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Grapevine



Friday, November 14, 2025

Board Game Fun Night tonight at 7 pm

Do you enjoy playing board games? As a joint project with the Unitarian congregation, we are organizing regular board game nights. Our next one is tonight (Friday Nov. 14) **at 7 pm**. Feel free to bring one of your favourites to share.



Emergency Winter Warming Info Session postponed

The Information Session regarding using our church as a possible Emergency Warming Shelter has been postponed because our presenters are unable to attend. We hope to reschedule this in January. In the meantime, we will send you the questions and answers we've received so far, in order to keep the conversation going and hopefully spark additional questions. Soup and Bun lunch this Sunday WILL happen as planned. — *The EWR team of Ken Newman, Rev Karen Hollis, and Joanne Wiens*

Your Stewardship envelope is available

Last Sunday, Joanne Wiens and Alan Brown reminded us about our Stewardship of Comox United Church in a presentation titled "Past, Present and Future." They also prepared an envelope for each family or person at CxU that contains information about Stewardship, as well as a confidential Response Form and return envelope, and a brochure about Legacy Gifts. If you didn't pick up your envelope last week, the box will be on the lobby table this Sunday. Envelopes not picked up by next Sunday will be mailed. Please return your Response forms in the confidential envelope as soon as possible — this information is very useful to our Treasurer!

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 kjmann@shaw.ca.

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Sunday Worship

Worship leader: **Rev. Karen Hollis**

Director of Music: **Paul Colthorpe**

Pianist: **Gloria Herauf**

Greeters: **Evy Gillespie**
Margaret G-C

Coffee: **Sonja van Sickle**
Mae Pagdin

PowerPoint: **Sue Newman**

Livestream/Audio: **Joanne Wiens**

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!

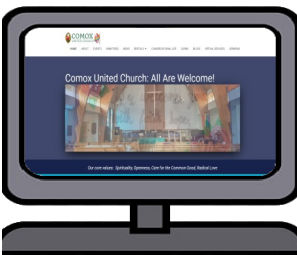
If you are new to Comox United Church, we welcome you as God welcomes us all.

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



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Affirm United*



A new Website Tip every week!

Last Sunday, Rev. Karen referred to the history of Comox United Church. To read a brief history of our church, click on **About**, then click on **History**. Enjoy!

This is your website! Send comments to **Joyce Wagland**.

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

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Pancake Breakfast for Men tomorrow

Men of the congregation are warmly invited to a pancake breakfast **at 9 am tomorrow (Sat, Nov 15)** in the Church Hall. Barrie Turnham, Scott Agur and Mike Stewart will be responsible for preparing the breakfast.

There will be no program but there will be a discussion about ideas for re-starting the Men's Breakfast. Please RSVP to Barrie Turnham (chemist@telus.net) if you plan to come.



Rev. Karen on Study Leave next week

Following this Sunday's service, Rev. Karen will be on Study Leave for a week. We look forward to welcoming Rev. Trevor Malkinson, who be leading worship next Sunday.



Rainbow pins available after worship

Scott Agur will have rainbow fish pins for sale this Sunday for \$8 each. Look for him during coffee time in the church hall following worship.

Traditional "Hanging of the Greens" on Nov. 28

Decorating of the church & Potluck dinner followed by short service

You are warmly invited to our **Hanging of the Greens Potluck** on **Friday November 28**. Come at 4pm to help decorate the Sanctuary for Advent, dinner will be at 5:30 followed by a short service to bring in the season. If you are able, please bring a casserole, salad or dessert to share. Looking forward to seeing you there!

— Fiona Curry, Congregational Life Coordinator



CD left behind in donated CD player

Someone donated an Onkyo CD player to the UCW bazaar. When the new owner got home and turned it on, they discovered there was still a CD in the player: Liszt's "Malediction" performed by pianist Jeno Jando and the Budapest Symphony Orchestra. If this belongs to you, please contact the church office.

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Regional Church News

Justice-focussed Advent & Christmas calendar

This winter season, the Pacific Mountain Regional Council is promoting a justice-focused Advent and Christmas calendar, created by Rev. Lauren Sanders, that allows us to examine the Doctrine of Discovery and the harmful influence and impact it has had and continues to have on our theology and laws in Canada and around the world. The calendar looks at the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action 45, 46, 47 and how we can respond.

The calendar runs from Sunday November 30 to Monday January 5. If you are interested in this, you can download a copy at firstunited.ca/resources/advent-and-christmas-calendar-2025/

Rainbow Gatherings

Improv Night next Friday!

The next monthly Rainbow Gathering will be "Improv your Life!", an improv night led by local improv leaders Susan Osso, Bill Pozzobon and our own **Cameron Cairncross**.

This is going to be both a funny and a fun event! And you'll enjoy the usual Bayside Bistro coffee, goodies, snacks and welcome atmosphere.

It all happens next **Friday, November 21 at 7 pm** at the Bayside Bistro (5th St and Cliffe Ave in Courtenay). It's free, but please pre-register via Eventbrite at eventbrite.ca/e/improv-your-life-tickets-1774890107089

Queer History, Part 2: Stonewall and Beyond!

On Sunday Nov 23 following worship, Dr. Serena Patterson will return for Part 2 of her *Queer History*. In this presentation, focusing on the last 60 years of 2SLGBTQ+ history, we will learn about the dramatic, global struggles for human rights and dignity, the many social and political backlashes, and the explosion of popular and artistic expression that have characterized the rise of the modern Pride movement. Challenges from within and from outside of the Queer community will also be explored, as we look to the recent past to help us understand and face the present moment. There will be a brief time for questions and discussion. It's free, but please pre-register via Eventbrite at

eventbrite.ca/e/queer-history-part-2-stonewall-and-beyond-tickets-1849728239959

(A light lunch is also provided, be sure to order a ticket for Vegetarian or Omnivore)

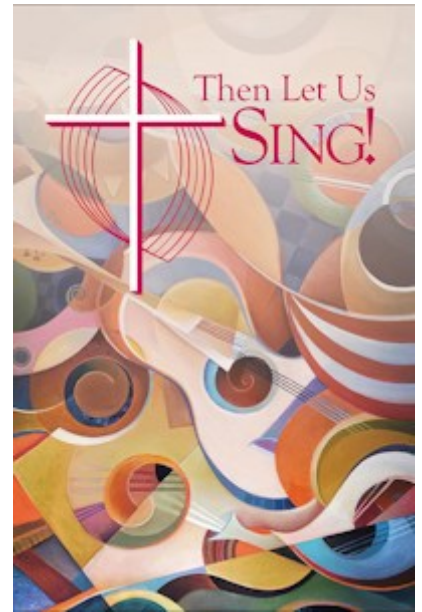
Dedicate a new “*Then Let Us Sing*” song book to a special person!

The United Church of Canada has created a new song book, *Then Let Us Sing*, and it’s popular — the first print run has sold out!

Comox United is planning to bulk order a shipment of *Then Let Us Sing* so as to get a 15% discount. If you would like to help us, you can sponsor a copy for the church for \$35 each. (That includes the 15% discount.) You can also dedicate a copy of the songbook to someone — perhaps a parent, grandparent, spouse, child, etc.

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 **this Sunday**.

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



Concerts at Comox United

Following recent upgrades to our building by our Venue Team, our sanctuary has become a popular place for local choral groups and artists. Here’s what’s coming up in the next few weeks:

Tomorrow, 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: sarahhagen.com)

Saturday, December 13, 7⁰⁰ pm

“Hello Winter”

Hello Strings (Admission by donation)

United Church Women (UCW)

Thank you from the UCW!



Our United Church Women's Group is delighted to tell you that we raised **\$2,333** at our Bazaar & Tea Room last Saturday. This would not have been possible without the congregation's



generous donations of baking, books, puzzles, and previously loved treasures. We very much appreciate your offerings! We also want to thank 'Swing Duo' — Howard Robertson and

Gregor Schoenberg — for their gift of live music ... we had people staying longer just so they could listen to the music. We're glad so many could come out ... we had fun hosting!

Save the Date! Our Women's Christmas Luncheon will be on Monday December 8th at 12:15 in the main hall.

This photo is from our 2024 Women's Christmas Luncheon, where we came together for a lovely meal, fellowship and good social cause. We had so much fun we're doing it again! The luncheon hosted by the UCW is free, but we encourage attendees to bring a



potluck dish to share and donations for the Comox Valley Transition Society which provides temporary emergency shelter and support for women including trans-women and non-binary individuals seeking safety from violence, abuse and threats. There will be great food, games, music and a chance to win a prize! We hope you will join us on Monday December 8th at 12:15.

Local Church News

St. George's United offers Evangelism Workshop

Rev. Ryan Slifka of St. George's United in Courtenay has shared with us:

"I am writing to invite each of you to a workshop being held by St. George's about the dreaded E-Word —Evangelism!"

On the morning of Saturday, November 29, Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart from the Vancouver School of Theology will be presenting "I Love to Tell the Story? A Faith Sharing Workshop".

This event is free, but we will be taking up a free will offering to help cover expenses. To register online, go to our website, www.stgeorgesunited.com."



Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart

Christmas Swags & Festive Table Pots for sale

Following worship **this Sunday**, the Comox Valley Glacier Grannies will be in the church hall selling beautiful Christmas swags for your front door and festive pots for your table. Hand-made with fresh local greenery, augmented with colourful ribbons and other decorations, each creation is unique and will be slightly different from samples shown here. In addition you can order Outdoor Wreaths (Medium 14" \$25 and Large 18" \$35 online at

glaciergrannies.org



5" Table Pot \$15

Payment this Sunday can be made by cash, debit, credit card or e-transfer. If you won't be at church this Sunday, visit the Glacier Grannies website for other ways to order your door swags and table pots.

All proceeds go to the Comox Valley Glacier Grannies and their support for the

[Stephen Lewis Foundation's Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign](#).



Door Swag \$25

The 444 Project

4 People x \$4 x 4 occasions



The seasons have changed, and colder weather lends itself to new ways to connect with friends and family while raising money for Project 444. It only takes inviting four people to join you in a fun activity for a per person fee of \$4. Or you can make it a party and invite 20 x \$4 which would raise \$80 for the church! Here's some ideas to get you started:

- A walk in the woods followed by hot chocolate/mulled wine/hot toddy back at your house
- A fun game of *Scattergories* complete with popcorn and beverages
- Invite friends over to watch a special newly released movie.
- Get your game-on and host a spontaneous potluck Grey Cup watching party
- Set the date and invite friends to help decorate your Christmas tree complete with cheese crackers and holiday cheer!
- Love to bake for Christmas? Invite four people to bake for the afternoon and send them away with some cookies as a thanks for joining the fun.
- Ask some friends to join you at one of the valley Christmas tree lighting events and then return to your place for pizza
- Enjoy the holiday Hallmark Romcoms? Invite some friends to come watch and you provide the ice cream and toppings.
- All this rain is sure to bring lots of snow on Mount Washington. Ask some friends to join you for snowshoeing and you provide some cookies and a thermos of hot cider.

There are so many possibilities and enjoyable ways to come together to raise money for our church. So far, we have raised **\$1407** just by connecting at \$4 each. Let's keep it going!

Questions? Contact Project 444 Coordinator Elaine Brown (broelaine@gmail.com).

Coming Events at a glance

This Week...

TODAY 7⁰⁰ p.m. Board Game Fun Night
Sat 9⁰⁰ a.m. Men's Pancake Breakfast
Sun 10⁰⁰ a.m. Worship
11¹⁵ a.m. Soup & Bun
1³⁰ p.m. Glacier View Service
Mon 1³⁰ p.m. Knitters
Tue 10⁰⁰ p.m. Coffee & Conversation (Comox Golf Club)
Thu 10⁰⁰ p.m. Improv with Cameron (Session 2 of 4)
6³⁰ p.m. Choir
Fri 1⁰⁰ p.m. Taizé service
7⁰⁰ p.m. Rainbow Gathering: Improv Your Life!

Next Sun 10⁰⁰ a.m. Worship: Rev. Trevor Malkinson
11³⁰ p.m. Queer History, Part 2
2⁰⁰ p.m. CxU Walking Group

Coming Soon...

Nov 24 Knitters
Nov 25 Coffee & Conversation
Nov 26 Queer Bible Study
Nov 27 Improv with Cameron (3rd of 4)
Choir rehearsal
Nov 28 Hanging of the Greens
Nov 30 Worship: Advent I



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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