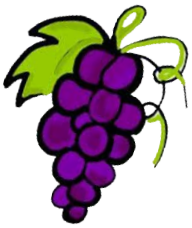
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Grapevine

Friday, October 23, 2026

This Sunday: Reformation Sunday

New Member

This Sunday, **Gigi MacDonald** will be joining the church. Gigi shared with us, "I came to this church from a Baptist church. I'm a queer Christian. My parents are atheists. Comox United has become my home church and it is what saved my Christian faith."

Monthly "Prayer for Peace" this Wed at 4 pm

With so much in flux in the world and within us, all are invited to gather and pray for peace this Wednesday at 4 pm. We will pray for peace in the world, peace in families, peace within. Gather to light candles, sing, and pray together. Join us in the sanctuary each 4th Wednesday of each month.

Remember to fill out your Stewardship form

Last Sunday, Alan Brown & Joanne Wiens reminded us that Stewardship of our church is not just for one hour every Sunday morning, but is an ongoing commitment on all of us to provide the time, talent and treasure that is needed to keep our mission and vision moving forward.

They also sent out an email asking each person or family group to fill out an on-line Stewardship form for 2027 — you can find that form at **www.surveymonkey.com/r/GBY6GJR**

If you would prefer a paper copy of the survey, please contact Alan Brown

(browns.comox@gmail.com)

Sunday Worship

Worship leaders:	**Rev. Karen Hollis**
Director of Music:	**Paul Colthorpe**
Pianist:	**Gloria Herauf**
Greeters:	**Karen Spencer**
	Marj Adams
PowerPoint:	**Joyce Relyea**
Coffee**:**	**Tanya Montague**
	Rod Montague
Video/Audio:	**Ross R-G**

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.

Crest of Affirm United

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

A new Website Tip every week!



To find out about all the Rainbow Gatherings that our Affirm Committee has been working hard to present, go to our website, scroll down to ***Community Events***, then click on then ***Rainbow Gatherings - Upcoming Events***! Consider attending!

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

websiteadmin@comoxunitedchurch.com or **250-207-5650**

An Exciting Note: The Yamaha Grand Piano Project



We are thrilled to share that an incredible opportunity has come our way! A beautiful, gently used 2004 Yamaha C7 (7-foot) grand piano has been officially placed on hold for our church at Tom Lee Music in Langford. This one-owner instrument is in pristine condition. It is a rare, one-of-a-kind find that will perfectly replace our current grand piano which is beginning to show heavy signs of wear and tear. Securing this exceptional instrument will guarantee that our music ministry and community concerts will remain vibrant, reliable and inspiring for years to come. To bring this beautiful instrument home, we are launching a special Piano Pledge Drive. We invite you to join us on Sunday, November 1 st during morning announcements for an informative presentation that will kick off this exciting campaign.

The Piano Pledge Committee

(Howard Robertson, Andrew Black, Ken Newman, Dale Stanway, Karen Spencer)

CxU Library Reading Circle

We had a great first meeting of the Library Reading Circle. The theme Indigenous Peoples was so well enjoyed that we'll continue the same theme for the second meeting on Wednesday, Nov 4th in Rm 107, 1:30 - 3:00. Join us and share your book choice. It can be fiction, memoir, history, poetry or any other type of reading on an Indigenous theme.

Do things look a little different this week?

You might notice a few differences in the "look & feel" of *The Grapevine* this week. Our newsletter is usually produced by Alan Brown using *Microsoft Publisher*, a program he used for over 25 years. However, Microsoft recently announced that they were discontinuing *Publisher* and that sad event happened this week. Alan has discovered a new program that can kind of emulate *Publisher*, but it's going to take him a while to learn its operating system. In the meantime, you may notice a few glitches. Don't worry, we'll have things back to normal shortly.

Large print “Voices United” hymn books available

Large print editions of our Voices United hymn book are available in the lobby before Sunday worship — just ask a greeter for one! They are on the same cart as the new *Then Let Us Sing* hymn books.



Office’s Concert binder is missing

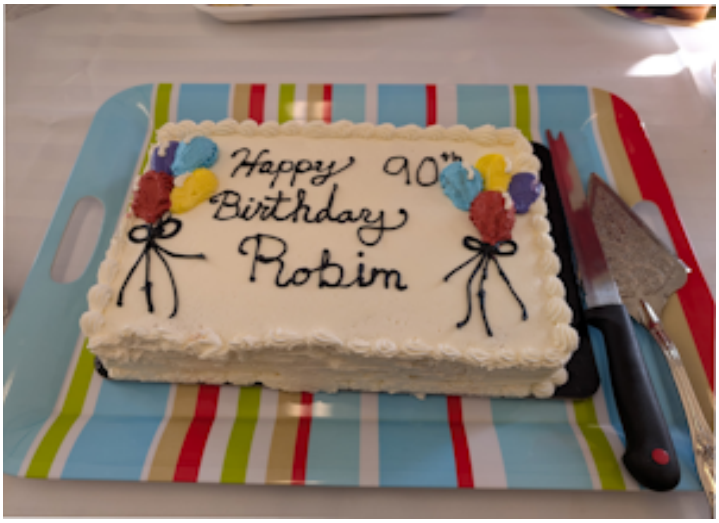
We’ve put out an APB on our white Concert Binder, which has gone missing from the office. If you’ve got this, please return it to the office ASAP. Thanks!

PEO clothing sale on Sat Nov 7, 9–11 am

P.E.O. will host a pay-by-donation Gently Used Women's Clothing Sale on Sat Nov 7 from 9-11 am. This organization, founded in 1869, is dedicated to supporting women who wish to continue their education through loans, scholarships, scholar awards and grants. The Courtenay chapter offers a bursary through North Island College and contributes to local charities such as Transition House and Care-A-Van.

Happy Birthday, Robin!

Robin Giles recently celebrated his 90th birthday, and we helped him celebrated with cake, of course!





CxU Walkers explore MacDonald's Woods on Sun at 2 pm

Our monthly Walking Group goes for a one-hour walk on the fourth Sunday of the month. This Sunday, they will explore some greenways and forest paths in and near MacDonald's Woods for an hour. Elaine and Alan Brown are leading the group this month are meeting everyone at the corner of Balmoral Avenue and Torrence Rd at 2pm on Sunday.

United Church Women (UCW)

Save the Date & Think of Us!

Saturday November 7th *is the date for the next UCW bazaar here at the church from 9-12. If you are cleaning out cupboards and have* ***small items*** *you wish to donate, please set them aside for us.* ***(Item drop off will be the dfay before, on Friday Nov 6th between 1-3).*** *Used books, puzzles, glassware, jewelry, accessories & decorative pieces are some of the items we would love to receive. We also appreciate donations of preserves, homemade candy & baking of all types. Please* ***NO clothing, CDs, DVDs, plants or large items****.*
Where does the money raised from our fall and spring bazaars go to? Here are the donations our Comox United UCW have made so far in 2026:

- *$2000 Comox United Church*
- *$1000 Mission & Service Fund of the United Church of Canada*
- *$500 Canadian Red Cross Venezuela Relief*
- *$500 UNICEF Cuban Relief*
- *$500 Child Haven Nepal Relief*
- *$350 Eureka Support Society Comox Valley*
- *$350 Lush Valley*
- *$350 Comox Valley Food Bank*
- *$300 Doctors Without Borders*
- *$300 Healthy Babies Comox Valley Chapter*
- *$300 Comox Care Society*
- *$300 Child Haven Overseas*
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Plus, thanks to the women who attended our Spring Women's Luncheon, several bags of toiletries and some cash donations were provided to Stepping Stones Recovery House.
We look forward to seeing you on Fri Nov 6th for item drop-off and Sat Nov 7th for our Bazaar. You can look forward to finding delicious goodies to eat, previously loved treasures, your next good book, all while listening to live music. When finished shopping you can join your friends for tea, coffee and home baked cookies and muffins. Thank you for your donations and your shopping support!

Nine-part Celtic Wisdom online series



We have an opportunity to take part in a 9-week series that will be a rich experience of music, prayer, lecture, group discussion, mediation and music.

This series is on the lineage of Celtic Wisdom for today, and will be taught by internationally acclaimed Celtic scholar John Philip Newell, based on his award-winning publication Sacred Earth Sacred Soul.

The online series includes teachings as well as meditative practice and live discussion with John Philip, and focuses on the prophetic wisdom of great Celtic teachers from the 2nd century to today, exploring how this vision of the sacredness of Earth and every human being applies to the enormous challenges of this moment in time. It is a lineage of wisdom that has been neglected and even opposed by the holders of political and religious power over the centuries but is rising into consciousness again today as a way of seeing that holds vision for the future wellbeing of Earth and humanity and each one of us.

The 9-week series, which will happen on Tuesday from 9:30—11 am, is divided into three 3-week segments: November 3, 10, and 17; January 12, 19, and 26; and March 2, 9, and 16. We will meet at the church as a group, and will be a discussion group during break-out times.

The UK and Colorado based co-organizers of this event are offering us a group rate, which will be dependent on how many of us participate. If 10 people take part the individual cost would be $100 for the nine-part series. The book Sacred Earth Sacred Soul is not part of the registration cost - participants would need to order their own copies ($21 softcover, $11 kobo).

There is more information in the link below. However, if you want to be part of the Comox United group DO NOT USE the online registration in the link. In order to enjoy the group rate, please send an email to Elaine Stewart (Elainestewartnwt@gmail.com). Once we confirm that we have the requisite group size, the church office will take your payment and we will send the total funds to the organizers to simplify the process. Deadline for confirming your interest is Friday, October 23rd.

For more information (but do not register through this link), see:

www.earthandsoul.org/events/celtic-wisdom-online



Healing Hands workshop in Victoria

James Bay United Church in Victoria is offering a "Healing Hands" Phase 1 Workshop on Friday, Nov 27 and Saturday Nov 28. This is an introduction to the basic concepts of healing hands within the Christian tradition.
For registration and inquiries, please contact Jackie Cox-Ziegler: healingpathway@jamesbayunited.com .
For more information about Healing Pathway go to www.healingpathway.ca
The Healing Pathway Program is overseen by the United Church of Canada

Coming Events at a glance

This Week...

Sun	10 a.m.	Worship: Reformation Sunday
	11 a.m.	Café en français
	11 a.m.	Soup & Bun Lunch
	2 p.m.	CxU Walkers
Mon	1^{30} pm	Knitters
Tues	10 a.m.	Coffee & Conversation (Comox Golf Club)
Wed	10 a.m.	Queer Bible Study
	4 p.m.	Prayer for Peace
Thurs	10 a.m.	"Yucky Bits" Bible Study
	6^{30} pm	Choir
Sun	10 a.m.	All Saints Day: Communion

Coming Soon...

Nov 2	Knitters
Nov 3	Coffee & Conversation
Nov 4	Queer Bible Study CxU Library Circle
Nov 5	Choir
Nov 6	Drop off Bazaar items
Nov 7	UCW Fall Bazaar & Tea Room PEO Clothing Sale
Nov 8	Worship Café en français

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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.)