



Comox United Church

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

JANUARY 5-11TH, 2024



The Adoration of the Magi by Edward Burne-Jones (1904)

Sunday Service, Jan 7, 2023

Leaders:

Joan Gillies and Howard Robertson

Scripture: Elaine Brown

Prayers of the People: Joan Gillies

Coffee: Jan Bjarnason, Peter Senior

Greeters: Evy Gillespie, Julie Whitman

Livestream: Joanne Wiens

Power Point: Barb Page

Sound: Dale Erhart

Worship services are available in three ways:

1. Attend in-person at the church on Sundays @ 10:00am

2. Watch live on-line by going to our YouTube channel. Click on this link at 10:00 am on Sunday morning:

<https://www.youtube.com/@comoxunitedchurch3917/streams>

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 LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

WEEKLY

Mondays	1:30	Knitting Group (starts back Jan 9, 2024)
Tuesdays	10:00	Coffee and Conversation at the Comox Golf Club
Thursday	6:30	Choir Practice
Fridays	10:00	Men's Shed

MONTHLY

1st Sun	1:30	Glacier View Worship & Music
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
Last Sun.	11:15	Soup and Bun Lunch

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY COINS

A few weeks ago Council received a proposal from the Affirming Team to redirect the birthday coins from the Canadian charity Sleeping Children Around the World to Gukwas sa Wagalus (Rainbow House).

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on this proposal.

Based on your comments, Council decided that, for 2024, the money collected as birthday coins will be distributed evenly between these two worthy causes.

This allows us to benefit young people in our community while continuing to benefit young people in other countries. Thank you for bringing your birthday coins to share with children and youth, locally and globally.



Participatory Music Nights

Let's get together and have fun with music! Music builds community and makes for fun time together. The first night we will decide what we want to do. Want to sing karaoke? Want to bring your instrument and jam? Greg Olynyk will provide drums/percussion.

I have reserved the church hall & sanctuary on Saturday evenings beginning January 6th from 6:30 to 8:30.

Some possible ideas: Celtic music with David on fiddle, Greg on snare drum or bongos, others on spoons, boran, shakers, etc., Guitar songs sing-along, percussion, snare, congas, bongos, spoons, etc. Bring song books. Projection of music videos with lyrics for sing-along karaoke

Have questions? Email olynyk.greg@gmail.com or text/call Greg 250-218-4639

Let's jam it up in 2024!

COMOX UNITED CHURCH WALKING GROUP

Just us to start the year with a walk this Sunday, Jan 7th, along the One Spot Trail.

Take the Condensory Bridge from Courtenay or drive north on Pierce Road from Headquarters Road. Turn right onto Condensory Road. The trail head is on the right, shortly after you turn onto Burns Road. Park carefully along the roadside.

We'll leave the trailhead at 2 pm and walk for approx. an hour. The trail is well-graded and relatively flat.

Everyone is welcome!



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ART WORKSHOP FOR CAREGIVERS

Join TaraLee Houston at Comox United Church, lower Level Room L1, for this FREE event on Saturday, *January 20th from 1-5 pm.*

No art experience is required. Professional art therapy facilitation, supplies and art projects are provided.

This is a time for fun, creativity, and joy for self-care in a safe space. To sign up, contact Noreen:

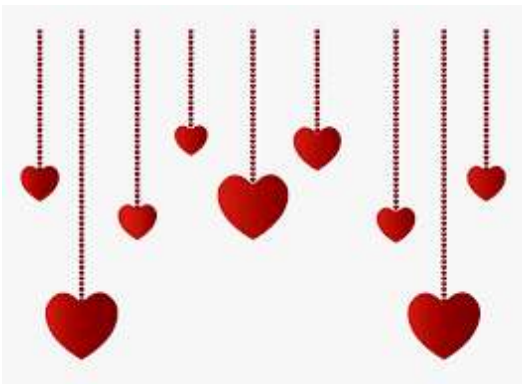
noreenr1944@gmail.com

COMOX UNITED CHURCH WEBSITE

This week's suggestion:

To see where your Celebration Coins are going to in 2024,

1. Go to the website by googling Comox United Church
2. From the menu at the top of the page, click on NEWS.
3. Scroll down to Celebration Coins
4. Enjoy!



Thank you to all of the volunteers for helping me get the Jan-Mar, 2024 volunteer lineup ready.

Joyce Wagland was a magician with organizing everyone.

Lorna mentioned this community is a great place to find resources...

I'm searching for a house cleaner for a one-time (perhaps more often). Not more than 2 hours. I'd like to support a local person/family. 😊

Also, a handyperson who's familiar with RVs.

Karasima.brands@gmail.com, 250-898-3282



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 2024

6th, Saturday, Participatory Music Nights
6:30 to 8:30 in the Hall and Sanctuary

6th, Saturday, Feast of Epiphany

7th, Sunday, Karen is away.

The Service will be led by:

Joan Gillies and Howard Robertson

7th, Sunday, 1:45 pm, Comox United Church Walking Group

7th, Sunday, Baptism of Jesus

13th, Saturday, Participatory Music Nights
6:30 to 8:30 in the Hall and Sanctuary

14th, **Sunday, Karen is back from vacation.**

14th, Sunday, Second after Epiphany

20th, Saturday, Participatory Music Nights
6:30 to 8:30 in the Hall and Sanctuary

20th, Saturday, 1-5 pm. Art Experience for
Caregivers

20th, Saturday, 9 Men's Breakfast

21st, Sunday, Third after Epiphany

22nd Monday, Chinese New Year

27th, Saturday, Participatory Music Nights
6:30 to 8:30 in the Hall and Sanctuary

28th, Sunday, Fourth After Epiphany

Saturday, Participatory Music Nights
Feb 3, 23
Mar 2, 9, 23, 30



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