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Grapevine



Friday, April 17, 2026

This Sunday: Earth Sunday

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.

Ken Newman speaks to Men's Breakfast tomorrow !

At our Men's Breakfast tomorrow at 9 am, Dr. Ken Newman will speak to the Men's Breakfast group. Ken is 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! **Tomorrow at 9 am.**

The 444 Project

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

This Sunday: 444 Project Potluck Dinner at 4:45 pm!

Our 444 Project is wrapping up, so come out to our wrap-up celebratory potluck dinner **this Sunday evening at 4:45 pm**. Bring your favourite appetizer or salad or main or dessert. 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

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Sunday Worship

Worship leader: **Rev. Karen Hollis**

Director of Music: **Paul Colthorpe**

Pianist: **Gloria Herauf**

Greeters: **Joan Gillies**
Marj Adams

PowerPoint: **Barb Page**

Coffee: **Rod and Tanya**
Montague

Livestream/Audio: **Joanne Wiens**

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)

Recorded services

Recordings of all our livestream services can be found at
comoxunitedchurch.com/pages/online-sunday-services

Welcome, Newcomer!

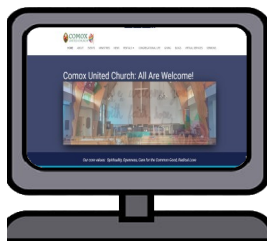
If you are new to Comox United Church, we welcome you as God welcomes us all.

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



A new Website Tip every week!

To read about Aquifers go to our church website, scroll down to Community Events, Click on Local Aquifers—Date Revealed. You may wish to consider attending this event.

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

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

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Come & Go Tea for Ruth & Robin tomorrow!

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

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 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. 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.

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

Next Thursday, 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/

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,

Karako Night

Friday April 17 from 7 – 9 PM

Bayside Bistro, 2760 Cliffe Ave #5. Courtenay

Admission is free Tickets available from www.eventbrite.ca





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 editoris, Bruce Harding! Bring your own lunch, and come ready to sing!


Hosted By:
Bruce Harding

Suggested donation \$20
www.brechinunited.org



Earth Week 2026

Together for the Love of Creation

[Image credit: For the Love of Creation]

Earth Week begins with Earth Sunday, April 19. Join friends in faith across the country in prayer, learning, and action for climate justice. Your participation matters!

Plan and Attend: Organize or join [local events for climate action](#).

Share the Vision: Watch and share the [Earth Week video](#).

Call for Climate Leadership: Print out [letters for your community](#) to personalize and deliver to your Member of Parliament (see downloads for letter and guide). Populate this [padlet](#).

Worship Together: Draw on [Earth Sunday worship resources](#).

Learn: Register for online events: [Energy for Action](#) hosted by GreenSpirit Chaplaincy and Environment pod of Grosvenor Park United Church (April 22 at 7:30 p.m. CST or 8:30 p.m. ET) and [We are the Great Turning: Love, Courage and Connection in the Climate Crisis](#) hosted by Green Faith Montreal (April 21 at 7:00 p.m. ET), and listen to recording of recent [Succeed at Advocacy: Earth Week](#)

Showcase Green Efforts: Host/join [Faithful Footprints Retrofit Tours](#).

Every action you take nurtures hope and strengthens our community for bold daring justice.

Follow along on [social media](#) using hashtags [#EarthWeek](#), [#EarthDay](#), and [#FLCPrayLearnAct2026](#).

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Coming Events at a glance

This Week...

TODAY 1⁰⁰ p.m. Contemplative Service

Sat 9⁰⁰ a.m. Men's Breakfast
2⁰⁰ p.m. Come & Go Tea: Ruth & Robin Giles

Sun 10⁰⁰ a.m. Worship: Easter III
1⁰⁰ p.m. Glacier View service
4⁴⁵ p.m. Project 444 Potluck Dinner

Mon 1³⁰ p.m. Knitting Group

Tues 10⁰⁰ a.m. Coffee & Conversation

Wed 10⁰⁰ a.m. Queer Bible Study

Thur 6³⁰ a.m. Choir

Fri 10⁰⁰ a.m. Centering Prayer

Sun 10⁰⁰ a.m. Worship Easter IV

Coming Soon...

Apr 27 Knitters

Apr 28 Coffee & Conversation

Apr 29 Queer Bible Study

Apr 30 Choir

May 1 Contemplative Service

May 2 UCW Spring Bazaar
PEO Clothing Sale

May 3 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.)