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Grapevine



Friday, Aug 8, 2025

This Sunday: Communion

Ministry & Personnel Committee (M&P)

SEEKING TEMPORARY OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THREE WEEKS IN OCTOBER

Our hardworking Office Administrator Lorna is taking a much-deserved vacation in October, so the M&P Committee is actively looking for a temporary Office Admin for the first three weeks of October.

The duties of the temporary position will include:

- Greeting and assisting visitors to the church
- Performing basic secretarial and administrative duties
- Preparation and distribution of weekly documents such as the church bulletin, newsletter and PowerPoint slides
- Managing front-end room rental process

If you or someone you know is interested in applying for this paid contract position, please reach out to either Bev Agur (bevagur@shaw.ca / 250 871-2027) or Karen Spencer (karenspercernlp@gmail.com / 647 465-1522). Thanks!

United Church Women: Summer gathering this Monday

All members of the UCW are invited to a gathering at Ruth Giles' home this Monday Aug 11 at 2 pm. Bring only yourself and a sunhat. Ruth is looking forward to seeing you and chatting with you. Call Ruth at 250-339-5609 if you need more info.

Sunday morning hymn sings during August

During Sundays in August, Paul Colthorpe and members of the choir will lead a mini-hymn sing before the service starts so arrive a bit early and fill your heart with song!

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Sunday Worship

Worship leader: **Rev. Karen Hollis**

Director of Music: **Paul Colthorpe**

Pianist: **Marni Fisher**

PowerPoint: **Arlene Bell**

Greeters: **Merrilee Cameron**
Bev Agur

Coffee & tea: **Debra Monk**
Joan Hanson

Audio/Livestream: **Ken Vaux**

How to worship with us

In Person

Sunday worship services are at 10 am.

Livestream

Our livestream will be on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/@comoxunitedchurch3917/streams) at 10 am (youtube.com/@comoxunitedchurch3917/streams)

Recorded services

Recordings of all our livestream services can be found at
comoxunitedchurch.com/pages/online-sunday-services



We are celebrating Communion this Sunday. 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. There are several ways we serve Communion, so during the service Rev Karen will indicate which way is being used.

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



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A new Website Tip every week!



To check out the plant-based recipes posted over the years to our SAGE site; go to the church website, click on **Ministries**, then click on **Sustainability Action Group for the Environment**. Under “Overview”, click on **Plant-based Recipes**! Enjoy!

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Next Sunday, stay after church to hear about the experiences of Rev. Keith Simmonds

Next Sunday, August 17, Rev. Keith Simmonds, who is currently serving at Campbell River United, will be leading us in worship. Keith tells us, “My partner Laurel Walton and I were married at Comox United, and our son Liam was baptised there too. Some folk might remember us.”



In 2020, Keith served as a Human Rights Witness in Bethlehem after being commissioned by the World Council of Churches, and he observed and reported on the Occupation of Palestine by Israel.

After our worship service, Keith would like to share some of the stories of the people he met (Jewish Israeli and Palestinian) and the events he witnessed. Attempting to grow understanding and foster commitment for change, he knows we can bring about peace in our time. Come find out how!

Keith will be giving his presentation in the church hall during coffee time.

The 444 Project 4 People x \$4 x 4 occasions

**Jesus said, “For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”
— Matthew 18:20**

Project 444 Update!

A huge shout out to everyone who has participated in a Project 444 event so far. In our first three months \$528 has been donated to the church for contribution to affordable housing in the Comox Valley. People have been hosting dinners, wine & appies evenings, and card game nights with more events coming up. Project 444 runs for nine more months so think of how you can meet up with your friends for a great cause. After hosting your event, simply put the money raised into an envelope with the following:

Project 444 Donation

Donated by: _____

Donor address: _____

Hand your envelope to Project 444 Coordinator Elaine Brown or ask a greeter to have it put in the church office safe.

Come together with joy! The 444 Project will run from May 2025 to April 2026.

Note from Rev Karen

Blue Christmas service Coordinator needed

I am working with CV Hospice to plan this year's **Blue Christmas service**. This is a wonderful collaboration between the Hospice and Comox United that serves a large group of people in the Comox Valley. The sanctuary is consistently full for this service and it seems to fill the need well for the participants.

We are looking for someone to coordinate the reception for Blue Christmas just for this year, which includes recruiting set up and clean up help, goodies to eat, coffee/tea. Please let me know if you would like to serve in this way.

Thanks!

Karen

New PowerPoint operators sought

If you've always wanted to change the PowerPoint slides during worship services, now's your chance! We are looking for a couple of PowerPoint operators. Training will be provided.

Please contact Lorna in the church office.

Social Singles has a new coordinator

Social Singles have a new coordinator, Alison. Please feel free to call her (250 650 1723) if you would like to join this very social group!

New door numbering system

You may have noticed new numbers on most of the building's doors. The Venue Team, with Lorna's help, have changed from the previous Lower/Main/Top system to a 100/200/300 system. (100 is the Lower level, 200 is the Main level, and 300 is the Upper level) New labels have been installed on most doors, but there are still six doors that need a little TLC before the labels can be attached. If you want to request a room reservation, just use the old system, and Lorna will tell you the new number.

Look for other improvements to internal signage in the next few weeks too.

Coming Events at a glance

This Week...

TODAY 10⁰⁰ a.m. Men's Shed

Sun 10⁰⁰ a.m. Communion (Come early for Hymn Sing)

Mon 1¹⁵ p.m. Knitters

2⁰⁰ p.m. UCW Summer Gathering

Tues 10⁰⁰ a.m. Coffee & Conversation (Comox Golf Club)

Wed 10⁰⁰ a.m. Queer Bible Study

Fri 10⁰⁰ a.m. Men's Shed

Next Sun 10⁰⁰ a.m. Worship followed by
presentation by Rev. Keith Simmonds

Coming Soon...

Aug 18 Knitters

Aug 19 Coffee & Conversation

Aug 20 Queer Bible Study

Aug 22 Men's Shed

Aug 25 Worship



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!

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.

Contact Us!

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Rev Karen's Office Hours

Wednesday - Friday by appointment (email listed above, or phone the church office.)