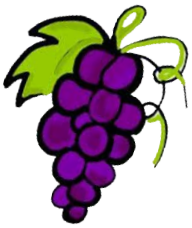
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Grapevine

Friday, November 6, 2026

This Sunday: Remembrance Sunday



The church office will be closed this Wednesday for Remembrance Day.

TOMORROW (Saturday), 9-12:
United Church Women's Fall Bazaar

Home baked goods for sale! Pies, squares, cakes, cookies & more.
Treat yourself or stock up for Christmas guests.
Jams and preserves
Books and puzzles
Previously loved treasures including jewelry, kitchenware, and so much more to discover
Live musical entertainment
Free admission
Tea Room! Relax and enjoy cookies & tea for $3

TODAY: Donations drop off between 1 - 3 pm or TOMORROW MORNING at 9 am.

Centering Prayer next Friday morning at 10 am

Centering Prayer will be offered next Friday November 13 at 10 am in Room 101 on the church's lower level. Bev Sparks will offer some history, gentle instruction, and will hold the space for us. All are welcome and no experience necessary. Centering Prayer happens on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month at 10 am.

Spirituality • Openness • Care for the Common Good • Radical Love

Sunday Worship

Worship leaders:	**Rev. Karen Hollis**
Director of Music:	**Paul Colthorpe**
Pianist:	**Gloria Herauf**
Greeters:	**Karen Spencer**
	Julie Whitman
PowerPoint:	**Sue Newman**
Coffee**:**	**Jan Bjarnason**
	Peter Senior
Video/Audio:	**Ken Newman**
	Dale Erhart

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 read the transcript for any reflection delivered at Comox United since September 2018, go to our website, click on ***Sermons***, then scroll down to choose a date. Enjoy!

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

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

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!

Christmas Swags & Festive Table Pots for sale on Nov 29

Following worship on November 29, the Comox Valley Glacier Grannies will be in the church hall selling beautiful Christmas swags for your front door and festive pots for your home. They are hand-made with fresh local greenery, and uniquely decorated with colourful ribbons and ornaments. You will be able to make payment with cash, debit or credit card.

In addition, between November 14 and December 3, you can order Outdoor Wreaths (Medium 14" $25 and Large 18" $35) online at glaciergrannies.org

All proceeds go to the Comox Valley Glacier Grannies and their support for the Stephen Lewis Foundation's Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign.



5" Table Pot $20



Outdoor Swag $30

Concerts at Comox United

Our sanctuary has become a popular place for concerts by local choral groups and artists. Here's what's coming up:

Saturday, November 21, 2:30 pm
"A Tribute to Earth and Sky"
Island Voices Chamber Choir (Tickets: islandvoiceschamberchoir.bc.ca)

Rainbow Gathering: Improv Night on Nov 20!

The next monthly Rainbow Gathering will be "Experiencing Improv in a Safe Way!", an improv night led by Susan Otto. It will be a safe environment in which you can try out Improv if you've never done it before. And if your previous history has included Improv, come and share with those of us who are still learning.

This is going to be both a funny and a fun event at the Bayside Bistro (5th St and Cliffe Ave in Courtenay). Bayside will be offering their regular menu of delightful snacks and nibbles for purchase.

It all happens on **Friday, November 20 at 7 pm** at the Bayside Bistro. It's free, but please pre-register via Eventbrite at

eventbrite.ca/d/canada--courtenay/affirm-committee/

A New Piano for Our Church!



Our **Piano Pledge Drive** is now officially underway! We are raising funds to purchase a 2004 Yamaha C7 Grand Piano that will enrich our music ministry and the community concerts that we host in the valley. Every gift, no matter the size, brings us closer to our goal of raising $48,400. During last week's Sunday announcements, Howard shared that $20,000 has already been pledged, so we are off to a strong start!

To make a pledge, use the pledge form that you may have received after last Sunday's service. Or, you can get a pledge form in one of three ways:

- There are copies on the church's lobby table
- An electronic copy was attached to the same email as this week's *Grapevine*. Download it and print your own copy.
- Download the form directly from the piano page on our church's website:

  comoxunitedchurch.com/new/new-piano

While visiting the website, you can enjoy reading about the history of our current piano, discover details about the new piano, and review the Q&A section. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to any of the piano team members.

Thank you for your generosity! Fund a key. Leave a legacy.

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

PEO clothing sale tomorrow (Saturday), 9–11 am

P.E.O. will host a pay-by-donation Gently Used Women's Clothing Sale tomorrow 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.

Self-Care for Caregivers

If you are a caregiver, you are invited to "Self-Care for Caregivers" on Tuesday, November 17, from 3:30 to 5 pm at the **I Belong Centre** (1465 Grieve Ave in Courtenay). There are separate activities planned for the person you support, so you can take a little time for yourself and enjoy this session.

Interested? Call **250-334-8320** to RSVP, or email **office@larchecomoxvalley.org**. Let them know if you'll be bringing someone with you.

CxU-Unitarian Joint Liaison Committee

Fun Afternoons on Second Fridays of the Month

The CxU-Unitarian Joint Liaison Committee (JLC) is happy to announce an alternating series of "Game Afternoons" and "Flims with Crumpets" to promote deeper connections between our two congregations. They will happen on the second Friday of each month (except December.)

Next **Friday, November 13 from 1-3 pm**, it will be an afternoon of board games. Bring your favourite -- it should be easy-to-learn and playable inside 2 hours (including teaching time.)

And mark these in your calendar:

- Friday, January 8: Film & Crumpets
- Friday February 12: Games
- Friday, March 12: Film & Crumpets

Happy 100th Birthday, Stewart!

Longtime member of Comox United **Stewart Crerar** is turning 100 in December! You can help him celebrate at a Come & Go Afternoon Tea at Comox United on **Saturday November 28.** The tea will be from 2 to 4 pm, the cake will be presented and cut at 3 pm.



Local Church News

Nativities of the World



Come and see hundreds of nativity sets on display at Comox Valley Presbyterian Church, 725 Aspen Rd.

Free Admission!

- Friday Nov 27, 1-5 pm
- Saturday Nov 28, 10am - 3:30 pm

For more infomation, go to **comoxvalleypresbyterian.ca**

Pause-café en français ce dimanche!



Les 2e et 4e dimanches du mois, après le culte, un groupe se réunit pour pratiquer le français autour d'une tasse de café dans la salle 207.

(On the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month after worship, a group is practising their French over a cup of coffee in Room 207.)

Coming Events at a glance

TODAY	1 pm	Drop off Bazaar items
Sat	9 am	UCW Bazaar & Tea Room
		PEO Clothing Sale
Sun	10 am	Worship
		Cafe en francais
Mon	1[15] pm	United Church Women (UCW)
	1[30] pm	Knitters
Tues	10 am	Coffee & Conversation (Comox Golf Club)
Wed		Remembrance Day (Office closed)
Thurs	10 am	"Yucky Bits" Bible Study
	6[30] pm	Choir
Fri	10 am	Centering Prayer
	1 pm	CxU-Unitarian Games Afternoon
Sun	10 am	Worship

Coming Soon...

Nov 16	Knitters
Nov 17	Coffee & Conversation
Nov 18	Queer Bible Study
Nov 19	Yucky Bits Bible Study
	Choir
Nov 20	Rainbow Gathering: Improv Night
Nov 21	Men's Breakfast
Nov 22	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.)