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Grapevine



Friday, May 15, 2026

This Sunday: Trinity Sunday



The church office will be closed this Tuesday for Victoria Day.

Lenten Contemplative service TODAY at 1:00 pm

You are invited **TODAY** to a time of music, holy readings, prayer and silence in Room 101 (in the lower level) from 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm. Please enter using the door from the lower parking lot.

NEXT Friday at 10 am: Centering Prayer

Next Friday at 10 am, there will be a time of Centering Prayer in Room 101 on the church's lower level.

Bev Sparks will offer some history, gentle instruction, and will hold the space for us. All are welcome and no experience necessary. Centering Prayer is offered on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month at 10 am.

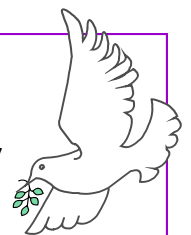
We're telling you about this a week ahead of time because the *Grapevine* is emailed to you on Friday morning after it starts.

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. If you would like to learn more about this monthly event feel free to contact Carol Jennermann at 250-339-9246 (landline) 250-703-1440 (cellphone) or kjmann@shaw.ca.

Memorial Service...

The memorial service for **Reta Walls** will be on Saturday, May 30 at 11am at the Comox Valley Funeral Home .



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Sunday Worship

Worship leader: **Re:Sound Chamber Choir**

Service Facilitator: **Marnie Fisher**

Director of Music: **Paul Colthorpe**

Pianist: **Gloria Herauf**

Greeters: **Merrilee Cameron
Jane Wilson**

PowerPoint: **Arlene Bell**

Coffee: **Steve & Vange Thiessen**

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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Affirm United*

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



A new Website Tip every week!

To watch the two TED talks presented in the past by SAGE, go to our website, click on **Ministries**, click on **.SAGE (Sustainability Action Group for the Environment)**. From the left hand menu, click on **TED Talks**, then click on one of the two options. Enjoy!

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

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

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Men's Breakfast tomorrow: Dave Ashwell



Men's Breakfast meets monthly. The speaker **TOMORROW (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 TONIGHT

TONIGHT 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.

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WANTED

CARING HEARTS FOR PASTORAL CARE

- Do you enjoy talking with people and hearing their stories?
- Could you bring comfort to someone in need?
- Do you have a desire to connect with members of our congregation who may be facing loneliness, isolation, grief, or anxiety over a medical issue?

If you possess compassionate listening skills and emotional maturity, Comox United's Pastoral Care Committee welcomes you to join us.

REWARDS

- fulfillment of a sense of purpose
- skills development
- spiritual growth
- building community

Please contact Noreen Robertson at noreenr1944@gmail.com
or Carol Jennerman at kcjmann@shaw.ca

National Church News

UCC calls for Guaranteed Livable Income

Across the country, people are struggling to afford basic necessities. That's why the United Church of Canada is calling on the federal government to create a Guaranteed Livable Income program.

It's easy to contact the Senate Committee that is reviewing Bill S-206 for the creation of a Guaranteed Livable Income program with just a few clicks. **Add your voice today at**

united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/create-guaranteed-livable-income-program

Coming Events at a glance

This Week...

TODAY 1⁰⁰ P.m. Contemplative Service

Sat 9⁰⁰ a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sun 10⁰⁰ a.m. Worship: Sound Chamber Choir
1³⁰ p.m. Glacier View service

Mon Victoria Day

Tues (Church office closed)
10⁰⁰ a.m. Coffee & Conversation

Wed 10⁰⁰ a.m. Queer Bible Study

Thu 6³⁰ p.m. Choir

Fri 10⁰⁰ a.m. Centering Prayer

Sun 10⁰⁰ a.m. Worship: Pentecost
2⁰⁰ p.m. Walking Group

Coming Soon...

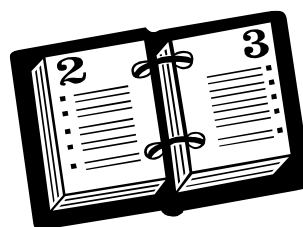
May 25 Knitting Group

May 26 Coffee & Conversation

May 27 Queer Bible Study

May 28 Choir

May 31 Worship



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.)