



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 Oct. 6, 2023

Sunday, October 8, 2023

Leader: Rev. Karen Hollis

Greeters: Les Herauf, Isobel McLeish

Coffee: Sonja Van Sickle, Mae Pagdin

Power Point: Sue Newman

Live Stream: Ken Vaux

Scripture: Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 80:7-15

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

Please note the office is closed Oct. 10th



Come to the hall after worship on Sunday, Oct 8 and learn about OWL!
Our Whole Lives: Sexuality and Our Faith.



UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

Oct 8: Thanksgiving

Oct 15: Comox Valley Unitarian Fellowship Pulpit Swap - Arran Morton (CVUF)

Arran Morton currently lives in Victoria BC – though he is from Scotland and came to Victoria via the ‘scenic route’. He loves to be near the ocean, the trees, and (Vancouver) island life generally.

His work has focus on love-based community building as well as training and facilitation on issues related to healthy relationships, sexuality, conflict resolution and restorative justice practices. Arran was the Director of Spiritual Exploration at First Unitarian Church of Victoria until he adopted his child in 2021. He is currently the minister at The Comox Valley Unitarian Fellowship.

Oct 22-Nov 12: Stewardship

Oct 29 – Nov 5: Sunday Worship-Stewardship

If you're having issues with viewing the live stream, it's because the Tech Team is unable to provide live-streaming services until after Thanksgiving, 2023.

If you are interested in joining the Tech Team to help with live-streaming and other technology services please contact the office. Training will be provided."

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 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
Wednesday	10:00	Queer Bible Study
Thursday	6:30	Choir Practice
Fridays	10:00	Men's Shed
2 nd Mon.	1:15	UCW
2 nd Fri	TBA	Social Singles Contact: Merrilee: tomyhome@shaw.ca
3 rd Sat	9:00	Men's Breakfast
1 st Sun	1:30	Glacier View Lodge Music
Last Sun.		Soup and Bun Lunch

The Matthew Mystery Project (MMP)

has launched with 79 envelopes given out so far! If you were away last week and didn't receive your MMP envelope, please see Elaine Brown during coffee time after service, or email her at broelaine@gmail.com.

Are you pondering what you can do for the Matthew Mystery Project? Here's a few additional ideas:

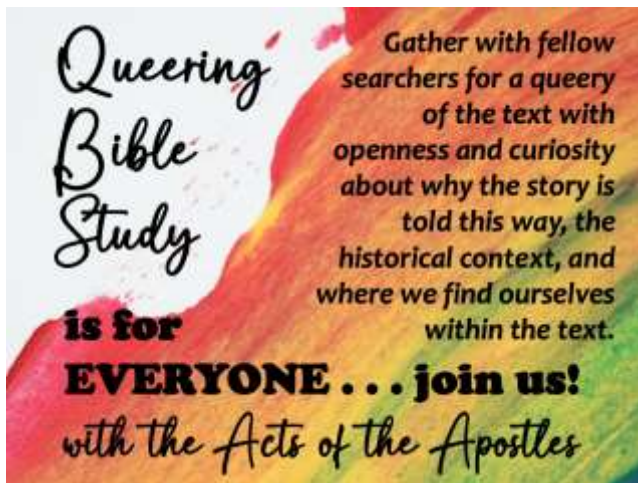
- \$20 seed money will make a lot of *Quilted Bookmarks*.
- Offer *'Butler or Maid'* services for a fee for someone's holiday gathering so they can be with their guests while you look after the setup and cleanup.
- Charge an hourly fee for *dog sitting or dog walking*.
- Could you offer a *behind-the-scenes tour* of an organization you belong to?
- Become *Chauffeur for a Day* to take a small group of friends shopping in Qualicum Beach with each person paying \$20 for a space in the car.
- Make and sell *pinecone wreaths*.
- Host a *Games Night* and sell tickets to attend.
- Paint and sell *Decorated Plant Pots*.
- Wrap and sell *Fishing Lures*.
- Create gift cards with *Pressed Flowers Artwork*.
- Assemble *Christmas Candy Skewers* for the young and young-at-heart.
- Sew *Beautiful Mittens or Bags* from recycled materials
- *Decorate Baseball Hats* to sell for Pride events.
- Bake *Gluten Free Treats* and sell with recipe cards
- Stir up some *Homemade Soup*.
- *Sell Your Muscle* for fall yard cleanup.
- Offer *Gift Wrapping Services*.
- Sell the gift of a *Rentable Storytime Grandmother*. Read stories to a toddler through Zoom or Facetime once a week to give Mom and Dad a break.
- Provide *In-Home Manicures*.
- *Become an Elf*. Charge a fee to put up and take down Christmas Lights

During the Oct. 8 service

we will have a Special Thanksgiving offering for the Comox Valley Food Bank. This is one of Comox United's four annual special appeals to support local and global outreach programs.



Rosemary Lyle passed peacefully on Oct. 3.
Service date: TBA



This coming Wednesday we will be looking at Acts 10:1-36

Do you have ideas to share? Do you know what you will be doing to begin multiplying your MMP seed money? Please let Elaine Brown know at broelaine@gmail.com, or at 250-650-9925.

Matthew Mystery Project (Talent Sale)



Plum Chutney \$5.00

Will be for sale in the church hall following the service.



SUNDAY SERVICE 4 PM

CENTERING PRAYER 5:30 PM

details and online access at www.weirdchurchcumberland.com

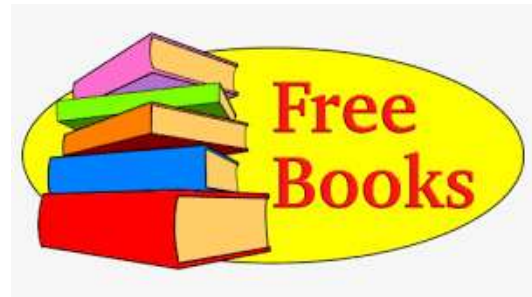


Men's Breakfast
All Men warmly invited
 Saturday, Oct. 21 at 9 am
 Please RSVP no later than Oct. 18

Barry Turnham chemist@telus.net
 Speaker: Robin Giles



Walking Group Sunday October the 29th: meet at Bill Moore Park, 23rd and Kilpatrick Courtenay at 2pm. Walk for one hour on the Rotary Trail; flat and easy to walk. All are welcome. Further info contact Cameron and Brenda Cairncross at cairncross@live.ca or 250-339-0739



FREE BOOKS

Please help yourself after the service this Sunday to any of the books laid out on the tables in the hall. These books are yours to keep. The shelved books in our library can be checked out, but these need to be returned to our library as usual.

This week's Tip: 

1. To find out about the **40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism**, go to the church website by googling **Comox United Church**.
2. At the top of the page, click on **Events**.
3. Scroll to **40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism**
4. Read and follow some of the links!
5. Consider attending online.

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.



This thank you is to the whole congregation of Comox United Church. It comes with much appreciation for your prayers during the Sunday service prayer time. I was on that prayer list over several months while I was receiving chemotherapy. Your prayers were a great support for me. I am now done with the treatment, which has significantly reduced the cancer so I can return to some of my usual activities. Prayers have their mysterious ways of working.
With gratitude,
Peggy Zimmerman

It's Your Funeral

A workshop on death & dying
in Christian tradition



Saturday, October 21 | 9am-12:30pm
St. George's United Church

By donation. Register at
www.stgeorgesunited.com

What do we believe about death and dying?
How can my death reflect my faith? What
should they sing at my service?

Join us as we explore the topic of death and
dying in Christian tradition and how it should
inform the way we approach death. From
everlasting life to estate planning, we will be
thinking cosmically and practically about the
end of this life and the life to come.

Special guest from Old House Notary Public.
This workshop is by donation, with light
refreshments provided at break. Led by Rev.
Ryan Slifka and the congregational care
committee.

Signup is encouraged for the purpose of
planning.

Welcome to Gifts with Vision for 2023–2024!



[Gifts with Vision](#) are an opportunity for you to
make a difference in someone's life—during
Advent and Christmas, or at any time of
year—by giving gifts from the comfort of home,
with no packaging or wrapping needed.

This year's new gifts include [solar power](#) for
the United Theological College in
Zimbabwe, [backpacks full of school
supplies](#) for children who live under the
poverty line, a [biofuel pilot project](#)
run by women in the Democratic Republic of Congo,
and making the United Church camp
experience possible for children in
underserved communities in the Maritimes—
along with many others. You'll also recognize
lots of returning gifts, like [Operation
Backpack](#), [Return of the Buffalo](#), and [A
Kindergarten in a Refugee Camp](#).

See all the Gifts available and find out more by
visiting the [Gifts with Vision website](#).

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