



Comox United Church

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Grapevine



Friday, April 12, 2024

This Sunday: Communion

Soup & Bun Lunch this Sunday will benefit L'Arche

After the service this 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.

GREEN BURIALS
... and MORE

Krista Manuel
Funeral Director & Death Doula

Apr. 23, 2024
7 pm

Comox United Church
250 Beach Dr.
Comox



SAGE Event: "Green Burials" will discuss options to cremation or burial

Are there better environmental options than cremation or traditional burial after death? SAGE (Sustainability Action Group for the Environment), our environmental action team, has invited Krista Manuel (Funeral Director and Death Doula) to present "Green Burials", an overview of B.C.'s current options and general costs for disposition

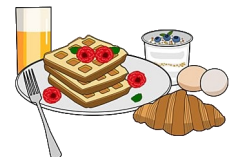
of the deceased **on Tuesday, Apr. 23 at 7 pm at Comox United.**

Krista will also cover options not available in BC that are available in other provinces and in the USA. She will also speak about the timeline of Natural Organic Reduction (Human composting) from its beginning stages to today.

This is being hosted by SAGE and the Comox Valley Unitarian Justice Action Team. This event is free, but donations will be gratefully received at the door.

Men's Breakfast this Saturday (April 11) at 9 am

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



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Worship Today

Worship leader: **Rev. Karen Hollis**
Director of Music: **Paul Colthorpe**
Pianist: **Gloria Herauf**
Scripture Reader: **Barb Page**
Power Point: **Sue Newman**
Audio: **Joanne Wiens**
Livestream: **Julie Whitman**
Greeters: **Jane Wilson**
Bev Agur
Coffee & Tea: **Sonja van Sickle**
Mae Pagdin

Communion

We are celebrating Communion today. Our Communion table is open to all – you do not have to be a member of Comox United, or the United Church of Canada, or any church. Everyone is welcome at the table. We serve Communion several different ways — during the service, Rev Karen will indicate which way Communion is being served today.



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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Affirm United*

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!

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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“Forest – A Wake” on Sat April 20th at 10:30 am

The forest at 1000 Pritchard Rd (at Cambridge Rd.) has recently been bulldozed. You are invited to gather on **Saturday, April 20th at 10³⁰ a.m.** to grieve together over the recent loss of one of our Comox urban forests. We will gather as a community to connect with each other, acknowledge our eco-grief, hear about the history of Comox urban forests, and the Park Acquisition Fund, and take a mindful walk along Pritchard to honour the lost wildlife habitat and eco-system.



This event is being organized by the local **Save Our Forests Team** (SOFT), and is supported by our own SAGE team (Sustainability Action Group for the Environment).

United Church Women (UCW)

It's Spring Bazaar time! On Friday, April 26th from 1-3 pm, the UCW will gladly accept donations of baked goods, (please label ingredients), books, puzzles, jewelry and small treasures .

Then on the morning of Saturday, April 27th (9 am to 12 noon), come and enjoy a cup of tea while perusing our tables filled with

- Home baking
- Jams and Jellies
- Books, Puzzles and Games
- The Treasure Table



Service of music and prayer at Glacier View this Sunday

Our regular monthly service at Glacier View is usually the first Sunday of the month, but this month it will be this 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)

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

Ushers 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

Interested in the history of Comox United? Go to our website, **Click on About**, then "History". For comments about our website, contact Joyce Wagland (websiteadmin@comoxunitedchurch.com or 250-207-5650)



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. We have now started meeting **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.

Resource Guide for Seniors in the Comox Valley available

Are you a “Senior”?

There is a great little booklet out there called **“Seniors - Comox Valley Resource Guide 2024”**. You may have seen it at the gym or community centre or even in a coffee shop. It contains information about all kinds of resources including meals and groceries, home support, provincial benefits such as Shelter Aid For Elderly Renters, health support groups (pain, stroke, arthritis, hard of hearing, etc.) and grief support.

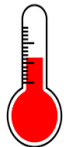
You can find the on-line version here: <https://comoxvalleyseniorsupport.ca/senior-resource-guide/>
Copies of the booklet are also available at Comox United on the library table in the hall.

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).

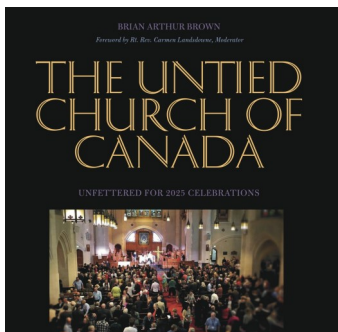
Can you read a thermometer once a month?

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).

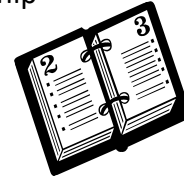
Coming Events at a glance

This Week...

- Sun 10⁰⁰ a.m. Worship: Communion
Soup & Bun Lunch
- 1³⁰ p.m. Glacier View Worship
- Mon 1³⁰ a.m. Knitting Group
- Tue 10⁰⁰ a.m. Coffee & Conversation
- Wed 10⁰⁰ a.m. Queer Bible Study
- Thu 6³⁰ p.m. Choir rehearsal
- Fri 10⁰⁰ a.m. Men's Shed
- Sat 9⁰⁰ a.m. Men's Breakfast
- Sat 10³⁰ a.m. SAGE: Forest — A Wake
- 6⁰⁰ p.m. Music Jam
- Sun 10⁰⁰ a.m. Worship: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Coming Soon...

- Apr 22 Earth Day
Knitting Group
- Apr 23 Coffee & Conversation
SAGE: Green Burials
- Apr 24 Queer Bible Study
- Apr 25 Choir
- Apr 26 Men's Shed
- Apr 27 United Church Women: Bazaar
Music Jam
- Apr 28 Worship



The church building is a busy place these days – have you RESERVED 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!



Thanks!

The Venue Team would like to thank **Doug Hoon, Joanne Wiens, and Ron Burr** for their help with the *Bulletin Board Spruce Up Project*. Take a few minutes to have a look at the six updated Bulletin Boards in the hallway and hall. And notice that our former ministers have moved north!

Earth Day Celebration at St. Peter's

On Earth Day, Monday, April 22, there will be a celebration at St. Peter's Anglican from 1-5 pm. It will be a lively event where you will meet other people helping the Comox Valley towards a sustainable future. This event is supported by SAGE (our Sustainability Action Group for the Environment.)

