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Grapevine



Thursday, April 2, 2026

This Sunday: Easter—Communion

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.

Fri April 4: Holy Saturday

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

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

Weird Church vigil service 7pm

This will be meditative service with chants, readings and quiet time.

Sun Apr 5: Easter Sunday

6⁴⁰ am Sunrise Service and Fish Fry at Goose Spit

10⁰⁰ am Easter Celebration at Comox United



The church office will be closed tomorrow (Friday) and Tuesday.

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Sunday Worship

Worship leader: **Rev. Karen Hollis**

Director of Music: **Paul Colthorpe**

Pianist: **Gloria Herauf**

Greeters: **Les Herauf**
Andrew Black

PowerPoint: **Joyce Relyea**

Coffee: **Peter Senior**
Jan Bjarnason

Livestream/Audio: **Ken Vaux/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!

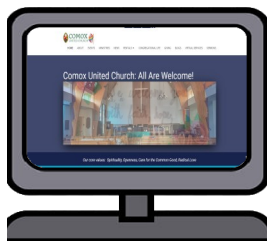
If you are new to Comox United Church, we welcome you as God welcomes us all.

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 the Moderators Easter message go to our church website, click on **News**, and scroll to From Heartbreak to Hope. This is your website! Send comments to **Joyce Wagland**. (websiteadmin@comoxunitedchurch.com or 250-207-5650)

Ken Newman speaks to Men's Breakfast on Sat April 18

At our next Men's Breakfast on Saturday, April 18, Dr. Ken Newman will speak to the Men's Breakfast group. Ken, a retired university professor, is a member of Comox United Church and is very active in the church and in the sailing community of the Comox Valley. He is also a gifted singer and thespian, and has been very involved in the "Have a Heart" church musicals. Ken tells me that he will "take us on a journey sharing the joys and challenges of acting and music." Ken is a very funny human being! So come and enjoy Ken and the men at this breakfast! Sat April 18 at 9 am.

Please let Scott Agur (agur@shaw.ca) know by **Wednesday, April 15** if you are planning to attend — he orders the food based on RSVPs. Scott will need a few men at 8:15 am to complete set ups and a few men to clean up following the breakfast. Please let him know if you can assist.

The Comox Valley Hospice Society sincerely thanks the congregation for the almost \$200 donation made from last week's Soup and Sandwich Lunch.

This money will be put to good use!



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.

The 444 Project

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

Sunday evening Potluck Dinner on 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

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-

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 .

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Come & Go Tea for Ruth & Robin on Sat April 18th

Robin and Ruth Giles are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary in April, and invite you to a Come & Go tea at d'Esterre Seniors Centre in Comox on **Saturday April 18th, 2-4 pm**. No cards or gifts, your presence is your gift.

United Church Women (UCW)

Bazaar May 2 at 9:00 am

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, homemade candy and baking of all types. (Please no DVDs, clothing, or large items.) Thank you for your support!

IMPROV is back by popular demand

Cameron Cairncross will be offering another round of improv on Thursdays April 9, 16, 23, 30 from 1:30—3:00 in the hall. Cost is \$20.00.

Space is limited so please RSVP to Camerson by April 8. 250 339-0739 or email

Camp Spirit for Youth!

If you have children or grandchildren, you may be interested in Camp Spirit a United Church sponsored day camp for youth. They will be offering camps this year during the week of 7 to 11 August, simultaneously at the Weird Church in Cumberland and at the Campbell River United Church, and at other dates throughout British Columbia.

Camp Spirit provides a bursary fund to provide financial assistance to those who need it. As part of our

mandate to support youth faith exploration, Comox United Church is making a donation to Camp Spirit's bursary fund.

For more information, check out Camp Spirit's website: Registration is now open.

<https://www.campspirit.ca/summertime-camps.html>





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

Holy Week

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)

700 p.m. Weird Church (Cumberland)

Easter Sunday

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

10⁰⁰ a.m. Easter Celebration, Comox United

Tue 10⁰⁰ a.m. Coffee & Conversation

Thu 6³⁰ p.m. Choir

Fri 10⁰⁰ a.m. Centering Prayer

Coming Soon...

Apr 13 Knitters

Apr 14 Coffee & Conversation

Apr 16 Choir

Apr 18 Men's Breakfast

Come & Go Tea: Ruth & Robin Giles

Apr 19 Worship: Easter III

Glacier View service



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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