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Grapevine



Friday, October 31, 2025

This Sunday: All Saints/All Souls

Remember to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour on Saturday night.



Bring a remembrance of someone special this Sunday

We are celebrating All Saints/Souls on Sunday - you are encouraged to bring photos and mementos of those you would like to remember and place them at the front of the sanctuary during the Prelude.



***Join the Tea Cozy Ladies Next Saturday at the
United Church Women's Fall Bazaar from 9 – 12 in our main hall!***

Home baked goods for sale! Pies, squares, cakes, cookies & more.

Treat yourself or stock up for Christmas guests.

Jams and preserves

Books and puzzles

Previously loved treasures including jewelry, golf clubs, kitchenware, and so much more to discover

Live musical entertainment

Free admission

Tea Room! Relax and enjoy cookies & tea for \$3

Donations drop off next Friday Nov. 7 between 1 - 3 pm or on Saturday morning.

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Sunday Worship

Worship leader: **Rev. Karen Hollis**

Director of Music: **Paul Colthorpe**

Pianist: **Gloria Herauf**

Greeters: **Karen Spencer**
Merrilee Cameron

Coffee: **Leone King and**

Margie Van Binsbergen

PowerPoint: **Arlene Bell**

Livestream/Audio: **Julie Whitman**

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



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!

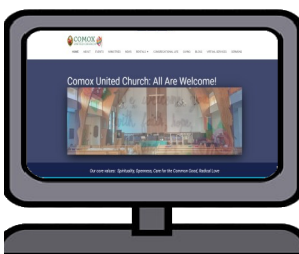
If you are new to Comox United Church, we welcome you as God welcomes us all.

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!

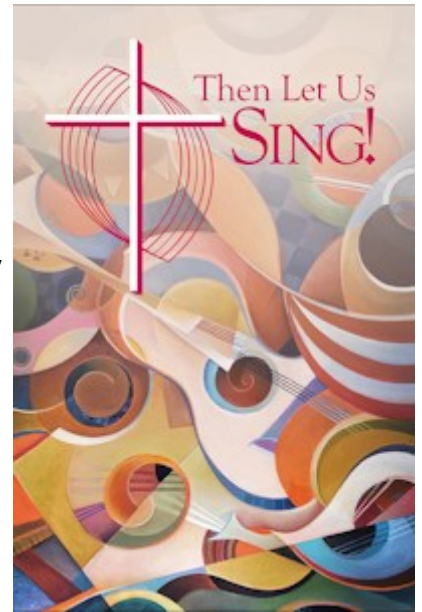
To check out the latest addition to the website, go to the church website, click on **Ministries**, then scroll down to **Affirming**. Click on **View More** to see the mission statement and upcoming events. Enjoy! This is your website! Send comments to Joyce Wagland. (websiteadmin@comoxunitedchurch.com or 250-207-5650)

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Sponsor or dedicate a new “*Then Let Us Sing*” hymnal!

Did you know that the United Church of Canada has published a new hymn book about every 30 years? First there was the old blue *Hymnary* in 1930, then the red *Hymn Book* shared with the Anglican Church in 1970, and finally *Voices United* in 1996. Now, 30 years later, it’s time for the next hymn book, *Then Let Us Sing*, which will combine most of the hymns from *Voices United* and *More Voices*, as well as including 165 new pieces.

Comox United is planning to bulk order a shipment of these so as to get a 15% discount. If you would like to help us, you can sponsor or dedicate a copy for the church — or even purchase your own copy — for \$35 each. (That includes the 15% discount.)



If you are interested, fill out an order form (available on the lobby table or in the church office) and return to the church office (with a cheque made out to “Comox United Church”) by **Sunday, November 9.**

Any hymn books that are not sponsored will be purchased with funds from the Memorial Fund.

Concerts at Comox United

Due to the upgrades made to our building by our Venue Team, our sanctuary has become a popular place for concerts. Here’s what’s coming up in the next few weeks:

Tuesday, November 11, 2 pm

“*Lest We Forget — A Remembrance Day Concert*”

The Quarantones and the Military Wives Choir (Admission by donation at door)

Saturday, November 15, 2³⁰ pm

“*Songs for the Birds: A Benefit Concert for MARS*”

Indigo Jazz, Crown Island Piano Duo and various other artists (Tickets: marswildliferescue.com)

Saturday, November 22, 2³⁰ pm

“*Feel Your Hearts Beat*”

Island Voices Chamber Choir (Tickets: islandvoiceschamberchoir.bc.ca)

Monday, December 1, 7³⁰ pm and Tuesday December 2, 10³⁰ am

“*Mendelssohn & Stravinsky*”

Sarah Hagen, piano, and Pamela Highbaugh Aloni, cello (Tickets: sarahahagen.com)

Church Council News

Comox Valley Weather Forecast for January 2026: *Temperature -3C° · Wind SE 35 km/hr · Heavy blowing snow*

There are over 200 people in the Comox Valley experiencing homelessness and 20% of them are seniors. Can you imagine navigating winter weather without a home? **On Sunday, November 16th, at 11:45pm** after coffee time, there will be an information session in the church hall to explore the possibility of opening an **Extreme Weather Response Shelter (EWR)** at Comox United Church.



Late in 2023, the need for an EWR in Comox was identified and tentative discussions in the Church Council commenced in September of 2024.

So what is an Extreme Weather Response Shelter?

If current or forecast weather conditions reach a certain pre-defined threshold, the regional district will declare an EWR. EWR Shelters then open between specified hours (often 7pm to 7am OR 8pm to 8am).

A third-party agency that has extensive experience running shelters both in the lower mainland and on the island would run the shelter at Comox United. There is a predetermined maximum number of clients allowed (in our case probably 10). When that number is reached, the doors will be closed and no further clients would be admitted.

The Comox United Council invites us to explore together the possibility of an EWR Shelter that provides a substance-free space and is run as a pilot project for one season.

To learn more, please join us for a conversation on November 16 after church (and coffee). Please send questions to Rev. Karen prior to the gathering at minister@comoxunitedchurch.com

You're also welcome to talk with Rev. Karen, Ken Newman or Joanne Wiens after this Sunday's worship service.

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
Stew

Other items:

dog food
cat food
Pillow & pillow cases
2025 calendar

Men's toiletries, such as:

Deodorant
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

Coming Events at a glance

This Week...

TODAY 10⁰⁰ a.m. Men's Shed

Sun 10⁰⁰ a.m. Worship: All Saints & Souls

Mon 1³⁰ p.m. Knitters

Tue 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

1⁰⁰ p.m. Fall Bazaar donations drop-off

Sat 9⁰⁰ a.m. Fall Bazaar and Tea Room

Next Sun 10⁰⁰ a.m. Worship

Coming Soon...

Nov 10 United Church Women (UCW)
Knitters

Nov 11 Remembrance Day
Church office closed

Nov 12 Queer Bible Study

Nov 13 Choir rehearsal

Nov 14 Men's Shed

Nov 16 Worship

EWR Info Session

Glacier View Service

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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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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