



Comox United Church

250 Beach Dr, Comox BC V9M 1P9

250-339-3966

www.comoxunitedchurch.com



# Grapevine

**Friday, March 22, 2024**

**This Sunday: Palm/Passion Sunday**

## Holy Week Services

### Palm/Passion Sunday

Comox United , 10<sup>00</sup> a.m.

A service with interactive elements, as we enter Holy Week and remember the events leading to Good Friday.

### Maunder Thursday

Comox Valley Presbyterian (Aspen Rd.) is hosting a soup supper at 6<sup>30</sup> pm to commemorate the Last Supper, followed by a short service. (If you wish to attend, please RSVP the Presbyterian Church at [comoxpc@gmail.com](mailto:comoxpc@gmail.com))



### Good Friday

St. George's United in Courtenay, 10<sup>30</sup> a.m.



### Holy Saturday

There are two Holy Saturday services:

6<sup>30</sup> p.m. Easter Vigil at St. George's United in Courtenay

7<sup>00</sup> p.m. Taizé Service at Weird Church in Cumberland

### Easter Sunday



6<sup>40</sup> am Comox United & St. Peter's Anglican:

Sunrise Service and Fish Fry at Goose Spit

6<sup>45</sup> am Weird Church

Sunrise Service at Marine Drive Picnic Area, Royston

Spirituality • Openness • Care for the Common Good • Radical Love

## Worship Today

Worship leader: **Rev. Karen Hollis**  
Director of Music: **Paul Colthorpe**  
Pianist: **Gloria Herauf**  
Power Point: **Sue Newman**  
Livestream: **Joanne Wiens**  
Greeters: **Joan Gillies**  
**Les Herauf**  
Coffee & Tea: **Peter Senior**  
**Jan Bjarnasson**

## 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](https://youtube.com/@comoxunitedchurch3917/streams))

### Recorded services

Recordings of all our livestream services can be found at

[comoxunitedchurch.com/pages/online-sunday-services](https://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.

For more information about our faith community, see [comoxunitedchurch.com](https://comoxunitedchurch.com)



Crest of  
Affirm United

## Contact Us!

**Rev. Karen Hollis, Minister:** [minister@comoxunitedchurch.com](mailto:minister@comoxunitedchurch.com)

**Gisèle Plouffe, Treasurer:** [treasurer@comoxunitedchurch.com](mailto:treasurer@comoxunitedchurch.com)

**Cheryl McMahon, Givings Administrator:** [envelopesecretary@comoxunitedchurch.com](mailto:envelopesecretary@comoxunitedchurch.com)

**Lorna Tutte, Church Administrator:** [admin@comoxunitedchurch.com](mailto:admin@comoxunitedchurch.com)

*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](mailto:admin@comoxunitedchurch.com) or 250-339-3966**

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

*The Grapevine is posted on the Comox United website. If you have included your phone number or email address in your article and don't want to have that on the website, let the church office know when you submit your article.*

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

Spirituality • Openness • Care for the Common Good • Radical Love

## Special Lenten Appeal this Sunday!

Comox United has four special financial appeals each year. This week is our Lenten Appeal, which has a Global theme focussed on Palestine and Gaza, especially service to Palestinian refugees, and offering lifesaving support to Palestinians in the West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza. You will find a special envelope in the church pew this morning. Please make your cheques out to Comox United Church and put “Emergency Response—Middle East” on the memo line of your cheque. If you will not be at worship this Sunday, you can phone The United Church of Canada at 1-800-465-3771 and use your credit card. Regardless of how you donate, you will receive a charitable tax receipt for your donation.

## Walking Group goes one week early: This Sunday!

### Meet at north end of Torrence Rd. at 2 pm

The Walking Group goes on a local walk monthly, usually on the last Sunday of the month — but the last Sunday this month is Easter, so they are heading out on their walk **this Sunday!** They’ll explore some of the trails in the Northeast Woods starting at 2 pm and walk for about an hour. There is some uneven ground and, if we get rain between now and then, there may be some muddy sections. Park in the parking lot at the north end of Torrence Road and meet everyone by the yellow gate at the end of the parking lot. Everyone is welcome to join in.



## Soup & Bun lunch this Sunday!



### Volunteers needed to help set up and clean up

Good News! The much loved Soup & Bun Lunch will follow the Palm Sunday service this week. We would appreciate some help to set up tables and chairs before the service, and clean up following lunch.

## Remember to book space for your church meeting!

### Please don't arrive early and interrupt another meeting

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!

On the day of your meeting, don't arrive early — you may interrupt someone else's activity. On the other hand, remember to end your meeting on time — someone may be waiting for your space.

## 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>

Spirituality • Openness • Care for the Common Good • Radical Love

## Watch Easter Message from the Moderator

The spiritual leader of the United Church of Canada is the Moderator, currently Rev. Carmen Lansdowne. In her [Easter message](#), the Moderator's hope for the church is that we will know that even in our deepest grief the risen Christ will show up, call us by name, and remind us that this is not the end of our story.



Watch it now on the United Church of Canada [YouTube Channel](#).

## St. Peter's Anglican needs people for 24/7 Prayer from Maundy Thursday to Easter morning

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.

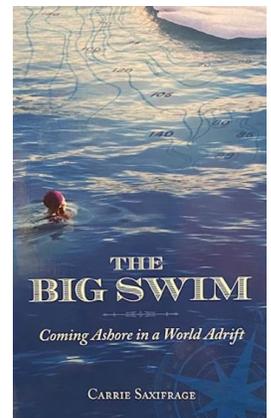


If you're interested in participating, you can sign up for a one-hour prayer slot either by going on-line at [signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/af9b88/](http://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/af9b88/) or by calling the St. Peter's office at 250-941-5388.

## 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 2<sup>00</sup> 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.



## 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!

Spirituality • Openness • Care for the Common Good • Radical Love

# Matthew Mystery Project News

## Thank you, Comox United Community!

Last Sunday congregation members came together as vendors, shoppers and browsing supporters at our March Matthew Mystery Project Marketplace. Looking around the room there was a fun energy in the air



as everyone socialized while they viewed the many items on display. We had baking, treats, jams, lemon curd, jar openers, zippered pouches, Easter baskets, indoor snowballs, photography prints, CDs, felted soaps, seashell wreaths, a crocheted blanket, knitted washcloths, meatballs, and much more ... all started from our October \$20 seed money and multiplied creatively! Thank you, vendors, for the time and effort you put into your items and thank you shoppers for financially supporting their work.

### Only Six weeks Left!

There are now only six weeks left in the Matthew Mystery Project which wraps up on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Keep your eyes open for a few more tables set up after services on Sundays and possibly an event or two in the weeks ahead.

### Do You Have Money to Hand In?

If you still have money to hand in for the project, please do not put the money into the offering plate. Instead, please follow these instructions:

1. Tally your contribution and put it into an envelope.
2. On the outside of the envelope please print the following:
  - Matthew Mystery Project Contribution
  - Your name
  - Your address
  - Dollar Amount enclosed (cash, or cheque made out to Comox United Church)
3. Hand your envelope in to Elaine Brown or put it into the slot on top of the safe in the church office.
4. Smile – Job well done! Thank you!

## Coming Events at a glance

### This Week...

- Sun* 10<sup>00</sup> a.m. Palm/Passion Sunday  
Lenten Special Offering Appeal  
Soup & Bun Lunch  
Secret Pal Reveal
- Mon* 1<sup>30</sup> p.m. Knitting Group
- Tue* 10<sup>00</sup> a.m. Coffee & Conversation (Comox Golf Club)
- Wed* 10<sup>00</sup> p.m. Queer Bible Study
- Thu* Maundy Thursday
- Fri* Good Friday (church office closed)
- Sat* Holy Saturday
- 6<sup>00</sup> p.m. Musical Jam
- Sun* Easter
- 6<sup>40</sup> a.m. Sunrise Service & Fish Fry, Goose Spit
- 10<sup>00</sup> a.m. Easter Celebration

### Coming Soon...

- Apr 2** Coffee & Conversation
- Apr 3** Queer Bible Study
- Apr 4** Choir rehearsal
- Apr 5** Men's Shed
- Apr 6** SAGE: Carrie Saxifrage
- Apr 7** Second Sunday of Easter

