



# Comox United Church

*Our Values: Spirituality, Openness, Care for the Common Good, Radical Love*

DECEMBER 1-7<sup>TH</sup>, 2023



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**Service: December 3, 2023**  
**Advent 2 and Communion**

**Leader:** Rev. Karen Hollis  
**Greeters:** Bev Agur, Joan Gillies  
**Coffee:** Sonja Van Sickle, Mae Pagdin  
**Power Point:** Sue Newman  
**Live Stream:**  
**Scripture:** Merrilee Cameron  
**Prayers of the People:** Rev. Karen Hollis

**Worship services are available in three ways:**

1. Attend in-person at the church on Sundays @10:00am
2. Watch the live stream by going to <https://www.comoxunitedchurch.com> and clicking the button.
3. Watch another time from the "Virtual Services" page on our website:  
<https://www.comoxunitedchurch.com/pages/online-sunday-services>

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## OUR COMMUNITY

# ADVENT: PEACE

### LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

#### WEEKLY

Mondays	1:30	Knitting Group
Tuesdays	10:00	Coffee and Conversation at the Comox Golf Club
Thursday	6:30	Choir Practice
Fridays	10:00	Men's Shed

#### MONTHLY

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sun</b>	<b>1:30</b>	<b>Glacier View Lodge Music</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon.	1:15	UCW
2 <sup>nd</sup> Fri	TBA	Social Singles Contact: Merrilee: <a href="mailto:tomyhome@shaw.ca">tomyhome@shaw.ca</a>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat	9:00	Men's Breakfast
<b>Last Sun.</b>	<b>11:15</b>	<b>Soup and Bun Lunch</b>

### WANTED ASAP

#### Coordinator of Soup & Bun

Seeking someone to step into this position. You will get lots of support from Merrilee.

Time commitment is 3 hours the last Sunday of the month for 8 months and 1 hour the week before.

It is a very popular activity that provides great opportunity for socializing & getting to know some of your pew mates better & to welcome new folks to our community.

Before you think you can't do it, talk to Merrilee.....she is gentle with her persuasions.

**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)

**OUR COMMUNITY  
THIS WEEK**

**SHOUT OUTS**

Thank you to the group of people who decorated the Sanctuary with a Christmas tree, wreaths, and all things beautiful

**Lost and Found**

A reminder to look through the Lost and Found box and the clothing on the hangers.



**COMOX UNITED CHURCH WEBSITE**

**MEETING SPACES**

Comox UC Website – How To . . .

This week’s Tip:

1. To see information about the rooms in our church which can be rented, go to the website by googling Comox United Church.
2. From the menu at the top of the page, click on Rentals.
3. Check it all out!

Questions? Comments? Concerns?

NB: This is YOUR website! If you’d like to comment, please email Joyce Wagland at [websiteadmin@comoxunitedchurch.com](mailto:websiteadmin@comoxunitedchurch.com) or phone 250-207-5650.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### DECEMBER

**1<sup>st</sup>, Friday, World Aids Day**

**3<sup>rd</sup>, Sunday, CV GLACIER GRANNIES WREATHS**, @ 11:15 am **at pick up** outside the Church's front door.

**3<sup>rd</sup>, Sunday, UN International Day of People with Disabilities**

**4<sup>th</sup>, Monday, UCW POTLUCK LUNCHEON** @ 12:15 in the Church Hall.

**6<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women**

**7<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, TAIZE SERVICES**, @ 4pm at the Hall

**9<sup>th</sup>, Monday, FINDING CLIMATE CHANGE**, 10-11:30 AM, Church Hall. This 1.5 hour interactive session will be about 'finding' solutions and communication tips, resources, and climate collaborators.

**10<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, CHARLES DICKENS: A CHRISTMAS CAROL INCLUDING A VICTORIA CHRISTMAS TEA AND BUFFET** @ 7 pm at the Church Tickets \$30 each available at Laughing Oyster Books and Blue Heron Books.

**10<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, UN Human Rights Day**

**14<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, TAIZE SERVICES** @ 4pm in the Hall

**16<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE** @ 2 pm at the Church. This is a quiet, reflective service which offers a moment of healing and hope in the midst of the busyness of Christmas.

**17<sup>th</sup>, WHITE GIFT SUNDAY**, @ 10:00 am  
We will be collecting financial donations for "Rainbow House"\*

\*Rainbow House is a proposed transitional home for 2SLGBTQQIA+ youth who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. If you've never heard the term 2SLGBTQQIA+ before, it refers to two-spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual, and all other sexual orientations and genders.

Rainbow House differs from a regular shelter in that it will be a completely vetted and safe space meant to house youth for extended periods – not just night by night.

It also aims to be more of a communal home than a shelter.

## DECEMBER cont.

17<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, **COMOX VALLEY UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP WINTER SOLSTICE** @ 4:00 pm in the Church Sanctuary

18<sup>th</sup>, Monday, **2nd ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SINGALONG** @ 2 pm with Gloria Herauf @ Comox United Church. Good Will Offering. *Come and sing your favourite carols and Christmas songs in a good old-fashioned sing-song! [Words will be provided]*

21<sup>st</sup>, Thursday, **THE LONGEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR SERVICE**, will be held at the **WEIRD CHURCH** this year. More information to follow.

24<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, **THERE IS NO 10 AM SERVICE CHRISTMAS EVE** ~ 8:00 pm service Lessons and Carols



25<sup>th</sup>, Monday, Christmas Day

26<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, Boxing Day

31<sup>st</sup>, Sunday, **Karen is away.**

31<sup>st</sup>, Sunday, **WE ARE INVITED TO WORSHIP WITH ST. PETER'S ANGLICAN CHURCH**, there will be no service at Comox United

## JANUARY 2024

1<sup>st</sup>, Monday, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

2<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday, Office is **OPEN**

7<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, Karen is away.



## EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

After 20 Years, a Reunion Performance

CHARLES DICKENS

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

In support of

**Gukwas sa Wagalus**  
(Rainbow House)

(A peer-supported Indigenous & Non-Indigenous 2SLGBTQ+ Housing Project for Youth (16 - 20 years old) who are unhoused or at risk of becoming unhoused)

And programs of Comox United

Starring a cast of local, provincial, & national celebrities  
INCLUDING A VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS  
TEA BUFFET SERVED DURING THE INTERVAL  
At COMOX UNITED CHURCH SUN. DECEMBER 10 AT 7:00 PM

Tickets (\$30 each) available at Laughing Oyster Books  
(cash or credit card) and Blue Heron Books (cash only)

**Comox Valley Transition Society** hosts an event every **Dec. 6**, the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

**Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:30** at the Stan Hagen Theatre (North Island College) there will be a screening of the film *Marker of Change: The Story of the Women's Monument*. Both the filmmaker and the creator of the Women's Monument in downtown Vancouver will be present for a panel discussion after the film. Admission is free with donations coming to CVTS.

On **Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, at noon**, CVTS will host the usual vigil on the plaza in front of the Comox Valley Art Gallery. There will be speakers, the traditional laying of the roses in memory of the 14 young women murdered in Montreal on Dec. 6, 1989, and song. The Art Gallery will be opening their doors after the event.

