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# Grapevine



**Friday, January 23, 2026**

**This Sunday: Third Sunday after Epiphany**



## 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 is offered on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month at 10 am.

## Walking Group: Trails near the Airforce base

The Walking Group, which meets monthly, is heading out **this Sunday afternoon**. Join Charlene and Dale on a 4 km route around the air force base walking trails and internal roadways. The walk is flat and the trails are all well graded. Meet at **Glacier Greens skating rink parking lot (1399 Military Row) at 2:00 pm**. We will do a loop that returns us back to the rink.



All are welcome and feel free to bring your friends and / or your dog!

## 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: **Bev Agur**  
**Klaus Jennerman**

Coffee: **Margaret &**  
**Ray Morin**

PowerPoint: **Barb Page**

Livestream/Audio: **Ross Griffith-Cochrane**  
**Dale Erhart**

## How to worship with us

### In Person

Sunday worship services are at 10 am.

### Livestream

Our livestream will be on [YouTube](#) at 10 am  
([youtube.com/@comoxunitedchurch3917/streams](https://youtube.com/@comoxunitedchurch3917/streams))

### Recorded services

Recordings of all our livestream services can be found at  
[comoxunitedchurch.com/pages/online-sunday-services](https://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](https://comoxunitedchurch.com)



## A new Website Tip every week!

To read all about Moderator Kimberly Heath - and to watch a video where she introduces herself: go to our church website, and click on **News**, then scroll down to **Moderator Kimberly Heath**. Enjoy!

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

([websiteadmin@comoxunitedchurch.com](mailto:websiteadmin@comoxunitedchurch.com) or 250-207-5650)

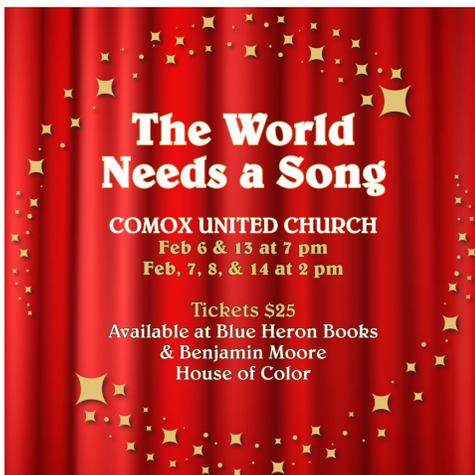
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## The S.A.G.E. Page

### 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

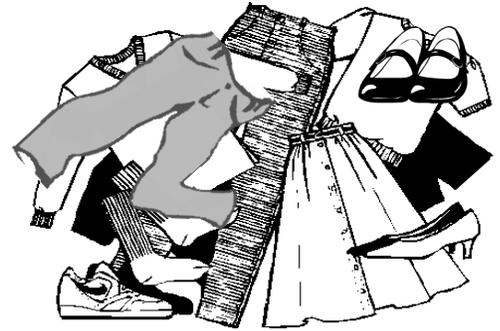
**4 People x \$4 x 4 occasions**

#### 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!

## Gently Used Women's Clothing Sale: Saturday Feb. 21



On Saturday, February 21 from 10 am-12:00 in Room 101 (lower level), our church will host a Gently Used Women's Clothing Sale where you pay by donation. The sale is being run by a local branch of the P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization ) Sisterhood.

This organization, founded in 1869, is dedicated to supporting women who wish to continue their education through loans, scholarships, scholar awards and grants. The Courtenay chapter offers a Bursary through North Island College and contributes to local charities such as Transition House and Care -A-Van.

All money raised from this sale will be donated to our local bursary fund.

## Local Church News

### St. Peter's Anglican seeks Admin Assistant

St Peter's Anglican Church is seeking a permanent part time (14 hrs/week) Administrative Assistant to start in mid-March.

The person in this role will assist with the administration of the church. Reporting to the incumbent priest, they will work with the parish council, bookkeeper, volunteers and community partners to serve the church and the local community.

The job covers a broad spectrum of tasks including responding to enquiries, scheduling rentals, maintaining the church website and records, and publishing the weekly newsletter.

The position requires at least a grade 12 high school diploma. Some post-secondary training and experience with managing a business office is preferred. Applicants should be familiar with the use of computers, internet, and web based software and publishing tools. The position also calls for excellent interpersonal skills regarding the public and needs of parishioners.

Salary: \$23-\$25 per hour

For further information, contact [admin@stpeterscomox.ca](mailto:admin@stpeterscomox.ca)

## 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, January 24, 2<sup>30</sup> pm**

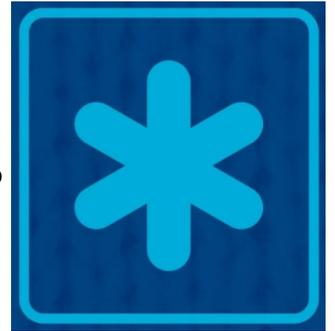
*Songs in the Key of "Eh"*

The Quarantones (Tickets available at [www.quarantonesensemble.com](http://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](http://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* 10<sup>00</sup> p.m. Centering Prayer

*Sun* 10<sup>00</sup> a.m. Worship

*Mon* 1<sup>30</sup> p.m. Knitters

*Tue* 10<sup>00</sup> a.m. Coffee & Conversation (Views Cafe)

*Wed* 10<sup>00</sup> a.m. Queer Bible Study

*Thu* 10<sup>00</sup> p.m. Choir

*Next Sun* 10<sup>00</sup> a.m. Worship: Communion

### Coming Soon...

**Feb 2** Knitters

**Feb 3** Coffee & Conversation

**Feb 4** Queer Bible Study

**Feb 5** Choir

**Feb 6** Taizé Service

“The World Needs a Song”

**Feb 7** “The World Needs a Song”

**Feb 8** Worship

“The World Needs a Song”

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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.)