



Comox United Church

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



Chandan Chaurasia -unsplash

Sunday Service, February 11, 2024

Leader: Rev. Karen Hollis

Scripture: 2 Kings 2:8-12, Mark 9:2-9

Coffee: Leone King, Heather Flint

Greeters: Evy Gillespie, Klaus Jennermann

Livestream: Ken Newman

Sound: Joanne Wiens

Power Point: Merrilee Cameron

Due to the Beach Street fundraiser show, PowerPoint won't be available at the front of the church, as the projectors can't be aligned to display the PowerPoint.

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
Thursday	6:30	Choir Practice
Fridays	10:00	Men's Shed

MONTHLY

1 st Sun	10:00	Communion
1 st Sun	1:30	Glacier View Worship & Music *Feb 11 th not the 4 th .
2 nd Mon.	1:15	United Church Women
2 nd Fri	12:00	Social Singles (resumes in March)
3 rd Sat	9:00	Men's Breakfast (Feb 24 th NOT the 17 th)

LORNA has RETURNED!

I am happy to be back "in the saddle"
and serving the congregation.

Please bear with me as I settle back into
work mode again.

Karasima has done a fantastic job
and I am hoping I can maintain
the standard of excellence she has set.

Lorna

Lorna



ANNOUNCEMENTS



February 25, 2024

Following the Service



COMOX UNITED TAX RECEIPTS

For those who have not picked up their tax receipts, they will be available, in the foyer, after today's Service.

They will also be in the Church office until **Feb 9th**.

After this date, they will be mailed. Office hours are: Tue-Friday, 9-12 pm. **"PLEASE CALL FIRST** to ensure that someone is in the office".

Cheryl McMahon, Givings Administrator

CVUF AND CXU WILL SHARE A JOINT SERVICE

Sunday, Feb 18 at 11am in the Sanctuary

...to celebrate the renewal of our covenant.

The ecumenical service will braid together United Church and Unitarian Universalist worship elements and provide a space for engaging and exploring our partnership and the ministry we share. **After worship we will gather for a potluck lunch in the hall.**

Unidentified offerings will be donated to the Care-A-Van.



Pancake Supper and Ash Wednesday Service

The Men's Breakfast Group is sponsoring a Pancake Supper, **Feb 14**, before the Ash Wednesday 7:00 pm service. Serving starting at 5:30 pm and continuing until after 6:00 pm

Menu will include regular and gluten-free pancakes, plant and regular sausages, fruit, Valentine's Day treat

Suggested donation \$10 per person, \$15 per couple, \$20 per family, to be distributed to church activities as to be determined

Please RSVP to the church office, noting any dietary concerns by Tuesday morning Feb. 13

For more information contact Barrie Turnham at chemist@telus.net or 250-339-1808



Venue Team

The Venue Team thanks

Claude Dalley, Doug Hoon, Fiona Curry, and Ron Burt, for their help in the Sanctuary Spruce Up Project. Keep your eyes peeled for Phase 2.



Glacier View - Feb. 11 There, at 1:30 we will sing along, sharing hymns, songs, and a prayer or two.

We will also lend a hand helping residents turn their music pages.

Interested? Call or email Carol Jennermann. 250-339-9246 (home) 250-703-1440 (cell)

kcjmann@shaw.ca



Calling for PIES! On March 13 we will be hosting a PIE DAY movie for CxU and the wider community. Please let the office know if you're able to help with hospitality by baking PIE for the event. Thank you!

Shared Holy Week Services 2024

Ash Wednesday: Comox United, Feb 14, 7pm

“Shrove Pancake” Dinner at 5:30, RSVP

Maundy Thursday: CV Presbyterian, March 28

Soup supper at 6:30pm with service to follow

Good Friday: St. George’s United, March 29

Service at 10:30am

Easter Vigil: St. George’s, March 30

Service at 6:30pm



Service for Chuck Page

Sat. Mar. 9, 2024

World Day of Prayer 2024

“I Beg You... Bear With One Another in Love”

Ephesians 4:1-3



March 1, 2024 at 2pm

Reception to follow

Hosted by

Comox United Church

This year’s service was written by Christian women from Palestine. Please join us for a service of prayer for Palestine and all who are suffering in the region.

STOP THE WORLD, START THE MUSIC!



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.

COMOX UNITED CHURCH WEBSITE

1. To read about the CNOY walk this year, go to the website by googling Comox United Church.
2. From the menu at the top of the page, click on News.
3. Scroll to Coldest Night of the Year.
4. Consider either sponsoring a walker or walking yourself!

Questions? Comments? Concerns?

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

OUR GROUPS

“IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL”

- interested ladies in the congregation are invited to join UCW members in the church hall on Monday February 12th at 1.15 pm. We will be hearing Caroline Hoon's account of her travels (with photos) "In the Footsteps of Paul" in Turkey and Greece last year. After this we will have refreshments in the lounge and have our monthly business meeting.

ALL ARE WELCOME! Visitors will be welcome to stay for the meeting if they wish.

Any questions? Call Brenda Cairncross (250) 339-0739 or Ruth Giles (250) 339-5609

COMOX UNITED CHURCH MEN'S SHED

Hello United Church Men's Breakfast Members

There will be an organizational meeting for the Wed. Feb. 14 pancake supper after church on **Sunday, Feb. 11** in the Lounge (M7). You will have time to get a coffee before the meeting.



Jaqueline Pelzer - unsplash

Men's Breakfast, in Feb, on the fourth Saturday Feb. 24 (not the usual third Saturday because of a conflict.) Our chef, James Derry will not be available, but a special surprise menu is being cooked up by Stewart McIntosh and Scott Agur. Brian Wright will show us his wooden horses as the highlight of the event

The Men's Breakfast is an official Comox United Church event but members of the Unitarian Fellowship and the Men's Shed are encouraged to attend.

As always RSVP to me at chemist@telus.net by Wed. Feb.21.



Debby Hudson - Unsplash

THE COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR

Feb 24th, Saturday,

Comox United Walkers will be walking to support - Dawn to Dawn & the Comox Transition Society. Please join Marj. Adams -our team- the Comox United Walkers, donate on line or a \$20.00 donation & above will receive a tax receipt. Please join us!!

Walk with me or please donate to our team. Dawn to Dawn & Comox Transition will benefit our committee! \$20.& up receives a tax receipt.

Contact Marj Adams - 772-552-4137

Visit <https://cnoy.org/location/comoxvalley>. here you find out how much money each walking group has raised so far...as of Feb 1st, they have raised \$1405....wow!



New Matthew Mystery Project event: Craft Beer Dinner



Although he masquerades as a mild-mannered scripture reader, Alan Brown is a former award-winning craft brewer and educator who has a cellar of rare bottles of beer. On Fri March 1st, as part of the Matthew Mystery Project, Alan will offer a light dinner, some amusing stories and, most importantly, samples of some unusual and rare craft beers, including a vertical tasting of some British vintage ales. If you like to explore the world of craft beer, this is a unique opportunity. The cost of the evening is \$50 per person, but there are only a few seats left at the table. To reserve your spot, email Alan at browns.comox@gmail.com.





You and a friend are invited to a free screening of

Love Free Or Die

On **Wed., March 13th** at 7PM
at **Comox United Church**
250 Beach Street, Comox

A presentation of the Affirming Ministry Committee Of Comox United Church

LOVE FREE OR DIE is about a man whose two defining passions are in direct conflict: his love for God and for his partner Mark. Gene Robinson is the first openly gay person to become a bishop in the historic traditions of Christendom. His consecration in 2003, to which he wore a bullet-proof vest, caused an international stir, and he has lived with death threats every day since.

Winner of: 2012 Sundance film Festival – Special Jury Prize for being an Agent of Change
– Nominee Grand Jury Prize for Documentary

Complimentary homemade pie, coffee and tea
will be served to all attending.

"We humans do not react well to "difference"—perhaps because of ignorance, fear, or because of our desire to heighten personal status and create "hierarchy." We seek to exclude "the other." Our history is full of terrible discrimination based on race, ethnicity, class, religion, and sexual orientation and gender identity. "

Very Rev. Gary Paterson
41st Moderator, United Church of Canada



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The film follows Robinson from small-town churches in the New Hampshire North Country to Washington's Lincoln Memorial to London's Lambeth Palace, as he calls for all to stand for equality – inspiring bishops, priests and ordinary folk to come out from the shadows and change history.

MATTHEW MYSTERY PROJECT MARKETPLACE (MMPM)

Sunday, March 17th, after the Service, Church Hall

Last November Comox United held a very successful vendor's marketplace, which raised over \$2000 for the Matthew Mystery Project. On March 17th we hope to again raise money through another fun marketplace where congregation members can sell their creations to benefit the MMP and our Church.

What is the Matthew Mystery Project? It is inspired by the Gospel of Matthew 25: 14-30. On October 1st last year, members of the congregation were unexpectedly handed an envelope containing \$20 and asked to use their talents to multiply the \$20 over the months leading up to April 30th, when all raised profits will be donated to the Church.

Since that time over \$5000 has been raised and the project still has three months to go! If you have recently started attending Comox United and would like to participate in the Matthew Mystery Project, please contact Elaine Brown at broelaine@gmail.com for your own envelope and \$20 'seed money'. March 17th MMP Marketplace falls at the beginning of March Break, two days before the Spring Vernal Equinox and two weeks before Easter. Think of the possibilities a new season offers for items you could

- make and sell, or else purchase to support the vendors:
- Easter treats (cookies, cupcakes, hot cross buns, etc.)
- Spring decorations (wreaths, table runners, plant pots, etc.)
- Gifts for gardeners, golfers, hikers and cyclists
- Picnic baskets of goodies, and homemade barbecue seasonings

If you would like table space as vendor at our Match 17th marketplace, please contact Elaine Brown.

If you don't feel you can participate in the MMP Marketplace, you can still multiply your \$20 seed money by:

- Hosting a garden or indoor tea party, a movie or games night
- Leading a special walk with a packed treat for the walkers
- Selling your services to help others with spring cleaning of windows, closets, or garages.
- Dog sitting or walking.
- Assisting with gardening (planting, or grounds cleanup).

Monies earned for the MMP should be placed in an envelope with the following clearly printed on the outside:

- Your name, address, givings' envelope if you have one, and the donation amount

Please give your envelope to Elaine Brown after worship.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

FREE INCOME TAX CLINIC DROP OFF

Where: Wachiay Friendship Centre
1625 McPhee Ave., Courtenay, BC

Starting Feb. 20, 2024

Mon. – Thur.: 9am- 4pm

Fri.: 9am- 3:30pm

Drop off only

Questions : Roger: 778-225-0308 or roger@wachiay.com

Wednesday February 14th, 12:15pm-12:45pm: Ash Wednesday at Weird Church

If you can't attend the CxU Ash Wed service at 7pm, here is a lovely alternative offered by Weird Church. A simple, contemplative service reflecting on our connection to the earth and our common humanity, available in person and online. Imposition of ashes available for those who wish. Details at weirdchurchcumberland.com/events



At the Epiphany Chapel on the Vancouver School of Theology campus, empower yourself to engage key learnings, work, and action in a Christian community of other children and family ministry leaders who are working for an anti-racist church.

[REGISTER NOW & LEARN MORE HERE.](#)

United-in-Learning will be hosting [a weekly Lenten Study](#) starting February 20, and [The Mod's Book Squad](#) will be meeting on February 22 to discuss [Net Positive: How Courageous Companies Thrive by Giving More Than They Take](#). Read on for more details.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2024

9th, Friday, 7 pm, STOP THE WORLD, START THE MUSIC! Church

10th, Saturday 10-11:30, part 3 of 5 Climate Change workshops, Church

10th, Saturday, 2 pm, STOP THE WORLD, START THE MUSIC! Church

11th, Sunday 2 pm, STOP THE WORLD, START THE MUSIC, Church

12th, Monday, United Church Women (UCW), 1:15 pm, Hall "In the Footsteps of Paul"

13th, Shrove Tuesday

14th, Wednesday Comox United is hosting Ash Wednesday for the Valley. The evening will begin with a "Shrove Pancake" dinner at 5:30pm (yes, on WEDNESDAY), followed by a 7pm service.

14th, Wednesday, 10-11 am, Queer Bible Study, in the Church, room M7

14th, Wednesday, 12:30-2:30, Strategic Planning, Hall

16th, Friday 7 pm, Church

17th, Saturday, 10-11:30, SAGE, Comox Church, 4 of 5-part Climate Change series

17th, Saturday, 2 pm, STOP THE WORLD, START THE MUSIC, Church

18th, 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.

21st, Wednesday, 10-11 am Queer Bible Study, in the Church, room M7

23rd, Saturday, 6:30-8:30 pm Participatory Music Nights in the Hall and Sanctuary

24th, Saturday, 10-11:30, SAGE, Comox Church, 5 of 5-part Climate Change series

25th, Sunday, Comox United Church's AGM, 11 am, Church Sanctuary

25th, Sunday, The Coldest Night of the Year

28th, Wednesday, 10-11 am Queer Bible Study, in the Church, room M7

28th, Wednesday, 12:30-2:30, Strategic Planning session, Hall