groups from the Valley to gain more insight into what continues to be the most controversial and destructive conflict in the world.

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.



Household Directory


Any changes to your contact information? Please forward these to me (by May 20) so that I may update the Household Directory in preparation for distribution to the congregation.

Thank you, Lorna admin@comoxunited.com



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MEMORIAL FUND
Family Foundations - 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.



Please remember that one of Comox United Church's main charities is Healthy Families. Donations such as diapers, skin care, shampoo and feminine hygiene products and food are gratefully received. These can be brought to the church and placed in the basket in the foyer.

St. George's United Church – Help wanted
Position Title: Office Administrator
Purpose: To support the mission of St. George's United Church, the Office Administrator performs duties and responsibilities including, decision making in the areas of communication, accounting, event planning, and the organization of Church documents including minutes and reports.
Hours of Work: Part-Time, 18 Hours per week
Annual Vacation: Two weeks
Wages and Benefits: \$21.00 per hour in addition to a Benefits Package.
Contact the church office:
<mailto:office@stgeorgesunited.com>

Invitation to Participate in St. Andrews 150th 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@sjtdcourtenay.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.



COME TO A PICNIC!
June 11th at Kin Beach 12:00 noon

Did you know we have a covenant relationship with The Comox Valley Unitarian Fellowship? Because we have a lot in common, there have been joint activities between the two congregations, but we haven't gotten together for a while!

The Joint Liaison Committee wants to change that. We are hosting a Picnic for all members and friends of The Comox Valley Unitarian Fellowship and Comox United Church. Our new ministers will be there to welcome everyone and there will be an ice-breaker activity before we have lunch.

We are renting space at Kin Beach, but the shelter/bbq is being used by another group. Consider carpooling to make parking easier.

What to bring: a picnic lunch, something to sit on, a folding shelter if you have one (to create some shade and guarantee we won't be rained on!) activities to share (i.e. frisbee, ball, bocce, croquet, ring toss)

May 30th Tuesday 7 pm by Donation

The Social Justice Committee is delighted to be hosting Wanjiku Kironyo the founder of the Maji Mazuri Centre in Nairobi Kenya. She has been working for over 30 years transforming the lives of children, youth and families living in the Mathare Valley Slum on the outskirts of Nairobi. Her work helps individuals move out of a cycle of poverty. This has been possible through the establishment of a head start school, a micro-business loan programme and a computer training programme. Wanjiku is a dynamic, charismatic speaker who provides an inspirational presentation, inviting us to reflect on how we can leave the world a better place than we found it. Your donation will go to support the programs at the Maji Mazuri Centre in Nairobi Kenya.

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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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Welcome May Blessings..

May You be happy.
May You be well.
May You be safe.
May You find comfort.
May You have strength.
May You have courage.
May You find healing.
May You have peace.
May You have joy.
May You be filled with loving kindness.

MAY YOU BE BLESSED TODAY & Always. - Babz