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Grapevine



Friday, September 26, 2025

This Sunday: Truth & Reconciliation Sunday



The church office will be closed this Tuesday, September 30 for Truth and Reconciliation Day. When the office reopens on Wed., Oct 1, **Laurel Walton** will be behind the desk for the next three weeks as our administrator Lorna takes some well-earned annual leave.

Wear an orange shirt this Sunday

In recognition of Truth & Reconciliation Day, you are invited to wear an orange shirt on Sunday.



Early hymn sing on Sunday morning

Paul Colthorpe and the Choir will again be offering an early Hymn Sing before the start of the service. Arrive before 9:45 am to participate!

Truth & Reconciliation Day Movie: *Sugarcane*

Contact the church office to register

This **Monday, September 29 at 7 p.m.**, we will be screening the Academy Award-nominated documentary *Sugarcane*. It is a groundbreaking investigation into an Indian residential school, shedding light on years of forced separation, assimilation and abuse that Indigenous children experienced at the hands of Church and government. This urgent and timely film brings the hidden story of cultural genocide to audiences worldwide while celebrating the resilience of Native people as they work to overcome cycles of intergenerational trauma.



To register to attend, either aim your phone camera at this QR code, or contact Lorna in the church office.



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Sunday Worship

Worship leader: **Rev. Karen Hollis**

Director of Music: **Paul Colthorpe**

Pianist: **Carol Jennerman**

PowerPoint: **Sue Newman**

Greeters: **Sue Fabrizio**

Klaus Jennerman

Coffee & tea: **Debra Monk**

Joan Hanson

Audio/Livestream: **Ross Griffith-Cochrane**

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

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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Affirm United



A new Website Tip every week!

Here at Comox United, we regularly rent our various rooms out to community groups. To see details of our rental systems, go to the church website and click on **Rentals**, then scroll down for recent updates to our rental information. Enjoy!

This is your website! For comments or submissions, contact **Joyce Wagland**.

(websiteadmin@comoxunitedchurch.com or 250-207-5650)

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New front doors have been delayed

Don't wait: trade in your old key for a new key now!

Our new front doors will not be installed until this coming week. If you currently have a front door key for regularly scheduled groups and meetings — uh oh! Your keys will no longer work once the doors have been installed. To get a new front door key, meet with Howard Robertson at one of these times:

- Sat Oct 4, 3⁰⁰—4³⁰ pm
- Sun Oct 5, 11³⁰ am—12⁰⁰ pm

If those times don't work for you, contact Laura Walton in the church office to arrange for another time. (Remember that the church office is closed this Tuesday.)



Have a meeting at the church? Book your space now!

Our church administrator Lorna would like to remind you that our church building is a busy community hub, and is increasingly busy used for rentals, church activities and community groups. Don't assume there will be room for your meeting or that you can instantly set up a room for a meeting.

Contact Lorna at the church office to book your meeting space or building usage!

Comox Valley Unitarian Fellowship News

Explore "Forest Bathing" with Tamiko Suzuki

Next Sunday, October 5th at Comox United, the Unitarian service at 4 pm will feature a presentation by Tamiko Suzuki, an active longtime member of the Environment Team with Vancouver Unitarians. Tamiko will reprise her Earth Day service (because every day is Earth Day) to talk about *shinrin yoko*, or Forest Bathing, and her journey to becoming a Forest Therapy Guide. The walks she leads aim to reconnect participants with themselves and with Nature. In this service everyone will be invited to use their senses and imagination to join in an imaginary walk in the forest.



Ministry & Personnel Committee (M&P)

The M&P Committee is happy to announce that the Temporary Office Administrator position has been filled. **Laurel Walton** (partner of Rev Keith Simmonds) will be acting in this position starting October 1st for 3 weeks. Let us all welcome Laurel to this posting and to Comox United.

Award-winning journalism at your fingertips

Time to renew your *Broadview* subscription

Broadview is the United Church's monthly magazine about spirituality, justice and ethical living. This spring, *Broadview* received dozens of awards from both Christian and secular publishing organizations.

The Canadian Christian Communicators Association and the Associated Church Press each named *Broadview* the top magazine in their networks.

It was also recognized by the National Magazine Awards, the Digital Publishing Awards, and others.

Broadview

The accolades represent an appreciation for excellence in journalism that wrestles with hard questions, holds space for faith and keeps justice at the centre.

If you would like a subscription, or would like to renew your current subscription, contact Lorna in the church office.

The 444 Project

4 People x \$4 x 4 occasions

Update!

A shout out to everyone who has participated in a Project 444 event so far. In our first four months, **\$1,287** has been donated to the church. People have been hosting dinners, wine & apples evenings, and card game nights with more events coming up. Project 444 runs for eight 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 put it in the church office safe.

Coming Events at a glance

This Week...

TODAY 10⁰⁰ a.m. Men's Shed

Sun 10⁰⁰ a.m. Truth & Reconciliation Sunday

Mon 1³⁰ p.m. Knitting Group (Rm 101)

7⁰⁰ p.m. Movie: *Sugarcane*

Tue Church office closed: TRC Day

Wed 10⁰⁰ a.m. Queer Bible Study

Thu 6³⁰ p.m. Choir

Fri 10⁰⁰ a.m. Men's Shed

1⁰⁰ p.m. Taizé service

Next Sun 10⁰⁰ a.m. Worship: Communion

Coming Soon...

Oct 6 Knitters

Oct 7 Coffee & Conversation

Oct 8 Queer Bible Study

Oct 9 Choir rehearsal

Oct 10 Men's Shed

Oct 12 Worship: Thanksgiving



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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Debra Monk, Givings Administrator: envelopesecretary@comoxunitedchurch.com

Lorna Tutte, Church Administrator: admin@comoxunitedchurch.com

Joanne Wiens, Church Council Chair: councilchair@comoxunitedchurch.com

Rev Karen's Office Hours

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

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