



# Comox United Church

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

**JANUARY 19-25<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**



## **Sunday Service, Jan 21, 2024**

**Leaders:** Rev. Karen Hollis

**Scripture:** Bev Agur

**Prayers of the People:** Rev. Hollis

**Coffee:** Sonja Van Sickle, Mae Pagdin

**Greeters:** Marj Adams,  
Margaret Griffith-Cochrane

**Livestream:** Ken Newman

**Sound:** Dale Erhart

**Power Point:** Merrilee Cameron

## **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
Tuesdays	10:00	Coffee and Conversation at the Comox Golf Club
Wednesdays	10:00	Queer Bible Study (starts Jan 31 <sup>st</sup> )
Thursday	6:30	Choir Practice
Fridays	10:00	Men's Shed

#### MONTHLY

1 <sup>st</sup> Sun	10:00	Communion
1 <sup>st</sup> Sun	1:30	Glacier View Worship & Music
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon.	1:15	United Church Women
2 <sup>nd</sup> Fri	12:00	Social Singles Contact: Merrilee: <a href="mailto:tomyhome@shaw.ca">tomyhome@shaw.ca</a>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sat</b>	<b>9:00</b>	<b>Men's Breakfast</b>

#### THANK YOU!

A heartfelt THANK YOU to Merrilee Cameron  
for all her energy and time working to get  
Soup and Bun back up and running after the constraints of Covid.



The lunches are on hold for now....but stay tuned.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **HAVE A HEART SHOW! TICKETS ARE SELLING QUICKLY!!**

Join Gloria Herauf and the cast of the Beach Street Players for another rousing musical adventure entitled "*Stop the World, Start the Music*". View Calendar of Events (listed below) for performance dates.

Tickets are available at Blue Heron Books and Benjamin Moore House of Color and will **also be on sale in the Hall each Sunday after Church.**

All tickets are \$25 and the proceeds will be split evenly between Comox United Church and the Strathcona Sunrise Rotary Club.

**In past years shows have sold out so get your tickets early for a fun-filled afternoon or evening of music while supporting our Church.**



## Sunday, January 14, 2024 Live-streaming

There was a technical issue on Sunday morning with the live-streaming. There is no YouTube video available for January 14, 2024.

**Tech team**

## Lobby Spruce Up

As part of the Venue Team, I am working on sprucing up our lobby, to make it more inviting for guests.

I have 3 framed photos illustrating 3 of our Values (thanks Claude Dalley) but I am not sure how to illustrate Radical Love.

Do you have a photo which could do this? Not just Love, but **RADICAL** Love. If so, send it to Howard at [hojo29@shaw.ca](mailto:hojo29@shaw.ca). If your photo is chosen, you will win a gift certificate to my favourite coffee wagon!



## COMOX UNITED CHURCH WEBSITE

1. To find out about the **music jam evenings happening** in the Church this weekend, go to the website by googling Comox United Church.
2. From the menu at the top of the page, click on Events.
3. Scroll to Participatory Music Nights.
4. Consider joining the fun!

Questions? Comments? Concerns?

NB: This is **YOUR** website, please email Joyce Wagland at [websiteadmin@comoxunitedchurch.com](mailto:websiteadmin@comoxunitedchurch.com) phone 250-207-5650.

## QUEER BIBLE STUDY

resumes on Wed, Jan 31 at 10 am

We are going to study the Acts of Paul and Thecla. This is a story that wasn't included in the Bible (we're doing some real queering of Bible study here, with a text that isn't even in the Bible!), but was written in the first or second century and relates to some of the Biblical texts we know.

Thecla is known among many as "the girl who baptized herself" and has a fascinating and powerful story. You can pick up a copy of her story in the church office and read it for yourself.

And remember, you don't have to be queer to attend Queer Bible study - it's for everyone.



## From The United Church Bookstore

### Act/Fast: Spiritual Practices for a Climate in Crisis

Grief, anxiety, hope, love, pain, despair, awe—many emotions are used to describe our relationship with all of Creation. What is your personal, physical, and spiritual relationship with God's Creation?

How does this relationship affect how you follow Christ? This Lenten devotional invites us to deepen our love for Creation and take action or fast for a climate in crisis. Includes a study guide. 20% when 5 or more are purchased.

<https://ucrdstore.ca/products>

## MATTHEW MYSTERY PROJECT

### A MATTHEW MYSTERY PROJECT

Come & learn how to play "Mexican Train"-A Domino game

Tuesday Jan. 23 at 1:30 pm

It will be lots of fun! Relaxed home!

It is \$5 /person. I can have 5 people in my kitchen, to be comfortable!

Please contact Marj A. for more info, cell: 778-552-4137, home: 250-890-9798

### Are You the Mystery Donor?

On Sunday January 7th, an envelope containing \$70 for the Matthew Mystery Project was handed in to one of our ushers.

If you are the donor, would you please contact Elaine Brown at [broelaine@gmail.com](mailto:broelaine@gmail.com) or 250-650-9925. Thank you for your wonderful donation. We just need a few more details.

Noreen Robertson and Lucia Brodie are offering sacred 30 minutes Healing Touch sessions at Lucia's house for the Matthew Project during specified times in January, February and March. We have been Practitioners for almost twenty years. A suggested donation for 30 minutes is \$60 but all donations are received with great gratitude. For more information, about Healing Touch visit: <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-topics/healing-touch>, or contact [luciarbrodie@hotmail.com](mailto:luciarbrodie@hotmail.com). Thank you!



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JANUARY 2024

- 20<sup>th</sup>**, Saturday, 6:30-8:30 pm Participatory Music Nights, in the Hall and Sanctuary
- 20<sup>th</sup>**, Saturday, 1-5 pm. Art Experience for Caregivers, Comox Church
- 20<sup>th</sup>**, Saturday, 9 am Men's Breakfast
- 21<sup>st</sup>**, Sunday, Third after Epiphany
- 22<sup>nd</sup>**, Monday, Chinese New Year
- 23<sup>rd</sup>**, Mexican Train Game, 1:30 pm, Marg A – call to register
- 27<sup>th</sup>**, Saturday, 10-11:30, SAGE, Comox Church, 1<sup>st</sup> of a 5-part Climate Change series starts
- 27<sup>th</sup>**, Saturday, 6:30-8:30 pm Participatory Music Nights, in the Hall and Sanctuary
- 28<sup>th</sup>**, Sunday, Fourth After Epiphany
- 31<sup>st</sup>**, Wednesday, 10-11 am Queer Bible Study resumes in the Church, room M7
- 31<sup>st</sup>**, Wednesday, Strategic Planning, 12-2:30, Church Hall



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**FEBRUARY 2024**

**AGM – to be determined**

**3<sup>rd</sup>**, Saturday, 10-11:30 am part 2 of 5 Climate Change workshops, Church

**3<sup>rd</sup>**, Saturday, 6 :30-8:30 pm Participatory Music Nights, in the Hall and Sanctuary  
Have questions? Email [olynyk.greg@gmail.com](mailto:olynyk.greg@gmail.com) or text/call Greg 250-218-4639

**7<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 10-11 am Queer Bible Study, in the Church, room M7

**9<sup>th</sup>**, Friday, 7 pm, **Have a Heart show**, Church

**10<sup>th</sup>**, Saturday 10-11:30, part 3 of 5 Climate Change workshops, Church

**10<sup>th</sup>**, Saturday, 2 pm, **Have a Heart show**, Church

**11<sup>th</sup>**, Sunday 2 pm, **Have a Heart show**, Church

**13<sup>th</sup>**, Shrove Tuesday

**14<sup>th</sup>**, Ash Wednesday

**14<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 10-11 am  
Queer Bible Study, in the Church, room M7

**14<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30-2:30, Strategic Planning, Hall

**16<sup>th</sup>**, Friday 7 pm, **Have a Heart show**, Church

**17<sup>th</sup>**, Saturday, 10-11:30, SAGE, Comox Church,  
4 of 5-part Climate Change series

**17<sup>th</sup>**, Sunday, 2 pm, **Have a Heart show**, Church

**18<sup>th</sup>**, Sunday, 11 am, Comox United Church  
and Comox Valley Unitarian Church (CVUF) are having  
a celebratory service in the sanctuary, with a potluck to follow in the Hall at noon.

**21<sup>st</sup>**, Wednesday, 10-11 am Queer Bible Study, in the Church, room M7

**23<sup>rd</sup>**, Saturday, 6:30-8:30 pm Participatory Music Nights  
in the Hall and Sanctuary

**24<sup>th</sup>**, Saturday, 10-11:30, SAGE, Comox Church, 5 of 5-part Climate Change series

**28<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 10-11 am Queer Bible Study, in the Church, room M7



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MARCH 2024

**2<sup>nd</sup>**, Saturday, 9-3:30, Strategic Planning, Hall

**2<sup>nd</sup>**, Saturday, 6:30-8:30 pm Participatory Music Nights  
in the Hall and Sanctuary

**9<sup>th</sup>**, Saturday, 6:30-8:30 pm Participatory Music Nights  
in the Hall and Sanctuary

**17<sup>th</sup>**, Sunday, 11am ,  
Matthew Mystery Project Marketplace, Hall

**23<sup>rd</sup>**, Saturday, 1-5 pm, Caregiver Art, L1

**23<sup>rd</sup>**, Saturday, 6:30-8:30 pm Participatory Music Nights  
in the Hall and Sanctuary

**24<sup>th</sup>**, Palm Sunday

**29<sup>th</sup>**, Good Friday (Office is closed)

**30<sup>th</sup>**, Holy Saturday

**30<sup>th</sup>**, Saturday, 6:30-8:30 pm Participatory Music Nights  
in the Hall and Sanctuary

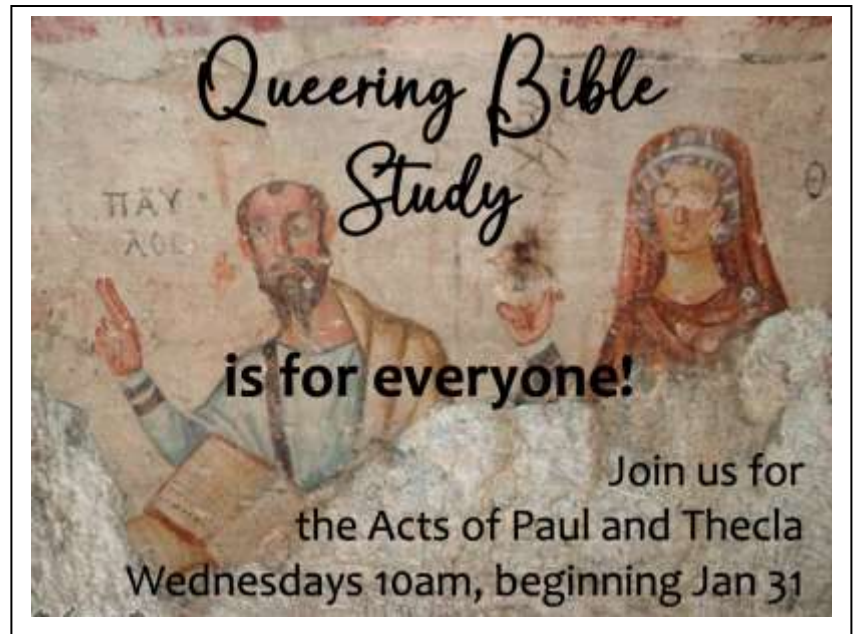
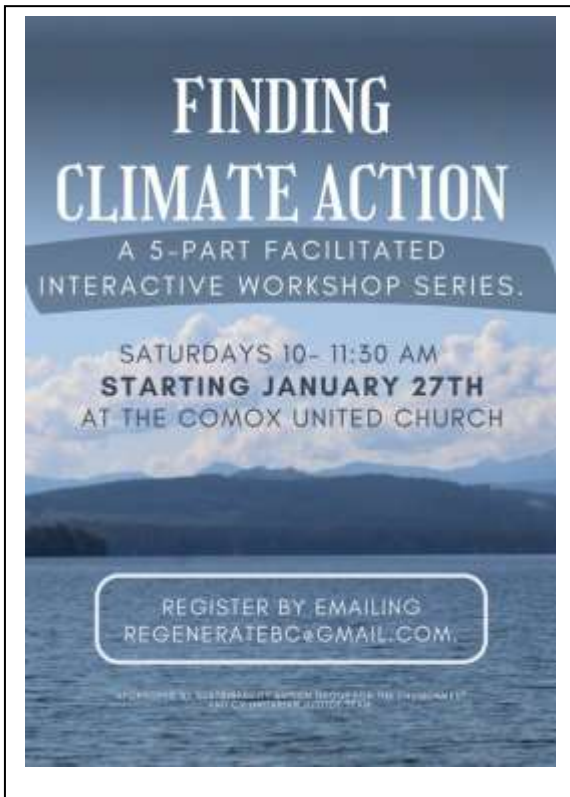
**31<sup>st</sup>**, Sunday, Easter



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## POSTERS OF EVENTS



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or call 250 339-3966 by **8:00 am Thursday morning.**  
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[admin@comoxunitedchurch.com](mailto:admin@comoxunitedchurch.com)