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# Grapevine



**Friday, June 19, 2026**

**This Sunday: Indigenous Peoples' Day**

## 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), 10<sup>30</sup> am

**July 12** St. Peter's Anglican (Church St., Comox), 10<sup>30</sup> am

**July 19** Comox United is hosting at 10 am!

**July 26** Comox Valley Presbyterian (Aspen Rd, Comox), 10<sup>30</sup> am

## Parlez français avec Rev Karen ce dimanche!

*Parlez vous français? Ce dimanche et le suivant, 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:** Do you speak French? This Sunday and next Sunday, 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.



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## Sunday Worship

Worship leader: **Rev Karen Hollis**

Director of Music: **Paul Colthorpe**

Pianist: **Gloria Herauf**

Greeters: **Les Herauf**  
**Marg Adams**

PowerPoint: **Arlene Bell**

Coffee: **Debra Monk**  
**Joan Hanson**

Livestream/Audio: **Joanne Wiens**

## 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](https://youtube.com/@comoxunitedchurch3917/streams))

### Recorded services

Recordings of all our livestream services can be found at  
[comoxunitedchurch.com/pages/online-sunday-services](https://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](https://comoxunitedchurch.com)

## A new Website Tip every week!



To learn about Moderator Kimberly Heath's reflections on The Mohawk Institute's transformation, go to our website. Click on **News**, scroll down to **From residential school to Indigenous-run museum**. Read the article and click on the various links for more information. Learn!

Remember, this is your website! Send comments to **Joyce Wagland**.

([websiteadmin@comoxunitedchurch.com](mailto:websiteadmin@comoxunitedchurch.com) or 250-207-5650)

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## Men's Breakfast tomorrow will enjoy presentation by Cameron Cairncross

All men are invited to enjoy a continental breakfast **tomorrow (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 !!!**

***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".***

## Special offering for Rainbow House this Sunday

In past years, for our Indigenous Day Church Appeal, we have given to the United Church of Canada's Healing Fund. This year we are looking closer to home and supporting the innovative and much needed "Rainbow House" (Gukwas sa Wagalus) in Cumberland, which we have started to learn about by contributing half of our Celebration Coins.



Rainbow House, operated by the Dawn to Dawn Action on Homelessness Society, is a transitional home for 2SLGBTQIA+ youth who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. It differs from a regular shelter in that it will be a completely vetted and safe space meant to house youth for extended periods – not just night by night. It also aims to be more of a communal home than a shelter.

Rainbow House will have five available bedrooms, each with its own bathroom. In addition, there will be a communal kitchen, group living space, and one live-in peer support worker to provide 24/7 support as needed. Through creating a genuinely supportive environment, the space is intended to help youth in the valley exit the cycles that leave kids continuously ending up back on the streets.

Please consider using the envelopes that will be provided this Sunday for your donation. If you are donating by cheque please make it out to Comox United and put "Rainbow House" on the Memo line.



## Summer Break

The following activities will be on hiatus during July & August:

- Contemplative service
- Choir
- Glacier View services
- Rainbow Gatherings
- United Church Women meetings
- Men's Breakfast
- Centering Prayer\*
- Queer Bible Study\*

*\*On hiatus in July, will recommence in August*

These groups will continue during the summer:

- Coffee & Conversation
- Walking Group
- Knitters (outdoor location)
- Social Singles

## 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).

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](mailto:rodmontague53@gmail.com)

Their address is 1625A 1 st Street, Courtenay.

## Coffee & Conversation meets for breakfast this week

The Coffee & Conversation groups meets each Tuesday at Comox Golf Club at 10 am. This week, if you are interested in an earlier start, they are having a breakfast get-together at 9 am. Those not interested in breakfast can join at the usual time of 10 am.

## Comox United supports Healthy Families

...which in turn supports pregnant families, parents and guardians to provide children (from birth up to 3 years) with a strong foundation in life. Donations (diapers, baby food, food for the family) can be brought to the church and placed in the basket in the foyer.

For more information about Healthy Families, see [www.comoxvalleyfamilyservices.com/programs--2/healthy-families-program](http://www.comoxvalleyfamilyservices.com/programs--2/healthy-families-program)

## 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](mailto:bevagur@shaw.ca)).



## Pet Sunday was a hoot (and a bark and meow)!

Comox United celebrated its first Pet Sunday, and everyone had a good time. No fights, no “accidents” and no incidents of one species being devoured by another. Truly a blessed event!



## Coming Events at a glance

### This Week...

**TODAY** 10<sup>00</sup> a.m. Retreat Day

**Sun** 10<sup>00</sup> a.m. Worship: Indigenous Peoples' Day  
11<sup>00</sup> a.m. Le café en français avec Rev Karen

**Mon** 1<sup>30</sup> p.m. Knitting Group (outside)

**Tues** 9<sup>00</sup> a.m. Coffee & Conversation : Breakfast  
10<sup>00</sup> a.m. Coffee & Conversation

**Thu** 6<sup>30</sup> p.m. Choir (final before summer break)

**Sun** 10<sup>00</sup> a.m. Worship  
11<sup>00</sup> a.m. Le café en français avec Rev Karen  
2<sup>00</sup> p.m. Walking Group

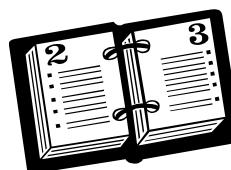
### Coming Soon...

**June 29** Knitting Group (outside)

**June 30** Coffee & Conversation

**July 1** Canada Day (Office closed)

**July 5** Worship: St. George's United



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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.**

## Contact Us!

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## Rev Karen's Office Hours

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