



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, June 2, 2023

Sunday, June 4, 2023

Greeters: Merrilee Cameron, Loreleigh Fitzgerald

Coffee: Sonja van Sickle, Mae Pagdin

Power Point: Joyce Relyea

Service Leader: Serena Patterson

Reflection: *Hubris, Humility, Grief and Wonder: re-reading texts we thought we knew, in this Post-Colonial, Post-Residential School time.*

Scripture Reader: Bev Agur

Genesis 1: 1-2, Psalm 8, Matthew 28: 16-20

2nd Corinthians 13:11-13 Indigenous Translation

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

Sun. June 11 noon – Picnic at Kin Beach

Mon. June 12 UCW Potluck Lunch

Sat. June 17 9:00 Men's Breakfast please

RSVP by June 14 Scott Agur agur@shaw.ca

Summer Services

Comox United Church (CxU)

July 2 – no service at CxU we are invited to worship with St. George's United – 10:30

July 9 – no service at CxU we are invited to worship with CV Presbyterian Church – 10:30

July 16 – Shared service at CxU

July 23- no service at CxU we are invited to worship with St. Peter's Anglican – 10:30

Please note: Council has voted to close the church office from June 27 – July 11, 2023.



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!

firstthirdministry.ca



Bouquets of flowers and Thankyous

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

Wed. June 14 – 1:00 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.stepsstonesrecoveryhouse.ca/>



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)

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) from 10-3** 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.

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Weird Church

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!



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



Comox UC Website – How To This week’s Tip:

1. To see when and where we’ll be sharing worship services in July, go to the church website by googling *Comox United Church*.
2. From the menu at the top of the page, click on *News*.
3. Click on *Shared Services in July*.
3. Make a note on your calendar!

Questions? Comments? Concerns?
Submissions? Photos?

NB: This is YOUR website! If you’d like to add any articles or photos to this or any page, please email Joyce Wagland at websiteadmin@comoxunitedchurch.com or phone 250-207-5650.