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Grapevine

Friday, August 7, 2026

This Sunday: 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Centering Prayer restarts after July hiatus

After a short hiatus during July, Centering Prayer will be back starting next **Friday August 14 at 10 am** 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 will continue to be offered on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month at 10 am.



Change of date! Social Singles meets this Thursday August 13 at Comox Marina!

The Social Singles group, which was going to meet this Friday at Comox Marina Park, has decided to move the date forward one day, to **this Thursday, August 13 at 5 pm**, to avoid the "Float Your Boat Friday" crowds down at the Marina. You can either bring a packed dinner or use the food trucks.

Parlez français avec Rev Karen ce dimanche!

Parlez-vous français? Tous les dimanches, vous pouvez passer un moment autour d'un café à parler français avec Rev. Karen dans la salle 207. Comme elle apprend le français, ce serait une excellente occasion de l'aider à pratiquer la conversation.

Translation: Do you speak French? Every Sunday, you can spend coffee time speaking French with Rev. Karen in Room 207. She is learning French, so this is 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: **Marni Fisher**

Greeters: **Sue Fabrizio**
Jane Wilson

PowerPoint: **Arlene Bell**

Coffee: **Leone King**
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](#) 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.

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



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Affirm United*



A new Website Tip every week!

To find out about the upcoming Sarah Hagen concert (rescheduled), go to our website, click on **Events**, scroll down to **Sarah Hagen Concert August 27th**. Enjoy!

Never forget, this is your website! Send comments to **Joyce Wagland:**

websiteadmin@comoxunitedchurch.com or 250-207-5650

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

Their address is 1625A 1 st Street, Courtenay.

Award-winning journalism at your fingertips

Renew your *Broadview* subscription by Friday, August 21

Broadview is the United Church's monthly magazine about spirituality, justice and ethical living. This spring, *Broadview* received dozens of awards from both Christian and secular publishing organizations.

The Canadian Christian Communicators Association and the Associated Church Press each named *Broadview* the top magazine in their networks.

It was also recognized by the National Magazine Awards, the Digital Publishing Awards, and others.

Broadview

The accolades represent an appreciation for excellence in journalism that wrestles with hard questions, holds space for faith and keeps justice at the centre.

If you would like a subscription, or would like to renew your current subscription, contact Lorna in the church office by **Friday, August 21**.

The church building will be a busy place this fall – have you booked your space?

Our church administrator Lorna would like to remind you that our church building is an important community hub, and is increasingly busy with rentals, church activities and community groups. Don't assume there will be room for your meeting! Contact Lorna at the church office to book your meeting space or building usage!

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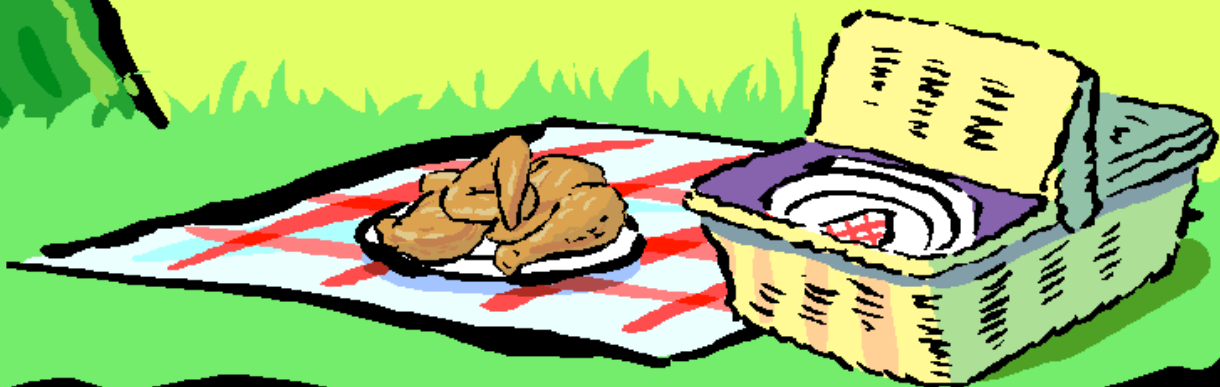
Summer Break

The following activities will be on hiatus during August:

- Contemplative services
- Choir
- Glacier View services
- Rainbow Gatherings
- United Church Women meetings
- Men's Breakfast

These groups are active in August:

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



Coming Events at a glance

This Week...

Sun 10³⁰ a.m. Worship:
Mon 1³⁰ pm Knitting Group (outside)
Tues 10⁰⁰ a.m. Coffee & Conversation (Comox Golf Club)
Wed 10⁰⁰ a.m. Queer Bible Study
Thurs 5⁰⁰ p.m. Social Singles (Marina Park)
Fri 10⁰⁰ a.m. Centering Prayer
Sun 10 a.m. Worship

Coming Soon...

Aug 17 Knitting Group (outside)
Aug 18 Coffee & Conversation
Aug 19 Queer Bible Study
Aug 23 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.

Contact Us!

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Joanne Wiens, Church Council Chair: councilchair@comoxunitedchurch.com

Rev Karen's Office Hours

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