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# Grapevine



**Friday, April 10, 2026**

## 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."

## **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!

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## Sunday Worship

Worship leader: Rev. Karen Hollis

Director of Music: Paul Colthorpe

Pianist: Gloria Herauf

Worship Leader: Joyce Wagland

Greeters: Sue Fabrizio, Karen Spencer

PowerPoint: Arlene Bell

Coffee: Sonja Strycki  
Margie Van Binsbergen

Livestream/Sound: 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](#) 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 see pictures of the Easter Sunrise service, go to our website **News**, and scroll to Easter Sunrise service. This is your website! Send comments to **Joyce Wagland**.  
([websiteadmin@comoxunitedchurch.com](mailto:websiteadmin@comoxunitedchurch.com) or 250-207-5650)

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## 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.

## Comox Valley Unitarians

**We are in a Covenant relationship with the Comox Valley Unitarians**

They are inviting CxU folk to participate in their upcoming fundraiser.

Date: May 10th 4:00 pm

Location: Comox United Church Hall

Did you know that you can donate an item (just put description, value and submit a photo), event or service anytime during the year.

The links are on [cvuf.ca](http://cvuf.ca) website under "Forms" or use the direct links below;

FUN Raiser form to donate item, event or service;

<https://form.jotform.com/230741118205041>

FUN Raiser Table of items and events; (list of active donations to date)

<https://www.jotform.com/tables/230741118205041>



## 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](mailto: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.

## Glacier View Service April 19 at 1<sup>30</sup> 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 song-book pages. If you would like to learn more about this monthly event feel free to contact Carol Jennermann [kcjmann@shaw.ca](mailto:kcjmann@shaw.ca).

## Karaoke Night

Friday April 17 from 7 – 9 PM

Bayside Bistro, 2760 Cliffe Ave #5. Courtenay

Admission is free Tickets available from [www.eventbrite.ca](http://www.eventbrite.ca)



## 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-](http://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.

# THEN LET US SING!

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



**MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> 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 editoris, Bruce Harding! Bring your own lunch, and come ready to sing!



Hosted By:  
**Bruce Harding**

Suggested donation \$20  
[www.brechinunited.org](http://www.brechinunited.org)

## Life and Work of the Church

### WEEKLY

Mondays	1:30	Knitting Group (bevagur@shaw.ca)
Tuesdays	10:00	Coffee & Conversation (Comox Golf Club)
Wednesdays	10:00	Queer Bible Study
Thursdays	6:30	Choir Practice
Fridays	10:00	Men's Shed

### MONTHLY

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	10:00	Communion
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	1:30	Glacier View Lodge Worship and Music
Last Sunday	2:00	Comox Walking Group (bevagur@shaw.ca)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	1:15	UCW
1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday	1:00	Taizé Service
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday	10:00	Centering Prayer
2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday		Social Singles (Alison 250 650 1723)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday	7:00	Rainbow Gatherings Bayside Bistro
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat.	9:00	Men's Breakfast

*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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