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Grapevine



Friday, June 5, 2026

This Sunday: Communion

Congregational minister Karen Hollis is attending the Pacific Mountain Regional AGM in Kamloops this week. In her place, **Rev. Trevor Malkinson** will be leading worship.

United Church Women (UCW)

All Women Invited to Spring Luncheon this Mon Jun 8 Luncheon will benefit Stepping Stones Recovery House

All congregation women and those who identify as female are invited to come to the annual Spring Women's Luncheon hosted by the UCW (United Church Women) this **Monday June 8th from 12 to 2 p.m.**

In addition to the always delicious lunch, there will be games, entertainment, a prize draw and time to visit and meet new people.

The lunch is free but you are encouraged to bring a potluck dish to share as well as either a financial donation or items from the list below that will be given to our chosen charity "Stepping Stones Recovery House" which is a residential recovery program located in the Comox Valley whose purpose is to offer a safe, secure, and supportive environment for women seeking to recover from addiction.

Items the program needs are:

Hairbrushes	Nail files	Regular tampons	Super tampons
Body lotion	Deodorant	Face cream	Toothbrushes
Nail clippers	Q-Tip's		

(The program does not need: Shampoo, Conditioner or Sanitary pads)

Come join the fun! Female friends and neighbours are welcome!

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Sunday Worship

Worship leader: **Rev Trevor Malkinson**

Facilitator: **Alan Brown**

Director of Music: **Paul Colthorpe**

Pianist: **Gloria Herauf**

Greeters: **Karen Spencer
Jane Wilson**

PowerPoint: **Sue Newman**

Coffee: **Ray & Margaret Morin**

Livestream/Audio: **Julie Whitman**

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



We are celebrating Communion this Sunday. Our Communion table is open to all. You do not have to be a member of Comox United, or the United Church of Canada, or any church—**everyone** is welcome at the table.

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.

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



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A new Website Tip every week!



To watch videos of past worship services, go to our website. From the main menu across the top, click on **Virtual Services**. Scroll down to past services.

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

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

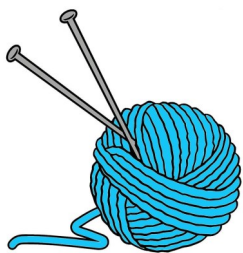
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New at Comox United: Pet Blessing Service on June 14

You are invited to bring your furry, scaled or feathered family member to church on **Sunday, June 14** for our first-ever Pet Blessing service.

All pets should be well-behaved and be able to allow those around them to have a good experience. Dogs should be leashed and should be socialized to other dogs and people. Other types of pets should be crated, boxed or caged as appropriate.

You can bring a photo of your pet to be blessed. There will also be a memorial place at the front of the church for photos of pets who have passed away.



Knitting Group continues during the summer

Starting this Monday, the Knitting Group, which usually meets at the church on Mondays, will move outside! If you would like to join and need to know the location, contact **Bev Agur** (bevagur@shaw.ca).

Parlez français avec Rev Karen!

Les 21 et 28 juin, après l'office du dimanche, vous pourrez prendre un café avec Rev. Karen en salle 207 et discuter en français. Elle apprend le français ; ce serait donc une excellente façon de l'aider à améliorer ses compétences conversationnelles.

Translation: On Sunday June 21 and 28 after worship, you can spend coffee time speaking French with Rev. Karen in Room 207. She is learning French, so this would be a great way to help her with her conversational skills.



Summer Services



During July, we will be sharing services with three other local churches, each of us taking a turn to host a worship service! Here's where we'll be worshipping:

Shared Services

July 5 St. George's United (Fitzgerald Ave., Courtenay), 10³⁰ am

July 12 St. Peter's Anglican (Church St., Comox), 10³⁰ am

July 19 Comox United is hosting at 10 am!

July 26 Comox Valley Presbyterian (Aspen Rd, Comox), 10³⁰ am



Men's Breakfast on Sat Jun 20 will enjoy presentation by Cameron Cairncross

All men are invited to enjoy a continental breakfast on **Sat June 20 at 9 a.m.**, as well as a presentation by our own **Cameron Cairncross**.

Cameron spent an interesting career working as an Administrator in local government, most recently, in Sayward BC. He has an intimate understanding of local politics, policy development and the puzzling process that is used sometimes to make decisions and even to elect people. **He is very wise! ...and funny!** Cameron is also an excellent Improv leader, perhaps a useful tool for engaging in local government? Cameron is going to talk about elections: how people are led to vote, the political process and the joys, sorrows and laughter of local politics.

Do come and enjoy Cameron and a delicious continental breakfast, all for the low, low price of \$10.00 !!!

Please let Scott Agur know by Wed June 17 if you plan to come. (agur@shaw.ca) As always, we could use some help in setting up and tidying following the event.

This will be our last men's breakfast until Saturday, September 19, when our speaker will be John Stewart on the subject of "Diving/SAR".

Contemplative services take summer break

The contemplative services on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month are in summer hiatus for June, July and August, but will return in September.

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News from Rev Karen

Retreat Day on Friday, June 19

Please RSVP to the church office

After the reflections retreat in January, several people requested another opportunity to retreat together. Here is our mid-year offering: **Friday, June 19 from 10 am to 3:30 pm.**

All are invited to gather for a deep self check-in, an opportunity to connect with others, and to learn and practice grounding ourselves. We will ground through story, through our bodies and intuitive practices.

Bring your lunch and everything you need to be comfortable for the day.

Please contact the church office to register.



Social Singles summer plans

The Social Singles group, which meets monthly for conversation over a meal, plans to meet next Friday, (June 12) at Loreleigh Fitzgerald's at 5pm – please call Alison at 250-650-1723 for location.

On Friday July 3rd, Friday August 14, and Friday September 11, they will meet at Marine Park at 5pm. You can either bring a packed dinner or use the food trucks.

Garden Retreat on summer Tuesdays and Wednesdays



Rod and Tanya Montague would like to make their garden available as a place to enjoy nature. It can be a place for reading/contemplation/resting or a place to meet with friends (especially for those with no garden of their own).

Starting Tuesday June 16th , times when garden visits can be booked are:

- Tuesdays: 2:30-5:00pm for reading/resting (2 people max.)
- Wednesdays: 2:30-5:00pm for meeting with friends (4 people max.)

Light refreshments will be available.

To book a time, please contact Rod and Tanya at rodmontague53@gmail.com

Their address is 1625A 1 st Street, Courtenay.

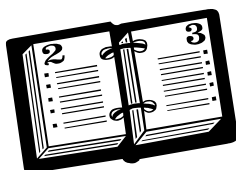
Coming Events at a glance

This Week...

Sun 10⁰⁰ a.m. Worship: Communion
Mon 12⁰⁰ p.m. UCW Spring Luncheon
1³⁰ p.m. Knitting Group (outside)
Tues 10⁰⁰ a.m. Coffee & Conversation
Thu 6³⁰ p.m. Choir
Sun 10⁰⁰ a.m. Worship: Pet Blessing

Coming Soon...

June 15 Knitting Group (outside)
June 16 Coffee & Conversation
June 18 Choir
June 19 Retreat Day
June 20 Men's Breakfast
June 21 Worship
Le café en français avec Rev Karen



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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.)