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Grapevine



Friday, October 10, 2025

This Sunday: Thanksgiving



The church office will be closed this **Tuesday, October 14** for Thanksgiving.

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!

New members

We are receiving **Charlene and Dale Stanway** as new members this Sunday. They first met some 50 years ago at St. Paul's United Church College at the University of Waterloo, and lived in Boston, Toronto, Calgary, and Canmore before moving to Courtenay a year ago.

Dale and Charlene are delighted to now be located five minutes away from their eldest son, Kent, and his family. This is the first time in decades that they have lived within a thousand miles of Kent, Barb and granddaughter, Layla, and their family Sunday dinners together are still a special treat. Reid, their youngest son, resides in London, England with his wife, Emma. Charlene and Dale are fortunate to be able to visit with them a few times each year.

Charlene and Dale have shared: "It has been lovely to find such a friendly community at Comox United Church which is both welcoming and provides the spiritual nourishment we were looking for."

Thank you for the gardening this year!

A special thank you to **Margaret** and **Scott** for looking after the flower beds and cutting grass at Comox United. Do you know which Margaret and which Scott do this? Say thank you to them and see who it is.

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Sunday Worship

Worship leader: **Rev. Karen Hollis**

Director of Music: **Paul Colthorpe**

Pianist: **Gloria Herauf**

Greeters: **Bev Agur**

Sandra Turnham

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.



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Affirm United*

For more information about our faith community, see comoxunitedchurch.com



A new Website Tip every week!

If you, or someone you know, is in need of emergency community resources, go to the church website, scroll down below the banner photo, then click on **To access the AHERO guide to emergency community resources, click here**". Read and learn!

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

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

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Special Offering this Sunday: WeCan Shelter Society

Each Thanksgiving, the Social Justice Committee asks the congregation to give a special offering to a local charity. This year, our special offerings will go to **WeCan Shelter Society**, an organization that was founded in 2019 by Charlene Davis in order to create affordable housing. Each home built by WeCan contains a small kitchen with sink, fridge and breakfast bar eating area, a toilet, shower, small closet and sleeping area along with an outside covered deck to extend the living area. There are now 15 finished homes at the Maple Pool Campground in Courtenay and they are working on number 16.



This Sunday, Charlene will join us and briefly speak about the WeCan Shelter Society. She will also be available after worship during coffee time to answer any questions you might have.

To make your donation, you can place cash or a cheque into the special offering envelopes during the worship service. OR you can also:

1. Go on-line to *Canada Helps* and make a donation to WeCan Society
2. Etransfer your donation directly to WeCan at anncwecan@gmail.com

It costs around \$30,000 to build a Tiny Home. Your donation will help to build one and give one more person the warmth, security and dignity of having a home.

Venue Team Report

The Venue Team — **Ken Newman** and **Howard Robertson** — sent us the following report on their recent improvements to our church building:

Thanks to funding from the Frances and Mel Thomas Bequest (2013), the Venue Team is happy to announce that the “Sanctuary Spruce Up” project is now complete!

Over the last year, we have improved the building with:

- A new, adjustable piano bench
- Venetian blinds at the back of the sanctuary
- New room numbers and labels
- New front doors

Thank you to everyone to who helped out in various ways large and small:

Ron Burt, Ross Griffith-Cochrane, Doug Hoon, Lorna Tutte, Joanne Wiens, Comox United Church Council, Sarah Hagen, Exemplar Piano Benches, Budget Blinds, Engrave It, Kory Goodmurphy, Windsor Plywood, Dovedale Carpentry, and Price Alarms.

The 444 Project

4 People x \$4 x 4 occasions

A shout-out to everyone who has participated in a Project 444 event so far. In our first four months, **\$1,407** has been donated to the church. People have been hosting dinners, wine & appies evenings, and card game nights with more events coming up. Project 444 runs for several 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 and write the following information on the front of the envelope:

Project 444 Donation

Donated by: _____

Donor address: _____

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

Healing Touch/Reiki offered to chemo/radiation patients on Tuesday afternoons at the church

Are you presently receiving chemo or radiation? Did you know Comox United gives support on Tuesday afternoons for patients right here at the church through Healing Touch/Reiki? These can help:

- Promote relaxation and reduces stress
- Support pain relief for acute and chronic pain and discomfort
- Enhance the beneficial effects of medications
- Reduce the unwanted side effects of medications, including chemotherapy
- Promote faster healing after surgeries, fractures and other physical injuries
- Assist the healing process for those experiencing emotional and mental upheavals, including grief, loss and major life transitions
- Provide a sense of overall well being and calmness
- Promote a healthy immune system

The Comox Hospice supports us by taking appointments for us. To make an appointment:

Call 250-871-0696 or email: reception@comoxhospice.com

Message from Rev Karen

During our land acknowledgement each Sunday, we've been learning histories of these lands and the people who have lived here since time immemorial. For those who are curious to learn more on your own, a great starting place is the K'ómoks First Nation website: komoks.ca/cultures. There you can learn about local culture, traditional stories, languages, history, and more.

Coming Events at a glance

This Week...

TODAY 10⁰⁰ a.m. Men's Shed

Sun 10⁰⁰ a.m. Worship: Thanksgiving

Mon Thanksgiving Monday

Tue Church office closed

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

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

1⁰⁰ p.m. Glacier View service

Coming Soon...

Oct 20 Knitters

Oct 21 Coffee & Conversation

Oct 22 Queer Bible Study

Oct 23 Choir rehearsal

Oct 24 Men's Shed

Oct 26 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.)

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