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Grapevine



Friday, January 16, 2026

This Sunday: Second Sunday after Epiphany



Taizé service TODAY at 1:00 pm

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

Rainbow Gathering: Queer Board Game Night TONIGHT

The next Rainbow Gathering event is *Board Game Night!* Come to Bayside Bistro (Cliffe Ave., Courtenay) TONIGHT (Fri Jan 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

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.

Comox United Annual General Meeting: March 1



It's that time of the year again! Mark in your calendar that our Annual General Meeting will happen following worship on Sunday, March 1.

If you are the leader of a team or committee, please send your 2025 report to Lorna in the church office by **Sunday, February 15**.

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Sunday Worship

Worship leader: **Rev. Karen Hollis**

Director of Music: **Paul Colthorpe**

Pianist: **Marni Fisher**

Greeters: **Karen Spencer**
Margaret Griffith-Cochrane

Coffee: **Steve &**
Vance Thiessen

PowerPoint: **Arlene Bell**

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.



*Crest of
Affirm United*

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



A new Website Tip every week!

Two ways to find out about the upcoming Quarantones' concert: go to our church website, and either scroll down to **Community Events** and then click on **Quarantones Concert**, OR go to **Events** and scroll down to **Quarantones Concert**. Enjoy!

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

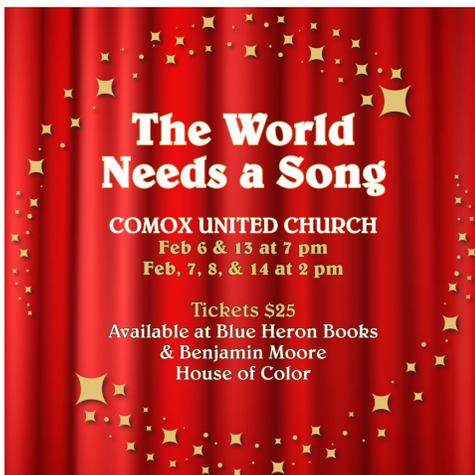
(websiteadmin@comoxunitedchurch.com or 250-207-5650)

The S.A.G.E. Page

Sustainability Action Group for the Environment

Learn about Recycling Best Practices

Come join us **Saturday, February 28, 1:30 - 2:30** for learning RECYCLING best practice with guest speaker Lindsay Eason (CVRD waster diversion specialist). With small improvements we can make a big difference. Bring a friend, being your neighbours - it will be interactive and informative!



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!

Men's Breakfast: Presentation about beer!

The first Men's Breakfast of 2026 will be **tomorrow (Sat Jan 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 tomorrow! A delicious continental breakfast and coffee will be served for the modest sum of \$15.00! We hope to see you!



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.

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.



Comox United supports Healthy Families

...which in turn supports pregnant families, parents and guardians to provide children (from birth up to 3 years) with a strong foundation in life. Donations (diapers, baby food, food for the family) can be brought to the church and placed in the basket in the foyer.

For more information about Healthy Families, see www.comoxvalleyfamilyservices.com/programs--2/healthy-families-program

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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:

Saturday, January 24, 2³⁰ pm

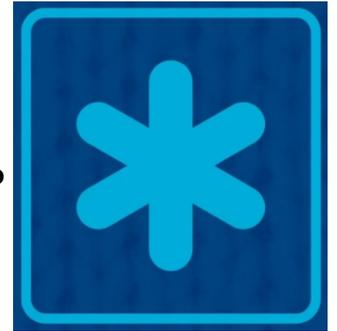
Songs in the Key of "Eh"

The Quarantones (Tickets available at www.quarantonesensemble.com or at the door)

Coldest Night of the Year: Sat Feb 28

Join our team of walkers!

Coldest Night of the Year is an annual charitable walk, raising funds for **Dawn to Dawn** (Action on Homelessness) and **The Transition House**, a safe house for women escaping domestic violence in our community. Team Captain Sue Newman sends this message:



We've always had an enthusiastic team, so join our team this year:

1. Go to cnoy.org
2. Create an account
3. Choose **Comox Valley** as your location
4. Choose **Join a Team**
5. Search for **Comox United Walkers** and follow the steps to join us!

Our first team goal this year is \$5000, so set your fundraising sights high! Contact friends and family, and ask if they have sponsored someone yet. Encourage others to join our team, or to donate to the team either through you or online, and to come and show their support at the event. Every \$20 or more will get a tax receipt via email. Let's make a difference as we have for many years. I look forward to having you join us, by donating and joining our team if you are able. Let's make it happen.

Coming Events at a glance

This Week...

TODAY 1⁰⁰ p.m. Taizé Service
 7⁰⁰ p.m. Rainbow Gathering (Courtenay)

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

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

Mon 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 10⁰⁰ a.m. Centering Prayer

Next Sun 10⁰⁰ a.m. Worship

Coming Soon...

Jan 26 Knitters
Jan 27 Coffee & Conversation (Views Café)
Jan 28 Queer Bible Study
Jan 29 Choir
Feb 1 Worship: Communion



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.)