



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 26, 2023

Sunday, May 28, 2023 – Communion

Greeters: Jane Wilson, Marg Silman

Coffee: Debra Monk, Marilyn Bourne

Power Point: Sue Newman

Reflection: Pentecost

Scripture Reader: Ken Newman

Exodus 19:16-20, Acts 2:1-21

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
 2nd Fri. TBD Social Singles
 Contact Sara: sara.mcdonald99@live.com or
 Merrilee: tomyhome@shaw.ca
 May 28 Pentecost Sunday – Soup & Bun Lunch and Birthday Cakes
 May 30 7:00 Mai Mazuri Centre **cancelled**
 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 & Bun Lunch

Hosted by the Choir: everyone is welcome to eat with us and encouraged to attend and share sustenance and fellowship. Help cleaning up would also be welcomed. Donations will be given to Healthy Families.

and Birthday Cake!

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



Pentecost

CAKE!

Walking Group

Join us at 2 pm on Sunday May 28 for a walk through Filberg Park and on some of the adjoining streets and trails. We'll meet on Filberg Road (the road that runs along the side of Filberg Park) at the entrance to the park that is closest to the water. The walk will take about an hour and there is some uneven ground as well as a couple of short inclines. All are welcome to join us!

Bouquets of flowers and thank yous

to Noreen Robertson and Mike Stewart for organizing and hosting the recent Talent Show!
It was a lovely and fun-filled evening!

Also, many thanks to the men from the Shed who lovingly tidied up the outer areas of the church property.

With much appreciation for all our wonderful volunteers!

Council Chair and Vice Chair

The NoVA Team continues to search for new Council Chair and Vice Chair to start 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. The possibility of Co-chairs sharing the duties could also work well. We have directly asked many of you in the congregation, but so far, no one has expressed any interest. Maybe you have hidden experience or talents that would serve the congregation well, and you are just waiting to be asked. As we find that we cannot identify anyone else at this point, please **CONSIDER YOURSELF ASKED**. Will you be our next Chair or Vice-Chair? 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, Mike Stewart.



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



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/>

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 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)

**Weird Church
Save the date!**

Coming up Sunday June 4 we will explore the film "Mission: Joy", a documentary featuring best friends His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Bring snacks to share - popcorn will be provided!

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A Ukrainian lady with 4 children needs help driving kids to school, shopping, etc. They also desperately need a small dresser for clothing. If you can help her please be in touch and let me know also please & thank you. Merrilee tomyhome@shaw.ca