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Grapevine

Friday, September 11, 2026

This Sunday: Communion

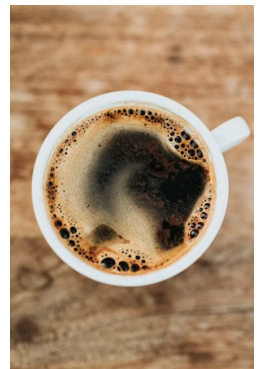
Glacier View service this Sunday

We usually hold services at Glacier View on the third Sunday of the month. However, Glacier View is holding a fundraising walk on the third Sunday, so we are moving our service up one week to this Sunday, September 13 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.

Pause-café en français ce dimanche!

Rev. Karen apprend le français. Les 2^e et 4^e dimanches du mois, après le culte, un groupe l'aide en conversant avec elle en français. Si vous souhaitez vous joindre à nous, retrouvez-nous dans la salle 207.

(Rev. Karen is learning French. On the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month after worship, a group is helping her by having French conversation. If you'd like to be part of this, look for us in Room 207.)



Social Singles meets today at 5 pm at the Marina!

The Social Singles group, which meets monthly for conversation over a meal, will meet today, Friday, September 11 at 5pm for their final summertime dinner down at Comox Marina. 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: **Jane Wilson**
Evy Gillespie

PowerPoint: **Barb Page**

Coffee: **Sonja Stryski**
Margie van Binsbergen

Livestream/Audio: **Dale Erhart, Ross G.-C.**

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



We are celebrating Communion this Sunday. Our Communion table is open to all. You do not have to be a member of Comox United, or the United Church of Canada, or any church—**everyone** is welcome at the table.

Welcome, Newcomer!

If you are new to Comox United Church, we welcome you as God welcomes us all.

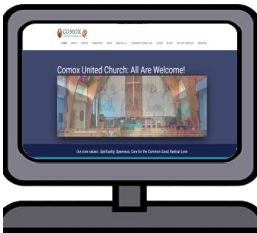
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For more information about our faith community, see comoxunitedchurch.com



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A new Website Tip every week!



To watch a video of Moderator Kimberly Heath explaining **Toward 2035** and challenging congregations to embrace it, go to our website, click on **News**, scroll down to **Towards 2035**. Click on the links to watch and read!

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

websiteadmin@comoxunitedchurch.com or 250-207-5650

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News & Notes from Rev. Karen

Graphic design person needed

Do you have a knack for design and visuals? Do you enjoy making posters and graphics? We could use your help with such things! Contact me if you'd like to help as much or as little as works for you!

Monthly “Prayer for Peace” on 4th Wed of each month

With so much in flux in the world and within us, all are invited to gather and pray for peace: peace in the world, peace in families, peace within. Gather to light candles, sing, and pray together. Join us in the sanctuary on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m. starting Wednesday, September 23.

Supporting the Queneesh Trailer Park Community

The Queneesh Trailer Park is a community of manufactured homes that was built on Komox First Nation land over fifty years ago. You may have heard the news that the residents have been given 2 years to vacate the property, which will be used by Komox First Nation for much-needed housing and services.

We have been approached by an advocate for the community to consider walking alongside them as they navigate this very difficult situation. The residents are looking for friendship, listening, shared meals or community gatherings, neighbourly care, and pastoral or spiritual support where it is welcomed.

The church council supports our congregation coming alongside these neighbours of ours and is looking for someone to connect with the advocate for Queneesh and begin to build relationships. If this ministry interests you, please contact me.

Organizers needed for Pastoral Care Committee

The roles of Pastoral Care chair is currently vacant, and our church leadership is thinking about how to fill that role in a sustainable way.

We're looking for people who would like to co-chair this committee to not only lighten the load, but to encourage people to work together and have each other's backs. This committee has a great team of people who show up and care about this ministry. They just need a couple of people to help keep things organized. If you think you can help out this year, please contact me.

Blessings,

Karen

Student minister Barbara Nienaber will lead “Yucky Bits” Bible study Starts this Thursday, Sept 17 at 1:30 pm

Our student minister Barbara will be leading a weekly “Yucky Bits Bible Study” that will focus on the difficult parts of scripture, the ones that can be hard to understand (which could be all of them!) and that might even make us cringe! When exploring these challenging passages and making them relevant for the 21st century, we will use tools already in our toolbox and add some new ones.

This will be happening on Thursday mornings at 10 am in Room 207, and will run from this Thursday, September 17 until November.

This is a drop-in program — but Barbara would appreciate knowing who is interested. Email her at barbara@comoxunitedchurch.com



Ministry & Personnel Committee

Celebrating Paul Colthorpe's 35 Year Anniversary as Director of Music Ministries!

For three and a half decades, Paul has been the musical heartbeat of our worship, lifting our spirits and directing our voices with his unique style and enthusiasm. Both the choir and the congregation have benefited from his unsurpassed passion.

On **Sunday September 27th**, we will celebrate a monumental milestone in the life of our church as we honour and appreciate Paul Colthorpe's dedication and faithful service to Comox United Church.

We invite everyone to join us in expressing our deepest gratitude for Paul's enduring musical leadership after Sunday service on September 27th in the hall where cake and coffee will be served.

Want some good books?

Do you love books?

The church library is discarding duplicates and some donations that don't work in our collection. Tables with the books will be set up in the hall after church on Sunday, September 13th and 20th. Come and browse. Free or by donation.



It's back! Men's Breakfast on Saturday Sept 19 at 9 am

Special guest speaker Dale Erhart

After a brief summer hiatus, Men's Breakfast returns on Saturday, September 19 at 9 am. The guest speaker will be **Dale Erhart**, an active member of our congregation who served as a pilot in the Royal Canadian Air Force, was a commercial airline pilot and flew privately in the Mediterranean. He is also an actor in our very own "Beach Street Players"!

Dale will regale us with tales about the explorer Ernest Shackleton and "Antarctic Rescues in Aviation."

Please let Scott Agur know by Wednesday, September 16 if you plan to attend. (250-871-2027 or agur@shaw.ca)

Join the CxU Library Reading Circle

First theme to be discussed will be Indigenous/First Nations

We're starting the CxU Library Reading Circle, a book/discussion group! The first Book Circle will be **Wednesday, October 7 at 1:30 pm** in Rm 101 (formerly L1), and the theme will be Indigenous/ First Nations.

In the time between now and then, select any type of book in which you'd like to explore this theme (history, fiction, memoir...) You can find books on this theme in our CxU Library, or you could select books from your own

book shelves, or the community library as well. If you have trouble finding something you like, Elaine Stewart is willing to loan out her books as well.

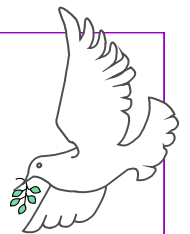
Then on October 7 at 1:30 pm, we'll share what we learned and enjoyed in our reading. At the conclusion of each discussion we will select the theme for the next circle.

Please email Elaine at elainestewartnwt@gmail.com by **Friday, September 25** if you would like to join the Reading Circle or if you have any questions.



Memorial Service...

The memorial service for **Alex Robertson** will be on Saturday, October 3 at 11 a.m.



National Church News

Orange Shirt Day coming up on Sept. 27

Orange Shirt Day and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation call us to listen, reflect, and act—including acknowledging the church's role in the residential school system and its responsibility to pursue justice, healing, reparations, and reconciliation.

The United Church of Canada invites communities of faith to wear an orange short on September 27. The UCRD (United Church Resource Distribution) is selling a bilingual *Every Child Matters / Chaque Enfant Compte* shirt, which you can order at ucrdstore.ca/collections/every-child-matters-orange-shirt/products/united-church-every-child-matters-english-french-unisex-short-sleeve-tee for \$35.



As a church, we acknowledge the harms caused by the Residential School system and its ongoing impacts on First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities. We remain committed to walking the path of truth, justice, healing, and right relations through continued learning and meaningful action.

EVERY CHILD MATTERS is a trademark owned by the Orange Shirt Society and is used under license. Shirts are sold at cost, reflecting garment and printing production expenses.

Coming Events at a glance

This Week...

<i>Fri</i>	5 p.m.	Social Singles (Comox Marina)
<i>Sun</i>	10 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	11 a.m.	Café en français
	1 ³⁰ p.m.	Glacier View service
<i>Mon</i>	1 ³⁰ p.m.	Knitters
<i>Tues</i>	10 a.m.	Coffee & Conversation (Comox Golf Club)
<i>Wed</i>	10 a.m.	Queer Bible Study
<i>Thurs</i>	1 ³⁰ p.m.	"Yucky Bits" Bible Study
	6 ³⁰ p.m.	Choir
<i>Sat</i>	9 ⁰⁰ a.m.	Men's Breakfast
<i>Sun</i>	10 a.m.	Worship

Coming Soon...

Sep 21	Knitters
Sep 22	Coffee & Conversation
Sep 23	Queer Bible Study Prayer for Peace
Sep 24	"Yucky Bits" Bible Study Choir
Sep 25	Centering Prayer
Sep 27	Worship

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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.

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Rev Karen's Office Hours

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