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Grapevine

Friday, October 17, 2025

This Sunday: Season of Creation



Taizé service TODAY at 1:00 pm

You are invited **TODAY** to a Taizé Service of music, prayer and silence in Room 101 (in the lower level) from 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm. Please enter using the door from the lower parking lot.

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!

Glacier View Service this Sunday at 1³⁰ pm

On Sunday at 1³⁰ pm, everyone is welcome to join the residents of Glacier View to sing favourite hymns and hear a prayer or two. Besides singing along, Comox United Church folks can also help by turning songbook pages. If you would like to learn more about this monthly event feel free to contact Carol Jennermann at 250-339-9246 (landline) 250-703-1440 (cellphone) or kcjmann@shaw.ca.

Rainbow Gathering: Emergence – Out of the Shadows

TONIGHT at 7 pm at Bayside Bistro (Courtenay), as part of the regular series of Rainbow Gatherings in the Comox Valley, join us for a free Diwali screening of “Emergence: Out of the Shadows”, a film celebrating “light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance” that shares coming out stories from the Southeast Asian community in Vancouver and Surrey. This event is sponsored by our Affirm Committee.

You can get your free ticket at:

eventbrite.ca/e/rainbow-gatherings-film-screening-of-emergence-out-of-the-shadows-tickets-1716777731409

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Sunday Worship

Worship leader: **Rev. Karen Hollis**

Director of Music: **Paul Colthorpe**

Pianist: **Gloria Herauf**

Greeters: **Evelyn Gillespie**
Klaus Jennerman

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](https://www.youtube.com/@comoxunitedchurch3917/streams))

Recorded services

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

Welcome, Newcomer!

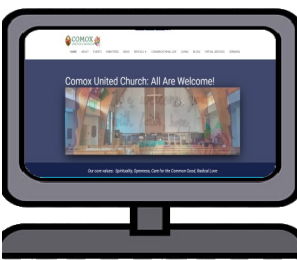
If you are new to Comox United Church, we welcome you as God welcomes us all.

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



*Crest of
Affirm United*



A new Website Tip every week!

To see the many ways one can give to Comox United Church, go to the church website, click on **Giving**, then scroll down to find the best way for you to donate to the church!

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

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

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“BREAKFAST & Conversation” this Tuesday morning

Our “Coffee & Conversation” group meets every Tuesday morning at 10 am at Comox Golf Club for a bit of together time. But **this Tuesday** (Oct 21) they are inviting everyone to **come an hour early for BREAKFAST!** Arrive any time between 9:00 and 9:15. If you can’t make it in time for breakfast, arrive at the usual time of 10 am.

For more information, contact Cameron Cairncross (250-339-0739 or cairncross@live.ca).

United Church Women (UCW)

It's Only 4 Weeks Away!

The air is getting crisper, the days are getting shorter, so we must be getting close to the **UCW Fall Bazaar** which will take place on **Saturday November 8** from **9 a.m. to Noon**.

Do you have gently used items to donate? We have success selling small goods, artwork, and of course we welcome donated baking and preserves! Please don't bring clothing, large heavy items, or large plants.

Mark the date! You can drop off donations the day before the sale on **Friday November 7th between 1 – 3 p.m.**

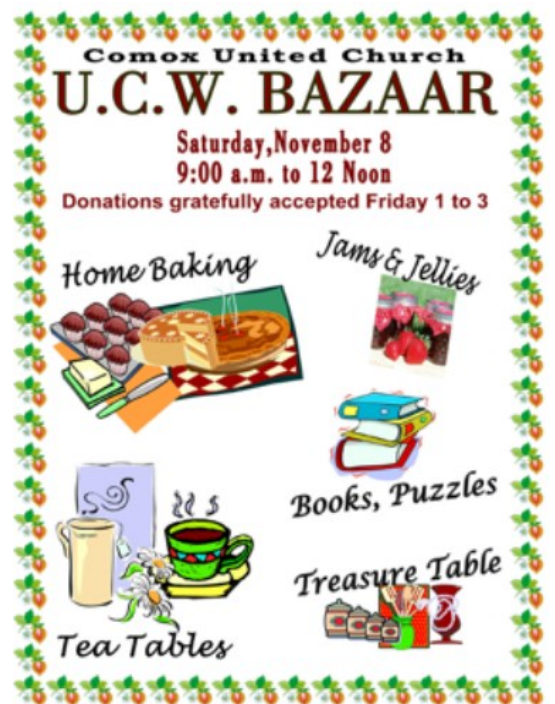
Remember, every year the UCW uses the money raised at this event and their spring sale to fund good works by a variety of charities. In the past two years the UCW has made donations to:

Dawn to Dawn	Child Haven	Comox Bay Care Society
Covenant House	Comox Valley Transition Society	Dawn to Dawn
Doctors without Borders	L'Arche	Operation Eyesight
Santa's Workshop	Stepping Stones	

... as well as contributions to our church's Memorial Fund.

We also use some funds to provide connection and two opportunities each year for all the women of the congregation to come together for a shared meal and activity.

Whether you can donate to the Bazaar, we hope that you will tell your friends and come join us **Saturday November 8th** for tea, cookies and to browse at all the goodies and hidden gems we'll have for sale!



National Church News

Pray, Fast, Act: Stand with Gaza

Join Moderator Kimberly Heath

On Wednesday mornings in October, you are invited to join a sacred movement of prayer, fasting, and advocacy for Palestinians in Gaza. Led by our newly elected Moderator Kimberly Heath, we will gather on Zoom at 8:00 a.m. PT for a 30-minute prayer circle focused on themes of compassion, justice, and peace.

Together, we will:

- Pray for healing and hope
- Fast in solidarity with those who hunger
- Act through meaningful action and advocacy
- Light a candle for peace (bring your candle to the webinar)

Each week will center on a specific theme:

- Oct. 22: Children and the Vulnerable
- Oct. 29: Peace and Remembrance

We'll also offer weekly actions—from writing to your MP to supporting aid efforts through Mission and Service—so your prayers can ripple outward into real-world impact.

To register to join the prayer circle, go to:

[united-church.zoom.us/meeting/register/zvcBredGTHy6WT0x4P41Lw#/registration](https://united-church.zoom.us/join/91234567890?pwd=ZvcBredGTHy6WT0x4P41Lw#/registration)



Some help needed for New Couple at CxU!

We have a new couple to our congregation who are in need of some support. Bobby and Lawrence, who you may have already met at coffee hour, are new to the Comox Valley. They recently lost everything in a house fire and have moved to the Comox Valley to rebuild their lives. They are currently living in a 5th wheel while they apply for housing. The CxU Council invites the congregation to participate in a winter clothing/toiletries/food drive for them.

Below is a list of their needs. You can help out in a couple of different ways:

- bring physical items to the church (food, toiletries, smaller clothing items)
- give money through the Minister's Discretionary Fund for gift cards (we encourage giving this way if you would like to help with larger clothing items, like coats, pants, and shoes)

We are looking for a coordinator for this short-term project. If you feel called to it, please contact Rev. Karen.

Non-Perishable Food Items for microwave, such as:

veggie soups
ravioli

Other items:

dog food
cat food
plastic (or non-breakable) bowls/plates/cups
cutlery
electric frying pan
dish soap
kitchen sponges
warm blankets
umbrellas

Toiletries, such as:

men's deodorant
sanitizer
hand soap
tooth brush/paste
q-tips
men's razors and shaving gel

Clothing:

white cotton socks
wool socks
undershirts
underwear
winter clothing (coats, warm sweatshirts,
warm pants, shoes, toques)
Sizes for person 1: Medium tops, 34 pants
Sizes for person 2: XXL, XXXL tops, 40 pants

Striker Solidarity Community Rally this Wednesday

A small group of community members are organizing a Striker Solidarity Community Rally in Courtenay in support of striking workers (BCGEU, PEA, CUPW, Unite Here Local 40, ATA, etc) and against austerity. We have tentatively set the date for Weds. Oct 22 from 4:30-6:00pm at Sid Williams Plaza. We will offer warm beverages, snacks, music and speakers, as well as give out informational fliers with next steps, solidarity fliers that people can stick in their vehicle/house windows, and a mailing list sign-up for future rallies.

We are currently looking for support in the following ways:

- providing tents & tables (2 tents and 1 table)
- providing/covering rental costs for a small mic and battery-operated PA
- providing snacks (or more substantial food if anyone is feeling ambitious)
- providing hot beverage(s): tea/ hot chocolate and dispensers
- providing photocopying or cost for posters, info fliers, and solidarity fliers
- sharing the event details (once confirmed) / general outreach
- help with postering, banner-painting, flyer-making
- a few people to say a few words against austerity and in solidarity with the striking workers.
- musicians who can share a labour song or two

If you can help, please contact **Heidi Pridy** at 514-638-1026 or hpridy@gmail.com

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.

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Regional Church News

Pacific Mountain Justice Ministry presents “What the Hell?”

On-line discussion series on two
Wednesdays at 6⁰⁰ pm



In “What the Hell?”, we will come together for thoughtful engagement on how bad theology affects us all. The 2SLGBTQIAP+ community has long been menaced with images and threats of hell, and a certainty that queer folks will end up there if they do not renounce the way that God lovingly created them. But what is hell? What were/are we told about hell in our churches and faith communities? How does this affect images in wider society and how society is in relationship with both 2SLGBTQIAP+ people, the church and hell?

In this series we will explore themes from Queer Theology, the Affirming Ministry movement, and Liberation Theology. By exploring these themes, we may begin to create a deeper and broader understanding of what Queer theology is, of how it enriches the life of the church and the theology of the United Church, and of the expansive connections Queer Theology shares with struggles for rights and equality in our everyday lives; not just for queer people, but for everyone.

This series is led via zoom by Kendra Mitchell-Foster, Regional Minister, and Pam Rocker of Affirming Connections. We will welcome special guests, including Dr. Harry O. Maier on Wed Oct 22 and Rev. Mark Tremblay on Wed Oct 29!

To register, go to:

us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/qyBomAOATQC3WXhbfTKe8g#/registration

Coming Events at a glance

This Week...

TODAY 10⁰⁰ a.m. Men's Shed
1⁰⁰ p.m. Taizé service
7⁰⁰ p.m. Rainbow Gathering: "Emergence"

Sun 10⁰⁰ a.m. Worship
1⁰⁰ p.m. Glacier View service

Mon 1³⁰ p.m. Knitters

Tue 9⁰⁰ a.m. BREAKFAST & Conversation

Wed 10⁰⁰ a.m. Queer Bible Study

Thu 6³⁰ p.m. Choir

Fri 10⁰⁰ a.m. Men's Shed

Next Sun 10⁰⁰ a.m. Worship
Soup & Bun Lunch

Coming Soon...

Oct 27 Knitters

Oct 28 Coffee & Conversation

Oct 29 Queer Bible Study

Oct 30 Choir rehearsal

Oct 31 Men's Shed

Nov 2 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.

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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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