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Grapevine

Friday, August 14, 2026

This Sunday: 13th Sunday after Pentecost

We thank **Joyce Wagland**, LLWL (Licensed Lay Worship Leader), a member of our congregation, for leading us in worship this Sunday.

Municipal All-Candidates' Debate this fall: Looking for 3-4 Task Force members to organize the event

For the upcoming municipal elections this fall, our Church Council would again like to present an All Candidates Forum sometime between Sept 15 and Oct 15 as a service to the people of Comox. To this end, we are seeking three or four people to form a task force to set up the forum.

Their responsibilities will be to:

- Plan the evening
- Invite candidates and inform them of the ground rules of the event
- Contact local media and invite them to cover the event
- Arrange for hosts for the event, and arrange for a forum moderator.

Comox United has hosted candidates' forums in the past, so we do have resources available. And our tech team will handle the livestreaming and audio setup.

If you are interested, please contact **Council Chair Joanne Wiens** (hojo29@shaw.ca) or **Ken Newman** (kennewman@shaw.ca) either directly or through the church office.

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Sunday Worship

Worship leader: **Joyce Wagland**

Director of Music: **Paul Colthorpe**

Pianist: **Marni Fisher**

Greeters: **Bev Agur**
Carol Jennerman

PowerPoint: **Barb Page**

Coffee: **Peter Senior**
Jan Bjarnson

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)

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 see who's representing you on your Church Council, go to our website, click on **About**, scroll down to **Downloads** and click on **AGM Minutes: March 1, 2026**. Scroll down to **#11: Election of Council**. Enjoy!

Never forget, this is your website! Send comments to **Joyce Wagland:**
websiteadmin@comoxunitedchurch.com or 250-207-5650

National Church News

A Message from the Moderator for Those Affected by Wildfires

Our moderator, Rev. Kimberly Heath, sent out this letter to all churches in BC:

Dear Pacific Mountain Region,

It is in the spirit of care, comfort and concern that I write to you. I can't imagine the deep fear and distress the hundreds of wildfires now burning in your region must cause, for congregations and communities nearby. The emotional and physical distress, property damage and loss of habitat, homes and wildlife is incalculable.

I have been praying for your region, especially for the families who are under threat of evacuation, or who have left their homes and possessions behind to flee the destruction. I think especially of communities near Bradley Creek and Quilpituk Creek, and the Okanagan Indian Band reserve near Vernon, and other First Nations communities who have lost their homes to fire. I also think of the most recent evacuations in Summerland, where the whole community, including one of our own churches, is under threat of destruction by fire.

And now as wildfires threaten Metro Vancouver, the sheer density of people could take this climate disaster to another level. I pray for the firefighters who are stretched to their limit, and that no harm comes to them or to residents living in proximity to these fires.

I have also been praying for those who care for physical, emotional and spiritual needs through this, including clergy and regional staff. May you and the congregations in your care have the strength to accompany them as they recover, heal and rebuild.

I also pray for a future free of these kinds of climate-crisis-induced disasters. While fires consume our homes and other things that are important to us, they cannot burn away God's promise of new and renewed life.

I pray for peace of mind to return in its time. And for you and the congregations in your care to walk together to lighten the load. If there are fundraising opportunities for the wider church to engage in, please know you have our support.

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. –Psalms 34:18

In the hope of resurrection,



The Right Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath
Moderator

Learn Scottish country dancing on Wed Sept 9 at 2 pm

Heather Flint recently contacted us to say:

In both of our recent church retreats, there was a lot of enthusiasm and laughter when I offered to teach a bit of Scottish country dancing to the group. Unfortunately the stage was not conducive to the numbers and it all ended in glorious confusion.

I propose to remedy this by offering, under the banner of Comox United University, an afternoon class, Wednesday, September at 2:00 pm.

We will meet in the main hall for about an hour and a bit. I hope to have a few of my regular dancers come to support your efforts.

If you can walk and count to 8, you can do this. It's fun, it's social and it's good exercise. \$5 a person. A minimum of six people will make it possible. Please contact me (celtic-heron@telus.net) to register.



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.

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Coming Events at a glance

This Week...

Sun 10 a.m. Worship
Mon 1³⁰ pm Knitting Group (outside)
Tues 10 a.m. Coffee & Conversation (Comox Golf Club)
Wed 10 a.m. Queer Bible Study
Sun 10 a.m. Worship



Coming Soon...

Aug 24 Knitting Group (outside)
Aug 25 Coffee & Conversation
Aug 26 Queer Bible Study
Aug 28 Centering Prayer
Aug 30 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.)