



# 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](http://www.comoxunitedchurch.com)

**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 June 16, 2023

## Sunday, June 18, 2023

**Greeters:** Marj Adams, Isobel Mcleish

**Coffee:** Raymond & Margaret Morin

**Power Point:** Merrilee Cameron

**Reflection:** Spirituality

**Scripture Reader:** Patty Forbes-King

Genesis 32:25-32, Matthew 14:22-23

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 contact [bevagur@shaw.ca](mailto:bevagur@shaw.ca)

Tuesdays 10:00 Coffee and Conversation at the Comox Golf Club

Thursdays 6:30 Choir practice

Fridays 10:00 Men's Shed

2<sup>nd</sup> Fri. TBD Social Singles

Contact Sara: [sara.mcdonald99@live.com](mailto:sara.mcdonald99@live.com) or

Merrilee: [tomyhome@shaw.ca](mailto:tomyhome@shaw.ca)

**The UCW would like to thank the women** who joined us at the Luncheon on June 12. A special thanks for the generous donations to Stepping Stones Recovery Centre. It was such a success not only because of the wonderful food supplied by all, but also because of the many hands of help before and after the event. Thank you especially for the fellowship and the joyful music from Gloria's fingers on the piano.

## 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.



Each year on Indigenous Day of Prayer Sunday the Social Justice team of Comox United invites you to consider giving a special donation to the **Healing Fund** which helps the United Church of Canada live out its commitment to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action. This fund was established in 1994 and offers financial support to grassroots projects that focus on healing initiatives for survivors of the Indian Residential Schools system and its ongoing intergenerational impacts. The Indigenous church oversees the fund and communities can apply for up to \$15,000 for healing, culture, and/or language projects. Donations to this appeal can be made by cash or cheque using the designated envelopes (in the foyer) or by e-transfer to the Treasurer:

[treasurer@comoxunitedchurch.com](mailto:treasurer@comoxunitedchurch.com)

For more information about the Healing Fund please see the bulletin board in the church hall.

**To ALL Users of Comox United Church:**

Toilet paper running low, door sticking, toilet not working.

If you notice any issues during your time at Comox United please inform the Office Administrator. 250 339 – 3966 or [admin@comoxunitedchurch.com](mailto:admin@comoxunitedchurch.com)

This information will be passed onto the Property Committee.

We appreciate your care of our space.

Thank you, Property Committee



Thank you to all who helped this past year with the Soup and Bun luncheons, either by providing delicious soup, sandwiches, buns and other treats, or by helping set and clean up. Together we had lots of lovely lunches, met new people and raised almost \$1,900 for local charities!

**Security at Comox United**

Footprints Security has reported finding unlocked doors (especially the front doors) when they do their evening rounds.

**Reminder to ALL User Groups**

- Please ensure your entry door (south or main level) is locked following the arrival of your participants – regardless of the time of your meeting.
- As all user groups have their own key, please lock on exiting regardless of who else may be in the building.



**Comox UC Website – How To**  
*This week's Tip:*

1. To see photos of two recent events (Church picnic and UCW Lunch), 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 UCW Luncheon and Joint Church Picnic.
3. Enjoy!

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](mailto:websiteadmin@comoxunitedchurch.com) or phone 250-207-5650



**A WORD ABOUT THE PRAYER STONES AT THE SANCTUARY PRAYER STATIONS**

Some people prefer to use the stones rather than the candles. They are available during the Service on Sunday morning or at any time you might be in the building.

The invitation is to hold the stone in your hand and, in doing so, placing your prayer, your energy, your beyond-word-aspirations into the stone. From a Celtic perspective, a spark of the Spirit of the Creator remains at the centre of all matter and all life so that your spirit communes with the Spirit as you pray (or even just as you mark a moment of silence) and the stone “remembers and holds you forever after”.