



Inlet United Newsletter for August 23 to August 29



What's Happening at Inlet United

August 23 to August 29, 2026

HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK:

REV. JENN VACATION LEAVE - Please note that Rev. Jenn will be on vacation leave from August 25 to August 30 inclusive. For Pastoral Emergencies, please contact the church office at 604-939-5513 or office@inletunited.ca

NO CENTERING PRAYER MONDAY, AUGUST 24 - We will resume to our regular schedule on Monday, August 31 in person at Inlet United at The Springs meeting room.

OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAY, AUGUST 28 - Please note that Kelly will be taking a vacation day on Friday, August 28, therefore the office will be closed. Regular office hours will resume on Monday, August 31.

UPCOMING THIS WEEK:

Sunday Worship Service, August 23, 2026 - Please join us at 10am in person at The Springs or via YouTube Live Stream - [Click here for link!](#) Rev. Jenn Swanson presiding, along with Guest Musician, Elizabeth McGrath. Summer Worship Series ~ Consider the Birds: Raven - Provision in the Wild.

Monday, August 24 - Healing Pathway - Sessions are booked in advance for 1:15pm or 2pm. To book a session, please email healingpathway@inletunited.ca or contact the office at 604-939-5513.



Prayer:

Faithful Companion, teach us the wisdom of the birds: to trust the wind, to sing through uncertainty, and to keep moving toward life. Bless our homes, our communities, and all the sacred ordinary moments that hold us together. Amen.



Consider the Birds:

Summer Worship Series

Sunday, August 23 - Ravens: Ravens appear in the wilderness story as unlikely servants of God's provision. Our final week celebrates a God who sustains life in ways we do not always expect.

A seven-week series inspired by Debbie Blue's Consider the Birds, exploring how birds reveal God's presence in ordinary life, wilderness, vulnerability, belonging, and trust.

For more information visit:

<https://youtube.com/shorts/IBn2IPXY0po>



Naramata Centre Evacuee Support

We would like to thank all of you that dropped off gift cards and sundry donations for the Naramata Centre, which Julie C. has dropped off to them. They were so grateful for everything and especially the gift cards which will be given to the evacuees that have lost everything.

Thank you as well to those that opted to donate directly to Naramata Centre Wildfire Support through the Canada Helps link below. This is still open for donations.

For more information visit:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/148515>



Tickets online or at the Door!

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY - PAY AT THE DOOR OR PURCHASE ONLINE - LINK BELOW

Experience Lisa Rae Simons as you've never heard her before - an intimate, engaging solo concert drawing from four decades of performing, with a wildly eclectic collection of songs and artists spanning countless genres, all brought to life her way. Expect stories, surprises, audience interaction, and a song list you won't hear anywhere else....there truly is something for everyone.

Note: Payment at the door is exact cash, e-transfer, cheque, or scan QR code for online payment

For more information visit:

<https://www.inletunited.ca/events/cozy-summer-concert-with-lisa-rae-simons/2026-08-23>



CAR FREE DAY!

Thank you to all the Inlet United volunteers that helped make this event a success and those that visited us to make friendship bracelets and community connections!



More details to come soon!



Stewardship Message

Inlet United Church Planned Giving program:

Preserve our heritage. Create our future of Inlet United Church. Please remember our church in your estate plans.

For further information on remembering Inlet United Church in your will, please contact the Stewardship Ministry; Fran, Cathy A., Julie A., Marta P., Betty.



Resumes September 2nd

Music Director, Scott Gould and the Inlet Sings! choir will resume with rehearsals on Wednesday, September 2 at 7pm.

Resumes September 3rd!



Important note: New start time at 9:15am

For more information visit:

<http://inletunited.ca/events/chair-yoga/2026-09-09>



More details to come in early September!

For more information visit:

<https://www.inletunited.ca/users/emma-streng-starting-in-september-2026>

Sessions resume: Monday, September 21

2SLGBTQIA+
Everyone is
Welcome!

Resumes September 21st
We will pause for the summer

TRANS-KIDS TRANS-FAMILIES

A drop in support and information group for
parents, caregivers and allies!

The third Monday of each month
6:30pm to 8pm-ish

What does it mean when your child tells you they are transgender, two-spirit,
or that they are exploring (or wanting to explore) their gender identity?
You love them.

And you have questions, concerns and things you don't understand.
Join us in a safe welcoming space to Connect, Share Stories,
Ask Questions and find helpful resources.

Learn how to navigate the paths travelled
by your unique rainbow kid!

For Information email lynda@inletunited.ca

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2315 Spring Street, Port Moody
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Resumes September 24th!

Taizé

Contemplative Worship

Inlet United Church Ioco Site
Heritage Building
1790 Ioco Road, Port Moody

Join us on the Fourth Thursday of every Month at 7pm

*Taizé Contemplative Worship Experiences
are comprised of silence and song, candlelight
and stillness, prayer and contemplation.*

Come as you are and
experience the peace ~
everyone welcome!

Resumes
September 24th

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CONNECTING NEIGHBOURS THROUGH
ENGAGING ACTIVITIES!

Events in our
Community

Garden Party

St. John's Community Garden

You are invited!

Join us for a Garden Party on Saturday, September 19th from 4pm to 6 pm

It is our 4th year in providing a community garden to the increasing number of multiple dwelling homes with limited to no gardening space in Port Moody. As part of our ongoing commitment to serving our neighbours and the wider community, we are delighted to host a Garden Party and warmly invite everyone in the neighbourhood to join us.

Come along for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and family activities. There will be hot dogs, face painting, rock painting, a balloon artist, games for the children, and live music by a DJ.

It is an opportunity for neighbours to come together, meet one another, enjoy some hot dogs and have fun in a welcoming community setting. We hope you will join us and bring your family and friends!

We would appreciate an RSVP to peopleswarden@stja.ca by September 7th to facilitate our planning.



Auditions - PoMo Players

Audition Details:

Sunday, August 23rd - slots between 1:30-4:30pm

Monday, August 24th - slots between 6-9pm

Saturday, August 29th - slots between 1-4pm

At PoMoArts - 2425 St Johns St, Port Moody BC V3H 2B2

We are seeking 10-15 men aged 30-50, 3-5 girls aged 6-8, 1-2 boys aged 6-8, 3 women aged 25-40. We welcome submissions from actors of all backgrounds, abilities, identities, and ethnicities. This is a volunteer-based, unpaid, non-union production.

To reserve your audition slot, either:

Visit auditions.pomoplayers.ca to fill out basic information and we'll get back to you with an audition time.

Or,

Email auditions@pomoplayers.ca with your preferred audition availability. Please feel free to email us if you have questions or require further information.

Actors will be assigned an audition timeslot and all actors will receive sides at the audition to read. Memorization of the sides is not required.

If you are unable to attend in person, please let us know in your submission as we may be able to accept a limited number of self-tapes.

Both PoMoArts and Inlet United Church are wheelchair accessible.

For more information visit:

https://pomoplayers.ca/about_us.html

You are invited to A Taste of Silence Retreat Day
At St Laurence Anglican Church, 825 St Laurence St, Coquitlam
Saturday, October 3rd 2026



Come! Set apart a day to refresh, re-create, and recommit to God-centred living in an atmosphere that encourages inner solitude and inner silence. The opportunity for centering prayer in community is a gift in itself. We often experience more profound silence, within which the Spirit connects us in love.

Registration: 9:30 a.m. Refreshments and Connecting in Community.

Retreat/Silence: 12:00 am - 2:30 pm

Lunch: We will provide refreshments, snacks, and 2 soups, you may wish to bring a bagged lunch to supplement the meal.

Program: Centering Prayer in community, Lectio Divina, and personal retreat time and space. The focus of the day will be on our individual and personal relationship with God. We encourage you to bring along a journal and any other contemplative tools which enrich and inspire you, such as Daily Meditations, Psalms for Praying, other Scripture, and sacred words, beads, etc.

Layered clothing works best as room temperatures can vary.

Registration: Please contact to register your intention to attend:
email or call Margaret Huggan: mhuggan@inlet.net or 778-899-8885

Donations: can be made on the day with cash or cheque or prior by e-transaction:
mhuggan@inlet.net Suggested Donation: \$40. However a contribution of any amount, in accordance with your means, is appreciated to help cover costs of facility rental, snacks and refreshments, and the work of COGV.

For further information Contact: Chelidene Kesawa: chels.kesawa@gmail.com

Contemplative Outreach of Greater Vancouver is a chapter of Contemplative Outreach Ltd., which supports the practice of Centering Prayer Worldwide. "We identify with the Christian contemplative heritage and recognise this to be the common ground of Christian unity." For more information, please visit our website at <http://www.cogv.org>

A Taste of Silence Retreat Day

Inlet Music Series
presents

Jackson Hollow

Award-winning Bluegrass / Folk Music

Sat. Sept 26, 2026, 7:30 pm (doors 7 pm)

Tickets Online: \$40 (+Tx + s/c)
(\$50 at door if not sold out)

Inlet Theatre
100 Newport Dr., Port Moody
(free parking)

www.InletMusicSociety.com

INLET MUSIC SOCIETY
City of the River
Theatre

Inlet Theatre Music Series

For more information visit:

<https://www.inletmusicsociety.com/series-concerts>

The Wider Church
Spreading God's Love

Our Region and Across the Globe

Becoming an Intercultural Church
ENCOUNTERING GOD ACROSS CULTURES

6-WEEK ONLINE COURSE
WITH REV. DR. HYUK CHO

WEDNESDAYS
OCT. 14 - NOV. 25, 2026

\$40 PER PERSON
\$70 FOR A GROUP OF 10

Register Now

For ministers, lay leaders, and congregational teams

[Image credit: The United Church of Canada]

Becoming An Intercultural Church

This fall The United Church of Canada invites you to deepen your engagement with anti-racism, cultural diversity, and faithful intercultural ministry through our upcoming online course Becoming An Intercultural Church.

Led by Rev. Dr. Hyuk Cho, participants will reflect on intercultural theology, examine questions of power and diversity, and learn practical approaches for fostering intercultural ministry within their congregations.

Held on Wednesdays, from October 14–November 25, 2026 from 6:00–7:30 p.m. ET

Individuals and congregational teams are welcome. We encourage groups to participate together to support shared learning and local application.

For more information visit:

https://churchx.ca/local/shop/product.php?id=373&utm_source=E-Newsletters&utm_campaign=b4bfd99fb6-ES_260113_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-3c3b6f8241-159521893&goal=0_53a49c9e28-b4bfd99fb6-159521893&mc_cid=b4bfd99fb6&mc_eid=a521c3e8d2

The Pacific Mountain Region

And World Council of Churches

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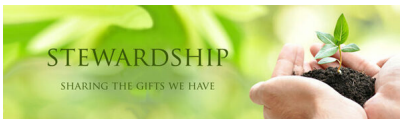
For current events and news, please visit the **Pacific Mountain Region** website.

Pacific Mountain Region Indigenous Ministry

For current events and news, visit PMR Indigenous Ministry - **click here!**

The World Council of Churches

Please visit the **World Council of Churches** website for the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle prayers for the current week.



Financial Offerings

The ministry of Inlet United Church relies heavily on donations from you to keep the ministry operational. Your financial offering is a faith response and a symbol of stewardship. We use these donations to do the work of Jesus both here in this community and far beyond our own walls.

There are 4 easy ways to donate (tax receipts issued at end of year):

1) Interac e-transfer through your bank or credit union. Interac e-transfers should be sent to **donations@inletunited.ca**.

2) PAR (automatic monthly donations through your bank). Please reach out to Marcia Carmichael or the office via phone or email to set this up. **Note - If you would like to increase your monthly PAR offerings, please contact Marcia to arrange this.**

3) Donate via credit card on our website – **www.inletunited.ca** – using the “Give” option (select "Local Offerings/General" from the "To" drop down)

4) Send a cheque made out to Inlet United Church to the office. Remember to include your envelope/donor number if you have one.

If you are attending in person, you may donate via our wooden offering box on Sundays in the sanctuary. Please write your name, contact information and/or envelope number on the envelope if you would like your donation to be added to your annual tax receipt.

We thank you again for your generosity and your support!

For more information visit:
<https://www.inletunited.ca/give>



Inlet United Church Contact Information

Get in Touch!

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Newsletter Submissions

Your submissions are welcome!

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR POST

Please submit posts to office@inletunited.ca.

Submission deadline: End of day Wednesday each week.

The newsletter features Inlet United Church and related community posts. Please include your event or news information and a photo if you like.

Inlet United Church retains the right to edit all submissions for brevity and clarity, to remove or not include submissions.

Thank you!