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Grapevine



Friday, January 9, 2026

This Sunday: Baptism of Jesus



Centering Prayer TODAY at 10:00 am

You are invited **TODAY at 10 am** to a time of Centering Prayer in Room 101 on the church's lower level. **Bev Sparks** will offer some history, gentle instruction, and will hold the space for us. All are welcome and no experience necessary.

Centering prayer is an ancient Christian contemplative practice for developing a deeper relationship with God by resting in God's presence.

Centering Prayer will be on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month at 10 am.

TONIGHT at 7 pm: Board games!

Do you enjoy playing board games? **TONIGHT (Fri Jan 9) at 7 pm**, come out to the church hall and join Greg and Liz for board games! This is organized by the joint liaison committee that coordinates activities with us and the Unitarian congregation.

Some favourite games include *Qwirkle*, *Blokus*, *The Mind*, *CodeNames*, and *Azul*. Greg and Liz will bring these and more, but feel free to bring your own favourite, as long as it can be played by 4 or more people, is easy to learn, and can be completed in 30-45 minutes! If you have questions email Liz at egoodger@gmail.com.



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Sunday Worship

Worship leader: **Rev. Karen Hollis**

Director of Music: **Paul Colthorpe**

Pianist: **Marni Fisher**

Greeters: **Bev Agur**
Julie Whitman

Coffee: **Heather Flint**
Leone King

PowerPoint: **Joyce Relyea**

Livestream/Audio: **Ken Newman**
Dale Erhart

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.



*Crest of
Affirm United*

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



A new Website Tip every week!

To read a lovely article, from the Comox Valley Record, about the upcoming Have a Heart production, go to our church website, click on **News**, scroll down to **From the Comox Record**. Enjoy!

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

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

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Rainbow Gathering: Queer Board Game Night

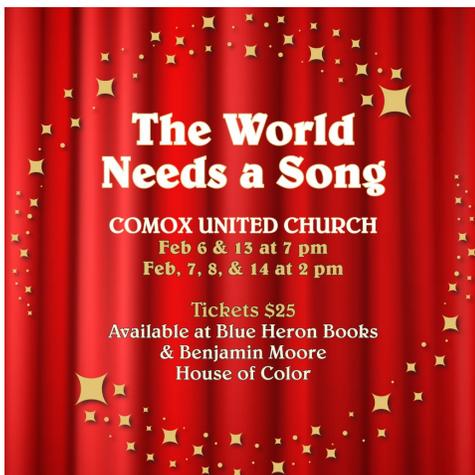
The next Rainbow Gathering event is *Board Game Night!* Come to Bayside Bistro (Cliffe Ave., Courtenay) next Friday, January 16 at 7 pm for two hours of fun and games. Bring your own board game to share or play someone else's. If you need a bit of sustenance, Bayside Bistro will be offering their regular food menu for purchase. This event is sponsored by our Affirm Committee. The event is free, but you need to reserve your spot at:

eventbrite.ca/e/queer-board-games-night-tickets-1979368784317

Coffee & Conversation: New venue for January

The Coffee & Conversation group, which meets weekly on Tuesday mornings at 10 am, invites everyone to join them for ... well, coffee and conversation.

For the month of January, we'll be meeting at the new Views Café on the second floor of The Views.



Tickets now available for “The World Needs a Song” Musical

It's time for another big musical production, courtesy of our own Gloria Herauf and the Beach Street Players. Come out for one of five performances in February and enjoy a time filled with fun, laughter, and great harmonies.

Evenings (7 pm): **Fri Feb 6 & Fri Feb 13**

Matinees (2 pm): **Sat Feb 7, Sun Feb 8 and Sat Feb 14**

Tickets are available at Blue Heron Books (Comox) and Benjamin Moore House of Color (Courtenay). Or you can also buy your tickets during coffee time following worship. These shows always sell out, so get your tickets early!

The 444 Project

4 People x \$4 x 4 occasions

Tally Update

A huge thank you to everyone who has entertained and contributed to the 444 Project. Our current tally is **\$2,042**.

The 444 Project will continue until April, so start the New Year resolving to invite some friends over for \$4 worth of fun and friendship. As you can see, \$4x4x4 adds up very quickly!

Church office has a new phone

The church office has entered the 21st century, thanks to Dale Erhart and his son Joel, who installed a new phone system. Church administrator Lorna should have the new system (and its headset) figured out very quickly.

This means we now have two surplus large-button office phones in excellent condition. They are free for the taking — see Lorna for details.



↑ This old phone needs a new home!

Men's Breakfast: Presentation about beer!

The first Men's Breakfast of 2026 will be next **Saturday, January 17 at 9 am**. Our guest speaker will be Alan Brown, who will regale us with a particular episode in the history of brewing called "Beer Spies." Some of you might remember Alan's course on Beer History last spring. Do decide to come on January 17! A delicious continental breakfast and coffee will be served for the modest sum of \$15.00! Please let Barrie Turnham know if you are planning to come: no later, please than Wednesday, January 14. Barrie can be reached: chemist@telus.net

Barrie and Scott Agur could use some assistance in setting up and in clean up — if you could come at 8:15 am or stay after the conclusion of the gathering, this would be deeply appreciated. Please let Barrie know that you will be helping.



Collection of used postage stamps discontinued

Thank you to those of you who have contributed used postage stamps to us in the past, but we are no longer collecting them.

Curry Cottage food trailer in north parking lot

The Curry Cottage is one of our nearby neighbours (corner of Comox Ave and Anderton). If you've noticed their food trailer in our north parking lot (the one beside Comox Ave), don't worry, we're not going into business with them. The Curry Cottage is selling the trailer, and because they have very limited space in their parking lot, they are renting a spot in our parking lot until they can find a buyer.

Front Door Update

Allen key still missing

We use an Allen key to unlock the crash bar from the inside. It is usually hanging from a chain just inside the door, but sometime just before Christmas, someone removed the Allen key from the chain. We have a temporary replacement key on the chain, but. If you know where the original is, please contact Lorna in the church office, or put it back on its chain.



United Church Women (UCW)

The UCW has their regular monthly meeting this Monday at 1:15 p.m. All women of the church are welcome to come and see what's being planned!



Local Church News

Weird Church: *Grief & Grace* – an 8-week series

Grief brings up an array of emotions that can be overwhelming, confusing, uncomfortable and unexpected. *Grief & Grace* is an 8-week series for anyone experiencing grief due to the loss of a loved one. Each week we will explore and learn about the many facets of grief as we make space and honour the experience of each participant. We will practice tools that support your journey through grief. Included will be various artistic activities, designed to express feelings, thoughts and life experiences that are difficult to verbalize.

This confidential group will be limited to 10 participants, and will happen on Wednesday afternoons at 1:30-3 pm from Jan 14 to Mar 4. The cost is \$125.

For more information and to register, go to the Weird Church website (weirdchurchcumberland.com)



Coming Events at a glance

This Week...

TODAY 10⁰⁰ a.m. Centering Prayer
7⁰⁰ p.m. Board Games

Sun 10⁰⁰ a.m. Worship

Mon 1¹⁵ p.m. United Church Women
1³⁰ p.m. Knitters

Tue 10⁰⁰ a.m. Coffee & Conversation (Views Cafe)

Wed 10⁰⁰ a.m. Queer Bible Study

Thu 10⁰⁰ p.m. Choir

Fri 1⁰⁰ p.m. Taizé Service

Sat 9⁰⁰ a.m. Men's Breakfast: "Beer Spies!"

Next Sun 10⁰⁰ a.m. Worship
1³⁰ a.m. Glacier View Service

Coming Soon...

Jan 19 Knitters
Jan 20 Coffee & Conversation (Views Café)
Jan 21 Queer Bible Study
Jan 22 Choir
Jan 23 Centering Prayer
Jan 25 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.)