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Grapevine



Friday, March 27, 2026

This Sunday: Palm/Passion Sunday

Soups On

Please join us for homemade soup, a bun and friendly conversation after the service this Sunday. Donations will be divided between Comox Valley Hospice and Comox United Church.

Hope to see you there!



Holy Week

Thursday, April 2: Maundy Thursday (The Last Supper)

St. Peter's Anglican Church (Comox)

Soup Supper at 5 pm, Worship service at 6 pm

Friday, April 3: Good Friday

Comox Valley Presbyterian (Comox), 10³⁰ a.m.

April 4: Holy Saturday

St. George's United (Courtenay), 6³⁰ p.m.

Great Vigil of Easter: Worship, Baptisms, and Holy Communion

Holy Saturday April 4 - Weird Church—vigil service 7pm.

This will be a meditative service with chants, readings and quiet time. All are welcome.

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Sunday Worship

Worship leader: **Rev. Karen Hollis**

Director of Music: **Paul Colthorpe**

Pianist: **Gloria Herauf**

Greeters: **Bev Agur**
Jane Wilson

PowerPoint: **Merrilee Cameron**

Coffee: **Peter Senor**
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Livestream/Audio: **Ken Vaux**

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!

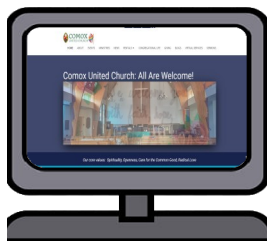
If you are new to Comox United Church, we welcome you as God welcomes us all.

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.



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Affirm United*

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



A new Website Tip every week!

In order to read past Newsletters go the church website, click on news, scroll down to weekly newsletter Grapevine.

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

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

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Next week: *Grapevine* coming to you on Thursday

The church office will be closed next Friday, which is Good Friday, so you will receive the *Grapevine* next week on Thursday. If you have an article for next week's *Grapevine*, the deadline is one day earlier than usual: please send it to our church administrator Lorna **by Wednesday (April 1) at noon.**

Caregiver Retreat weekend, May 1-3

Are you a Caregiver or have been a Caregiver and recently lost the person you were caregiving for?

The Pastoral Care Committee is hosting a caregiver retreat at the Ocean Resort in Oyster River from Friday, May 1 to Sunday, May 3. Registration forms are available from the church office or by emailing: admin@comoxunitedchurch.com. While the majority of costs are covered by a grant, there is a registration fee of \$150 per participant. In some circumstances, the registration fee may be waived.

Those attending will have time to just relax OR join in on the few activities planned. It is a time you can just BE, with no responsibilities.

Men's Breakfast

Our speaker on Saturday, April 18 at 9 am will be **Dr. Ken Newman, PhD.**, who is an active member of Comox United Church. The focus of Ken's PhD. is in Physical Chemistry. He has taught and conducted research in Switzerland, British Columbia, Quebec and Alberta. **The title of Ken's address will be: "The Chemistry of Music, or, is it the Music of Chemistry?"** Ken is an interesting and very funny human being. He is intelligent and informative. Ken is also a seasoned thesbian, with a long relationship with the "Beach Street Players" theatre group under the direction of Gloria Herauf. A warm and engaging person, he is a compelling pianist who will dazzle us with his piano chops. Be sure to mark this event in your day planners and get set for a challenging and enjoyable time! Come and enjoy Ken, the delicious continental breakfast, the endless flow of coffee and tea, the rewarding conversation and the **opportunity to be with other men.** The cost of the breakfast is a modest \$10.00. Any profit from the breakfast supports the refugee program sponsored by the Comox United Church Men's Breakfast Group.

The 444 Project

Invite 4 People, Collect \$4 each, Donate, Get tax receipt

Save the Date! 444 Project Potluck Dinner Sunday April 19!

We're known for it! United Church members are really good at making fabulous potluck dishes, ensuring everyone eats delicious food at our potluck events. Project 444 will be wrapping up at the end of April so what better way to bid it farewell than coming together for a celebratory dinner. On Sunday April 19, bring a dish of your choosing and a donation towards the 444 Project. Everything will be set up, you just need to arrive at 4:45 and add your dish to the appropriate section (appetizers, salads, mains, side dishes and desserts). Tea, coffee and water will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own beverages.

Jesus said, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

— Matthew 18:20

United Church Women (UCW)

Are you spring cleaning?

The morning of **Saturday May 2** is the date for the next UCW bazaar at the church. If you are cleaning out cupboards and have small items you wish to donate, please set them aside for us. (The item drop off will be Friday May 1 between 1-3). Used books, puzzles, glassware, jewelry, accessories and decorative pieces, are some of the items we would love to receive. We also appreciate donations of preserves,

IMPROV is back by popular demand

Camerson Cairncross will be offering another round of improv on Thursdays April 9, 16, 23, 30 in the hall. Cost is \$20.00. Space is limited so please RSVP to Camerson by April 8. 250 339-0739 or email Cairncross@live.ca

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P.E.O. clothing sale May 2, Room 101, 9:00 – 12:00

On Saturday, May 2 from 9 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 .

Reconciliation Journey: The People of the K'omoks Nation

On Thu April 23 at 7 pm, join us at the Sid Williams Theatre for "The Story of the K'ómoks: Cultural Topography of Traditional Indigenous Land Use at Pentlatch" presented by K'ómoks First Nation archaeologist Dr. Jesse Morin and K'ómoks First Nation Culture Manager Pamela Mitchell.

This presentation provides an excellent foundation of understanding about the long-standing presence of Indigenous people in the Comox Valley, exploring how K'ómoks culture is a blend of Kwakwa and Salish culture and shares powerful examples of reconciliation and cultural resilience here in our community.

You can get your free tickets at www.sidwilliamstheatre.com/events/reconciliation-journey-community-learning-series-the-people-of-the-komoks-nation/

Camp Spirit for Youth!

If you have children or grandchildren, you may be interested in Camp Spirit.

For more information, check out Camp Spirit's website: registration is now open. <https://www.campspirit.ca/summertime-camps.html>



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BCCF (British Columbia Choral Federation)

We are also pleased to share that **Paul Colthorpe** (has been awarded the Herbert Kent Award in recognition of his exceptional long-term contribution to choral music and music education in the Comox Valley and across the region.

For more than three decades, Paul has served as Artistic Director of the North Island Choral Society, **Director of Music Ministries at Comox United Church**, and a dedicated music educator in School District 71. Through his leadership, he has helped build inclusive choral programs, nurtured young musicians, and strengthened opportunities for community participation in classical music.



CONGRATULATIONS PAUL from Comox United!!!

THEN LET US SING!

An experiential workshop for everyone wanting to learn more about our new United Church music resource



 **MAY 2ND 2026**

 **9:30AM - 3:00PM**

 Brechin United Church
2020 Estevan Road,
Nanaimo

WORKSHOP OUTLINE :
Come and sing through some of the songs of our new United Church music resource, with one of the music editors, Bruce Harding! Bring your own lunch, and come ready to sing!



Hosted By:
Bruce Harding

Suggested donation \$20
www.brechinunited.org

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Coming Events at a glance

TODAY 1⁰⁰ p.m. Art Therapy

Coming Soon...

Apr 6 Easter Monday

Apr 7 Church office closed
Coffee & Conversation

Apr 9 Choir

Apr 10 Centering Prayer

Apr 12 Worship: Easter II

Holy Week

Sun 10⁰⁰ a.m. Worship: Palm/Passion Sunday

Mon 1³⁰ p.m. Knitting Group

Tues 10⁰⁰ a.m. Coffee & Conversation

Wed 10⁰⁰ a.m. Queer Bible Study

Maundy Thursday

5⁰⁰ p.m. St. Peter's Anglican: Soup Supper/Service

Good Friday

10³⁰ a.m. Good Friday service, CV Presbyterian
(Church office closed)

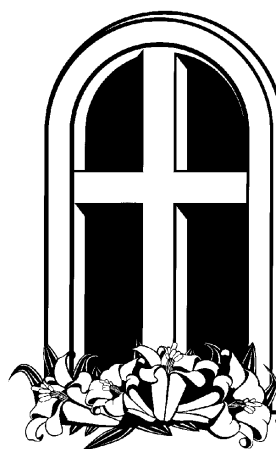
Holy Saturday

6³⁰ p.m. St. George's United (Courtenay)

Easter Sunday

6⁴⁰ a.m. Sunrise Service & Fish Fry, Goose Spit

10⁰⁰ a.m. Easter Celebration, Comox United



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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