



Comox United Church

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Grapevine



Friday, April 5, 2024

This Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter

Communion will be celebrated next Sunday

We normally celebrate Communion on the first Sunday of the month, but Rev. Karen Hollis is on annual leave this week, so Communion will happen next Sunday. We are very pleased that congregational members **Marni Fisher** and **Margie van Binsbergen** will be leading worship this Sunday.

Change of venue for Coffee & Conversation

For several years, the **Coffee & Conversation** group has been meeting on Tuesday mornings at the Comox Golf Course restaurant. Starting this Tuesday, April 9, we will now meet **at the church in Room M7**, the small meeting room off of the church hall. Everyone is welcome to drop in on Tuesdays from 10 to 11³⁰ am.

Service of music and prayer at Glacier View on April 14

Our regular monthly service at Glacier View is usually the first Sunday of the month, but this month it will be next Sunday (April 14). Each month, we present a short time of hymns, songs, and a prayer or two at the Glacier View Lodge Complex Care Facility (2450 Back Rd). We also lend a hand helping the residents turn their music pages. If you are interested in being a part of this, contact Carol Jennermann. (Home 250-339-9246, cell 250-703-1440, or email kcjmann@shaw.ca)

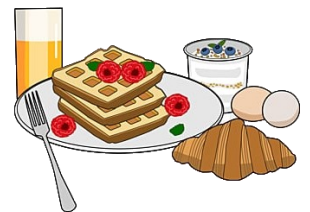
Men's Breakfast on Saturday April 13th at 9 am

Guest speaker Darryl McKay will speak about his time in Ukraine

The Men's Breakfast usually happens on the third Saturday each month, but this month, we're moving things up a week, to Sat., April 13th, when our guest speaker will be Darrell McKay.

Darryl is a Comox Valley resident who has spent considerable time in Ukraine on private missions helping out the common people. He will be talking about his experiences. Breakfast will be our usual porridge, pancakes and sausage, the cost will be \$20.

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



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Worship Today

Worship leader: **Marni Fisher**
Margie van Binsbergen

Director of Music: **Paul Colthorpe**

Pianist: **Gloria Herauf**

Scripture Reader: **Stewart Crerar**

Power Point: **Joyce Relyea**

Audio: **Dale Erhart**

Livestream: **Ken Vaux**

Greeters: **Klaus Jennerman**
Evy Gillespie

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

Contact Us!

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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!

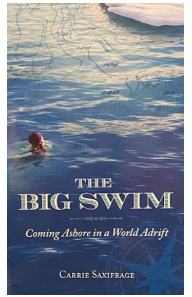
The Grapevine is also posted on the Comox United website. If you have included your phone number or email address in your article and don't want to have that appear on the website, let the church office know when you submit your article.

If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter via email, contact the church office.

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SAGE Event: Carrie Saxifrage this 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.



Welcome, friends!



We have a number of people who have recently joined Comox United. Each of them provided us with a few details about themselves.

Joan Hanson has always been very active in the United Church. At age 4, she started Sunday School, and at 13 joined Rossland United Church. She worked on many committees: Building & Property, M&P, and Privacy Officer in Rossland, and also contributed her time to Kootenay Presbytery and B.C. Conference. The UCW at Rossland—Joan is a life member—was very busy with suppers, teas, World Day of Prayer etc. As our church membership declined, Joan was part of the committee that led to the amalgamation of Trail United Church & Rossland United Church to form Communities in Faith Pastoral Charge. When she moved to Comox, she was happy to transfer her membership to Comox United.

Heather Stark was born in Vancouver and grew up with two brothers (now deceased). Shortly after completing her nurse's training, she married Larry Stark, and became an operating room nurse. Larry worked at CBC Vancouver editing the *Beachcomber* series. They had two children (Jennifer/Jeffrey of Courtenay and Adam/Kira of Port Alberni.) Heather was fortunate to have a second career as a librarian in Courtenay after she and Larry moved here in the late 1970's. Unfortunately, Larry passed away a few years ago. Heather was raised in the Anglican church but is very happy to be so accepted by her Comox United family after many years of searching. Her passions are books and her wonderful companion cat Miss Monkey.

Soup & Bun Lunch next Sunday will benefit L'Arche



After the service next Sunday (April 14th), we will enjoy the varieties of soup that the residents of L'Arche make and sell as a fundraiser to help support their programs. Please come, enjoy some soup and a bun and learn about the great things that are happening at L'Arche in the Comox Valley.

Please contact Fiona Curry at fmmcurry@gmail.com if you'd like to help with set up or cleanup.

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Outreach Committee

Child Haven Dinner this Thursday April 11th at 5 pm

In 2004, Comox United hosted the first dinner for Child Haven, an organization founded by Bonnie and Fred Cappuccino that cares for more than 1300 children in India, Nepal, Bangladesh and Tibet in China.

This Thursday, April 11th, Robin Cappuccino, son of Bonnie and Fred, will host the 20th Child Haven Dinner at Comox United, a full vegetarian sit down Indian dinner prepared for you by Rikhi Datt. Doors open at 5pm and dinner is at 6pm.

During the evening, you will meet some of the children through Robin's video presentation of all the homes he recently visited in February. There will be items from these countries for sale as well as a silent auction. 90% of the proceeds will go directly to the running of the children's homes.

Tickets are available for \$40 per person at Blue Heron Books and Laughing Oyster Books and from Heather Holm. For more information or tickets call Heather at 250 338 2181 or 250 650 3078
These dinners began at Comox United Church in 2004. Hope to see you there !!

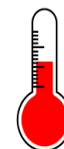
Social Justice bulletin board: Gaza and how you can help

We have recently revamped the Social Justice bulletin board, which now contains current information about the situation in Palestine. It also lists current actions that you can take in support of Gaza.

If you wish to give a donation through the United Church of Canada you can call 1-800-465-3771 (Visa or Master Card and receive an income tax receipt).

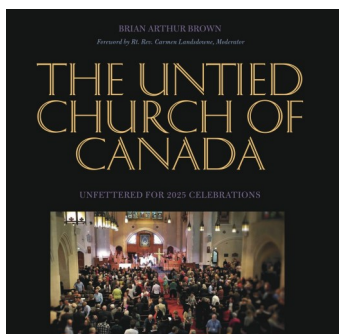
Can you read a thermometer once a month?

The Property Team is seeking a volunteer to check the church's fridge and freezer temperature once a month and other small kitchen duties. If this is something you feel you can offer Comox United. Please contact Margaret Griffith-Cochrane. mgriffico@gmail.com



Celebrate 100th anniversary of the United Church

Get a copy of *The Untied Church of Canada: Unfettered for 2025 Celebrations*



The United Church of Canada was inaugurated in 1925. In recognition of our 100th anniversary next year, the United Church of Canada has created the coffee table/ souvenir/study book titled *The Untied Church of Canada: Unfettered for 2025 Celebrations*. (Yes, "Untied", not "United").

For the next two Sundays, you will have an opportunity to see a copy of this book after worship. This will also be your chance to order a copy. If we order at least 10 books, we'll get a 50% discount (\$14.95). If you wish to purchase a copy, contact Wayne Wilson (wayne.wilson@telus.net.)

Good Gord! A Lightfoot Tribute Concert Fundraiser

Get ready to experience the magic of one of the greatest folk artists of all time. Join in a night filled with incredible music and heartfelt lyrics that tell stories of love, life, and longing.



At this concert, five talented performers will channel the essence of Gordon Lightfoot as they serenade you with his timeless classics. The musicians presenting all the most famous Lightfoot songs are: Helen Austin, Doug Cox, Anela Kahiamoe, and Christy Vanden from the Comox Valley and Alison Brown from Ontario.

Come and sing along on Friday, May 10th at 7 PM in Comox United Church!

The Gordon Lightfoot tribute concert is being presented in support of Gukwas sa Wagalus, The Rainbow House, providing unique, safe, culturally appropriate, and peer directed housing for Indigenous and non-Indigenous 2SLGBTQ+ youth between 16 - 26.

Unlike other projects serving the unhoused, this project will be providing wrap around services to meet the individual needs of the residents, and it is not time limited. The objective is to provide supports that assist the residents to make the transition to a productive and contributing life in this community,

The fundraising concert will also support the programmes and services offered by Comox United Church, and the Comox Valley Unitarian Fellowship.

Don't miss your chance to honor the legendary Gordon Lightfoot in the best way possible - through music, love, and community. Be sure to get tickets now for Good Gord! A Gordon Lightfoot Tribute Concert and let his songs touch your heart once again.

Tickets are available at \$25 each through Eventbrite and the Laughing Oyster Book Store. There will be refreshments available by donation at the intermission.

The online link for tickets is:

https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/good-gord-a-gordon-lightfoot-tribute-concert-tickets-872824821537?aff=oddtcreator&keep_tld=1

Usher needed!

Three Front of House volunteers are needed for *Good Gord: the Fund Raising Gordon Lightfoot Tribute Concert*. Ushers would arrive at 6 pm, help with ticket taking and selling, direct people to open seats, monitor the doors for latecomers and those who need to step out, and stay through the performance to help with any other needs. You can see the show for free, but it is a Fund Raiser, so you are encouraged to buy a ticket or make a donation.

Please email Howard at hojo29@shaw.ca if you wish to volunteer.

Website Tips at comoxunitedchurch.com

Have you seen information about change of venue for Tuesday's Coffee and Conversation? For more info, go to our website, **Click on Events**, and scroll down to "Coffee & Conversation". For comments about our website, contact Joyce Wagland (websiteadmin@comoxunitedchurch.com or 250-207-5650)



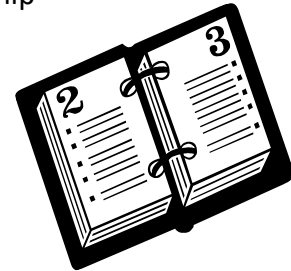
Coming Events at a glance

This Week...

- Mon* 1³⁰ a.m. Knitting Group
Tue 10⁰⁰ a.m. Coffee & Conversation (Comox United)
Wed 10⁰⁰ a.m. Queer Bible Study
Thu 5⁰⁰ p.m. Child Haven Dinner
6³⁰ p.m. Choir rehearsal
Fri 10⁰⁰ a.m. Men's Shed
Sat 9⁰⁰ a.m. Men's Breakfast
Sat 6⁰⁰ p.m. Music Jam
Sun 10⁰⁰ a.m. Worship: Communion
Soup & Bun Lunch after worship
1³⁰ p.m. Glacier View Worship

Coming Soon...

- Apr 15** Knitting Group
Apr 16 Coffee & Conversation
Apr 17 Queer Bible Study
Apr 18 Choir
Apr 19 Men's Shed
Apr 20 Music Jam
Apr 21 Worship



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

A couple of people came to the church this week expecting to use a room for their meeting — but the room was already being used by another group.

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!