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Grapevine



Friday, May 8, 2026

This Sunday: Easter VI

Project 444 WRAPS UP! (sort of...)

For the past year, many of us have invited friends and family members to join in dinners, walks, talks, game nights, etc. as a fundraising activity for our church. By socializing and getting to know each other better, while charging a nominal \$4 participation fee, we have managed to raise **\$3,501**. Thank you to everyone who joined in the fun either by hosting or attending an event; these simple pleasures provided us with enjoyable opportunities for discussion and fellowship bringing our Christian community closer together.

Some participants have found that this is an easy way to make charitable contributions to our church and have asked if they can continue to hand in 444 Project earnings. Yes! Those donations can continue to be handed in to **Project Coordinator Elaine Brown** who will take care of the paperwork to track earnings and identify charitable givings to our Givings Administrator Debra Monk.

Thank you to everyone who participated — and to those who are still participating!

United Church Women's Spring Bazaar a Great Success!

Our main hall was packed last Saturday as community members came to shop at our United Church Women (UCW) Spring Bazaar tables. Baked goods, books, puzzles, jewelry, plants, and donated small goods flew out the door and raised **\$1483.85**. We would like to thank everyone who brought in baking and other items to help make the sale a success.

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Sunday Worship

Worship leader: **Rev. Karen Hollis**

Director of Music: **Paul Colthorpe**

Pianist: **Gloria Herauf**

Greeters: **Karen Spencer**
Jane Wilson

PowerPoint: **Joyce Relyea**

Coffee: **Leone King**

Livestream/Audio: **Ken Newman**

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.



*Crest of
Affirm United*

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



A new Website Tip every week!

Do you want to search our website for information? At the very top of the home page, click on the blue **Search** button. Type in what you are searching for (for example, *Glacier Grannies Sale*). Click **Search**. Enjoy!

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

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

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Next Men's Breakfast will feature speaker Dave Ashwell



Men's Breakfast meets monthly. The speaker on **Saturday, May 16 at 9 a.m.** will be Dave Ashwell. Dave is a 65-year-old retired elementary school teacher who leads the weekly Comox Community Song Circle, a gathering of folk who love to sing and to gather in warm, spirited community. Dave loves to sing and to lead singing. He believes that singing is a birthright and a vulnerable practice that can build community and friendship. He believes also that singing together can bring wholeness, adventure and harmony to singers. He allows that he does not have a polished singing voice and that he doesn't particularly like to perform but just loves to sing in harmony with others. Dave knows many 'layered songs' and has created a few himself. What Dave hopes about our gathering on May 16 is that we will experience the joy of singing together in community. He shares that he has layered songs which are like rounds, each part of the round (or layered song) is distinct melodically and rhythmically. Because of the distinct differences in the parts, inexperienced singers can often sing in harmony with others without much effort. Dave has one song of his own whose lyrics will be familiar to you from a surprising place.! No one has heard this song for at least twenty years! Dave will also be bringing a pretty sweet drum...perhaps we'll get a chance to play it! Finally, Dave acknowledges that he likes to teach songs by "call and response." As he says, "I sing, you copy--no lyric sheet, no sheet music." Two songs that Dave will share with us are: "In Your Element" by Ashleigh Johnson and "This Sky" by Lawrence Cole.....

So, please put Saturday, May 16 at 9 am on your calendar and plan to come to the Men's Breakfast. The cost of the continental breakfast is a modest \$10. Any profit from the Breakfast supports the refugee program sponsored by the Comox United Church. Come, let us sing and eat together!

Please let Scott Agur know by Wednesday, May 13 if you are planning to come—he orders the food based on the 'Wednesday before the event' count. Please contact him at agur@shaw.ca. Assistance with set up and take down (not a lot of work) would be appreciated!

Rainbow Gathering: Queer Trivia Night next Fri May 15

Friday, May 19 marks the return of the ever-popular "Queer Trivia Night"! Come to Bayside Bistro (Cliffe Ave., Courtenay) **at 7 pm**. There will be terrific questions, fabulous answers, another great set of prizes, and a whole evening of fun getting to know local, national, and international gay culture and history as well as participating in inter-generational teams and learning from each other.

The evening will be hosted by Dr. James Chamberlain, President of Island Queers and Allies Who Care.

The event, sponsored by our Affirm Committee, is free, but please reserve a ticket at www.eventbrite.ca/e/rainbow-gatherings-queer-trivial-pursuit-night-tickets-1987343405624.

Regional Church News

Toward 2035: An On-line Conversation this Thurs May 14

The national church has initiated a project called “Toward 2035”, an invitation to prayer and a whole-church conversation about the future of God’s call to the United Church of Canada.

Here in the Pacific Mountain Region, Executive Minister Treena Duncan and Regional Minister Kathy Davies are inviting you to join an online conversation this **Thursday, May 14, 1⁰⁰-3³⁰ pm** to explore the United Church’s *Toward 2035* vision, reflect on regional insights, and imagine a shared path forward for ministry. All are welcome! [Join by zoom here.](#)



Treena and Kathy are also visiting local communities across the region to discuss *Toward 2035* in-person. [Click here to register for a gathering near you.](#)

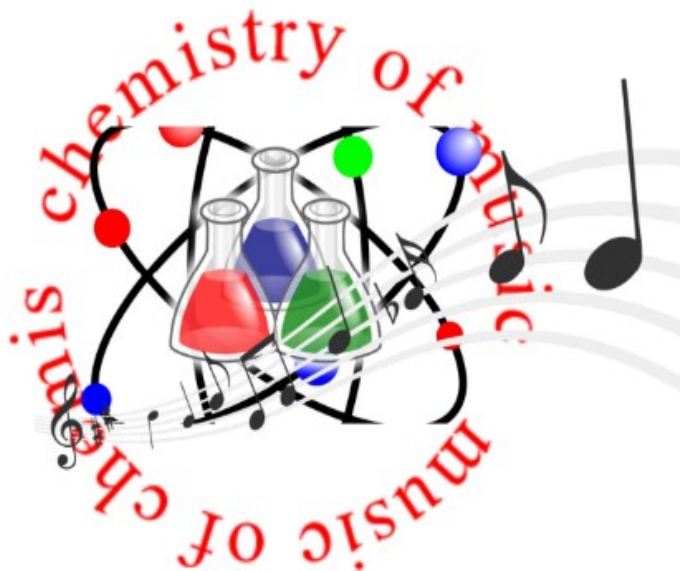
National Church News

2025 Strategic Report Now Available on-line

The United Church of Canada’s **2025 Strategic Plan Report** is now available on [the UCC website](#). The report shares financial information and stories of progress tied to the church’s strategic objectives, shedding a light on some of the many new and exciting things emerging amongst us.

In addition to uplifting inspiring work, the report continues our efforts to deliver on our goals with accountability and transparency. We hope it will contribute to understanding the priorities of the General Council Office, and the work that continues to be supported through both assessment and Mission and Service contributions. As we conclude this three-year Strategic Plan, key elements will become pillars of our whole-church transformation *Toward 2035*.

We are grateful to continue the spirit-filled work of becoming the church we are called to be together.



A 444 Project

Find out what happens when a passion for science and a passion for music collide?

All are welcome to a talk by **Ken Newman**, illustrated by both pictures and music.

When: This Thursday 14th May, 2:30 pm

Where: Comox United Church, Room 207

Comox Valley Unitarian Fundraiser

The Unitarian congregation is inviting us to participate in their upcoming fundraiser this Sunday May 10 at 4 pm in our church hall. You can even donate an item, event or service. (To donate, go to cvuf.ca and look under “Forms” or go to form.jotform.com/23074118205041)



Any questions, just call Greg (250-218-4639) or email olynyk.greg@gmail.com



CV Glacier Grannies Spring Sale



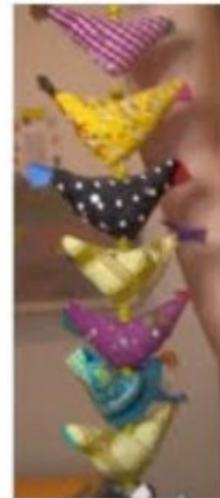
**Saturday, May 9, 2026
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon**

**Comox United Church
250 Beach Drive, Comox**



**Just in time for Mother's Day, Spring Planting,
Teacher Gifts, Shower Gifts!**

- *Glacier Grannies Angels & many other beautiful crafts*
- *Hundreds of plants for outdoor beds or indoor beauty*
- *Live entertainment by "Swing Valley Two"*
- *Scrumptious home-baked goodies*
- *Gently used treasures*
- *Locally made pottery*
- *Fashion jewellery*



All funds raised will go to the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign of the Stephen Lewis Foundation, supporting Grandmothers and their life-enhancing programs in sub-Saharan Africa and the community-led organizations who support them.

Coming Events at a glance

This Week...

TODAY 10⁰⁰ a.m. Centering Prayer

Sat 8⁰⁰ a.m. Glacier Grannies Spring Sale

Sun 10⁰⁰ a.m. Worship: Easter VI

Mon 1¹⁵ p.m. United Church Women
1³⁰ p.m. Knitting Group

Tues 10⁰⁰ a.m. Coffee & Conversation

Wed 10⁰⁰ a.m. Queer Bible Study

Thur 2³⁰ p.m. When Music & Science Collide
6³⁰ p.m. Choir

Fri 1⁰⁰ p.m. Contemplative Service

Sat 9⁰⁰ a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sun 10⁰⁰ a.m. Worship: Trinity Sunday
1³⁰ p.m. Glacier View service

Coming Soon...

May 18 Victoria Day

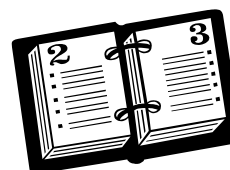
May 19 Church office closed
Coffee & Conversation

May 20 Queer Bible Study

May 21 Choir

May 22 Centering Prayer

May 24 Worship: Pentecost
Walking Group



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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Rev Karen's Office Hours

Wednesday - Friday by appointment (email listed above, or phone the church office.)