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Grapevine



Friday, June 12, 2026

This Sunday: Pet Blessing

New at Comox United: Pet Blessing Service This Sunday!

You are invited to bring your furry, scaled or feathered family member to church on Sunday 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.

Or 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.



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 [kcjmann@shaw.ca](mailto:kcyjmann@shaw.ca). These services will be taking a break for July and August and will return in September.

Social Singles meets tonight!

The Social Singles group, which meets monthly for conversation over a meal, will meet tonight (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.

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Sunday Worship

Worship leader: **Rev Karen Hollis**

Director of Music: **Paul Colthorpe**

Pianist: **Gloria Herauf**

Greeters: **Joan Gillies**
Evy Gillespie

PowerPoint: **Joyce Relyea**

Coffee: **Sonja Stryski**
Margie van Binsbergen

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](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

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 Professor Rick Ponting's engaging and quite personal reflection on Residential Schools (from Sept. 2011), go to our website. Click on **Ministries**, click on **Social Justice**, under **Overview** click on **Prof. Pontings: Reflection on Residential Schools in Canada**.

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

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

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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".

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.

There's a suggested donation of \$10. Bring your lunch and everything you need to be comfortable for the day.



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 this Tuesday, 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 1st Street, Courtenay.

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.

Do you know someone who would appreciate a prayer shawl?

We have a beautiful selection of prayer shawls waiting to be delivered to some one you might be aware of who is in need of comforting. This could be due to grief, illness, loneliness, anxiety, any number of causes. The ministry is not only for church members but for anybody you know who would appreciate receiving a shawl. Please contact Valetta (250-941-6117) for further information.



Social Media Presence

A few weeks ago we announced in worship that we were applying for a grant to establish a greater social media presence by putting content from our Sunday morning services (currently available on YouTube) on additional social media platforms. We learned last Sunday that our grant was approved! We are looking for people who already use social media to help us put together our social media policy and digital strategy. We have resources and support from the wider church - we just need people to participate in the discernment and pull together these guiding documents. If you would like to help, please contact Rev. Karen at minister@comoxunitedchurch.com or call the church office **by Wed, June 17.**

A Good Time Was Had By

Women of our congregation, their female friends and family came together this past Monday for our annual Spring Women's Luncheon hosted by members of Comox United UCW (United Church Women). Donations of products and cash were collected to go to [Stepping Stones Recovery House](#) and we enjoyed hearing from their Executive Director Tammy Gough, about the work their organization does to help women in need here in the Comox Valley. Gloria Herauf and her singing angels serenaded us with lovely (and humorous) music, and Isobel McLeish had us all in stitches with her story of a camping adventure gone wrong. Attendees brought a bounty of delicious dishes that had many going up for seconds! Thank you to everyone who came out for helping make this social and outreach initiative such a great success, and thankyou to Gloria and her angels for the time they spent rehearsing prior to the day for our benefit.



Coming Events at a glance

This Week...

- Sun 10⁰⁰ a.m. Worship: Pet Blessing
1³⁰ p.m. Glacier View Service
- Mon 1³⁰ p.m. Knitting Group (outside)
- Tues 10⁰⁰ a.m. Coffee & Conversation
- Thu 6³⁰ p.m. Choir
- Sun 10⁰⁰ a.m. Worship
11⁰⁰ a.m. Le café en français avec Rev Karen

Coming Soon...

- June 22** Knitting Group (outside)
- June 23** Coffee & Conversation
- June 24** Choir (final before summer break)
- June 28** Worship
Le café en français avec Rev Karen
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.

Contact Us!

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Rev Karen's Office Hours

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