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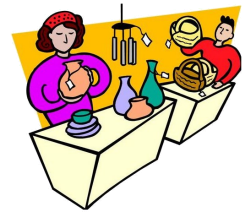
Grapevine

Friday, March 15, 2024

This Sunday: Lent 5

Matthew Mystery Project Marketplace This Sunday!

Our **final marketplace** for the Matthew Mystery Project will happen this Sunday after worship! Vendors will be set up and ready to show you their wares. Please grab a coffee or tea and come browse what your hard-working pew partners have been up to. There will be baked goods, quilted and knit items, DVDs, artwork, dog treats, CDs, and surprises!



There is still time to participate as a vendor so if, on the spur of the moment, you decide to whip up something in the kitchen, pot a few annuals, or spend a rainy day getting crafty for a good cause, simply show up this Sunday and we'll quickly set up a table for you.

The church building is a busy place these days – have you booked your space?

Our church administrator Lorna would like to remind you that our church building is an important community hub, and is increasingly busy with rentals, church activities and community groups. Don't assume there will be room for your meeting! Contact Lorna at the church office to book your meeting space or building usage!

Please fill out Comox United/Unitarian joint survey

Three weeks ago, we celebrated the renewal of our covenant with the Comox Valley Unitarian Fellowship (CVUF). Now we are exploring more ways for our two congregations to connect, get to know each other, and take action in the valley and beyond. To that end, the Joint Liaison Team would like you to fill out a survey, which you can find at <https://forms.gle/5LLt9F9FJ95XFBnt5>

Last chance to donate to Coldest Night of the Year

Our "Comox United Walkers" has raised **\$4735** for Coldest Night of the Year. This is your last chance to donate to our team! See **Marj Adams** for details or go to our team website at <https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=1006629&langPref=en-CA>

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Worship Today

Worship leader: **Rev. Karen Hollis**
Director of Music: **Paul Colthorpe**
Pianist: **Gloria Herauf**
Greeters: **Marj Adams**
Jane Wilson
Power Point: **Barb Page**
Audio: **Ross Griffith-Cochrane**
Scripture Reader: **Barb Craig**
Coffee & Tea: **Leone King**
Heather Flint
Livestream: **Ross Griffith-Cochrane**

How to worship with us

In Person

Sunday worship is at 10 am.

Livestream

Our livestream is on [YouTube](#) at 10 am every Sunday (youtube.com/@comoxunitedchurch3917/streams)

Recorded services

Recordings of all our livestream services can be found at

comoxunitedchurch.com/pages/online-sunday-services

Welcome, Newcomer!

If you are new to Comox United Church, we welcome you as God welcomes us all.

Comox United Church is a faith community within the United Church of Canada. Our central values appear at the bottom of this page. We are one of over 300 Affirming United Church Ministries across Canada, which means we affirm, include, and celebrate people of every age, race, belief, culture, ability, income level, family configuration, gender, gender identity, and sexual orientation in the life and ministry of our church, and proudly display the crest of the association of affirming churches known as Affirm United.



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For more information about our faith community, see comoxunitedchurch.com

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Comox United Church Grapevine is a weekly newsletter produced by Comox United Church.

To get your announcement into the *Grapevine*, email or phone the church office:

admin@comoxunitedchurch.com or 250-339-3966

The deadline for articles is Thursday at 12 noon – No Exceptions!

If you don't want to receive this newsletter anymore, contact the church office.

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Holy Week Services

The final week of Lent leading up to Easter, the centrepiece of our Christian beliefs, is known as “Holy Week”, and will feature several services both here and at other faith communities in the Valley.



Palm/Passion Sunday

March 24, 10⁰⁰ am

Comox United

We remember Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem and the events of the days that followed.

Maundy Thursday

March 28, 6³⁰ pm

Comox Valley Presbyterian (Aspen Rd.) is hosting a soup supper to commemorate the Last Supper, followed by a short service. (If you wish to attend, please RSVP the Presbyterian Church at comoxpc@gmail.com)



Prayer Room at St. Peter’s Anglican: See article on next page.



Good Friday

March 29, 10³⁰ am

St. George’s United in Courtenay will host a Good Friday service.

Holy Saturday

March 30

You have your choice of two Holy Saturday services:

6³⁰ p.m. Easter Vigil at St. George’s United in Courtenay

7⁰⁰ pm Taizé Service at Weird Church in Cumberland

Easter Sunday

March 31



6⁴⁰ am Comox United & St. Peter’s Anglican:
Sunrise Service at Goose Spit

6⁴⁵ am Weird Church
Sunrise Service at Marine Drive Picnic Area, Royston

10⁰⁰ am Easter Celebration at Comox United

St. Peter's Anglican needs people for 24/7 Prayer during Holy Week

St. Peter's Anglican has sent us an invitation to be part of their "24/7 Prayer" event, when they plan to have a succession of people praying for one hour each from the afternoon of Maundy Thursday to Easter morning. The physical Prayer Room at St. Peter's will be open from 4–6 pm on Maundy Thursday, 6 am–9 pm on both Good Friday and Holy Saturday, and 6 am–8 am on Easter. When the room is closed, they are looking for people to sign up for a one-hour slot to pray at home, in the forest, by the ocean, or wherever you choose.

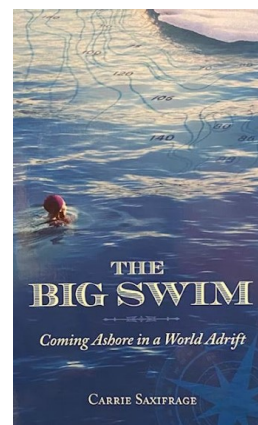


If you're interested in participating, you can sign up for a one-hour prayer slot either by going on-line at signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/af9b88/ or by calling the St. Peter's office at 250-941-5388.

SAGE Event: Author Carrie Saxifrage on Sat Apr 6 at 2 pm

SAGE (Sustainability Action Group for the Environment), our environmental action team, has invited author Carrie Saxifrage to speak on **Saturday, April 6 at 2⁰⁰ p.m.** Carrie is the author of *The Big Swim: Coming Ashore in a World Adrift*, a powerful set of stories that puts forward the idea that personal growth arises from facing both inner tensions and threats to the biosphere. The stories are frequently touching, surprisingly funny, and always thought-provoking.

So that you can read it before you meet with Carrie, copies of *The Big Swim* will be available for sale (\$15) after Sunday's service. All proceeds will go to Cortes Island Women's Resource Centre.



Soup & Bun lunches return next week

Volunteers needed to help set up, clean up and bring soup



Good News! The much loved Soup & Bun Lunch will be back following the service on March 24th. But to make it happen, we need your help in volunteering to help set up/clean up, and bring soup.

Look for sign-up sheets following the service this week and next. For more info, contact Ruth Giles (250-339-5609 or gilesr@shaw.ca)

The success of this event depends on YOU!

Property Committee seeks a vacuum cleaner

Do you have an extra vacuum cleaner? The Property Committee needs one for the upper floor of the church building. Contact **Margaret Griffith-Cochrane** or the **church office** if you have a surplus Hoover!



Coming Events at a glance

This Week...

- Mon 1³⁰ p.m. Knitting Group
Tue 10⁰⁰ a.m. Coffee & Conversation (Comox Golf Club)
Wed 10⁰⁰ p.m. Queer Bible Study
12³⁰ p.m. Church Council
Thu 6³⁰ p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Fri 10⁰⁰ a.m. Men's Shed
7⁰⁰ p.m. Walking in Europe
Sat 6⁰⁰ p.m. Musical Jam
Sun 10⁰⁰ a.m. **Palm/Passion Sunday**
Lenten Special Offering Appeal
Soup & Bun Lunch
Secret Pal Reveal

Coming Soon...

- Mar 25** Knitting Group
Mar 26 Coffee & Conversation
Mar 27 Queer Bible Study
Mar 28 **Maundy Thursday**
Mar 29 **Good Friday** (church office closed)
Mar 30 **Holy Saturday**
Mar 31 **Easter Sunday**
- Sunrise Service
- Easter Celebration



Matthew Mystery Project News

Special Presentation:

Walking in Europe:

What 4 Hikers Learned on 10 Hikes over 19 Years and 1700+ km

Do you dream about doing a walking tour in Europe? But you never take that dream seriously because you think "I don't know what to do? What to take? How to plan?

Where to go?"

Scott & Bev Agur and **Jane & Wayne Wilson** have been friends for almost 30 years. During that time they have enjoyed going on long distance hikes in a variety of places in Europe.

Join them on **Friday, March 22nd at 7 pm in the church hall** for a presentation about their travels:

- Places they have been
- How they prepared for their hikes
- What gear they took
- What the trails were like

It will be a perfect evening for anyone considering a long-distance walk, or for people who want to sit back and listen to the adventures others have had.

