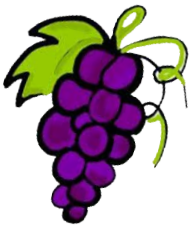
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Grapevine

Friday, October 30, 2026

This Sunday: All Saints Day

This Sunday is All Saints/Souls day - we will be remembering those who have gone before us. You're welcome to bring a photo or memento to place at the front of the sanctuary to remember your loved ones. There will also be a place to write names of people you want to remember - the names will be read out during the Prayers of the People.

Remember to fill out your on-line Stewardship form

Please complete this by tomorrow (Saturday)

Two weeks ago, 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)

New for Coffee & Conversation: Monthly breakfast

Our Coffee & Conversation group meets at Comox Golf Club every Tuesday at 10 am for ... what else? ... coffee and conversation. But there's something new: On the first Tuesday of the month, starting this week, those interested in starting with breakfast will meet at 9 am, an hour earlier. Those not interested in breakfast can join at the regular time of 10 am.

No Yucky Bits bible study this week

The Yucky Bits bible study with student minister Barbara Neinaber takes a one-week break this week, and then will be back on Thursdays at 10 am for the rest of November.

Sunday Worship

Worship leaders:	**Rev. Karen Hollis**
Director of Music:	**Paul Colthorpe**
Pianist:	**Gloria Herauf**
Greeters:	**BevAgur**
	Carol Jennerman
PowerPoint:	**Sue Newman**
Coffee**:**	**Heather Flint**
	Leone King
Video/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



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. There are several ways we serve Communion , so during the service Rev Karen will indicate which way is being used.

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 ♪: 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 this **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.

Soup & Bun Lunch: Thanks

We received the following note from Ruth Giles:
"It was great to enjoy a Soup and Bun lunch on Sunday 25th after our summer break. Many thanks to all those who helped in many ways to make this possible. Donations were #315.00 and will go half to the church to help pay for the new whiteboard in Room 207 and half to the L'Arche new building project."

Thank you,
Ruth



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!

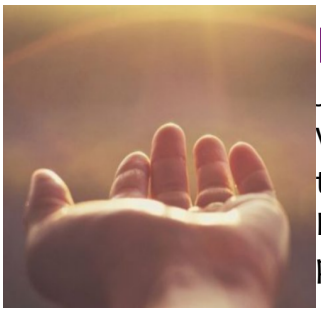
Order your 2026 Church Calendar

Act quickly: Today's the last day!



Each year the United Church Calendar produces a calendar that features beautiful photos of churches across Canada. If you would like a copy (it makes a great Christmas gift), contact our administrator Lorna. The cost will be $15.

The deadline for orders is TODAY (Friday) at 12 noon!



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: healing-pathway@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

Men's Breakfast on Sat Nov 21: Robert McDonald

The next Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, November 21 at 9 am in the church hall. The guest speaker will be **Robert McDonald**. Robert is retired with a Bachelor and a Masters degree in Electrical Engineering. He worked for a long time with M.D.A. Space Robotics/Canada Arm in Toronto. He has a background also in Hospice as a Spiritual Director. He is remarkably well-read, especially in studies of Spirituality. Robert is an fascinating and fun person!

On November 21, at the men's Breakfast, Robert's presentation will focus on "Space Business", more specifically artificial satellites: what they are and what they do. Please let Scott Agur know (agur@shaw.ca) by Wed., November 18 if you plan to come to this event!

United Church Women (UCW)

Save the Date & Think of Us!

Next 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!

PEO clothing sale next 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.

Coming Events at a glance

This Week...

Sun	10 a.m.	All Saints Day: Communion
Mon	1:30 pm	Knitters
Tues		Coffee & Conversation (Comox Golf Club) (9am Breakfast, 10am regular gathering)
Wed	10 a.m.	Queer Bible Study
	1:30 pm	CxU Library Reading Circle
Thurs		NO "Yucky Bits" Bible Study this week
	6:30 pm	Choir
Fri	1 p.m.	Drop off Bazaar items
Sat	9 a.m.	UCW Bazaar & Tea Room
		PEO Clothing Sale
Sun	10 a.m.	Worship

Coming Soon...

Nov 9	United Church Women (UCW)
	Knitters
Nov 10	Coffee & Conversation
Nov 11	Remembrance Day (Office closed)
Nov 12	Yucky Bits Bible Study
	Choir
Nov 13	Centering Prayer
Nov 15	Worship
	Glacier View service

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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.)