



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 19, 2023

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Greeters: Merrilee Cameron, Loreleigh Fitzgerald

Coffee: Jan Bjarnason, Peter Senior

Power Point: Joyce Relyea

Guest Preacher: Rev. Brenda Riley

Scripture Reader: Merrilee Cameron

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11, John 17:1-11

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

Please note: The church office will be closed Tuesday May 23.

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
 2nd Fri. TBD Social Singles
- Contact Sara: sara.mcdonald99@live.com or
 Merrilee: tomyhome@shaw.ca
- May 28 Pentecost Sunday – Soup & Sandwich Lunch and Birthday Cakes
 May 30 7:00 Mai Mazuri Centre in Nairobi Kenya
 June 11 noon – Picnic at Kin Beach



PENTECOST

Sunday, May 28

A chance to wear your brightest flame-coloured clothes to church!

May 28 – Pentecost

Soup & Sandwich Lunch and Birthday Cake!



Pentecost

As has been the tradition here at Comox United, people sign up to bring a cake for their birth month. It is also a Soup & Sandwich day so this year others with a birthday in that month will join their birth month table for Soup & Sandwich and **CAKE!**

The signup sheet to bring a cake is on the bulletin board in the hall. There is a spot to sign up to bring a gluten/dairy free cake.



Neighbourhood Cluster Groups

Signup sheets for each cluster are available in the hall

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

1920 Beaufort, Comox

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

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

480 Evergreen Place, Courtenay





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



The UCW would like to thank all who attended our recent sale, and are happy to say that we were able to add \$1385.96 to our bank account. We like to use money we raise as donations to various charities here in the Comox Valley as well as further afield.

Talent Show: Thank you to the talented people who shared their talents on Friday, May 12. A special thanks to the one person orchestra of Gloria H. and our sound person Dale E. We could not have done it without either of you two. For those of you who supported the show with your generosity, we were able to donate \$838.50 to Comox United!!!

 A huge Thank you to Thrifty Foods for their generosity and kindness – they supplied the daffodils for our Easter Cross.

 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 (tampons (regular and super), deodorants, shampoos & conditioners, dry shampoos and razors) for Stepping Stones, which is a local recovery centre for women suffering from addictions will be gratefully accepted.

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

Household Directory
Any changes to your contact information? Please forward these to me (by May 19) so that I may update the Household Directory in preparation for distribution to the congregation.
Thank you, Lorna admin@comoxunited.com

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
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 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. 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. 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)

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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.

FIRST THIRD MINISTRY
 PACIFIC MOUNTAIN REGION

**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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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