



Comox United Church

Our Values: Spirituality, Openness, Care for the Common Good, Radical Love

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Please note: Newsletters are also posted on the Comox United website.

Announcements should be sent to admin@comoxunitedchurch.com or call 250 339-3966 by **8:00 am Thursday morning.**

If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter please email admin@comoxunitedchurch.com.

Friday, June 24, 2022

Sunday, June 26, 2022

Greeters: Merrilee Cameron, Stewart Crerar

Coffee: Margaret & Raymond Morin

Service Leader: Wayne Hughes

Sermon: Reflection on the Scripture

Power Point: Sue Newman

Scripture Reader: Ken Newman

Scripture: Galatians 5:1, 13–25

To read the scripture follow the link below then type in the scripture verse <http://bible.oremus.org>

Please note: Church office will be closed July 1 and July 12 – 15.

Comox United Church worship services are available in three ways.

- 1) Attend worship in-person at the church on Sundays at 10:00 am.
- 2) Watch live on-line by going to our YouTube channel. Just click on this link at 10:00 am on Sunday morning:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCprSWtXE0g4K3LOvG54v0-g>
[Sunday Services Comox United Church](http://www.comoxunitedchurch.com/Sunday_Services_Comox_United_Church)
- 3) Watch the service at another time from the "Virtual Services" page on our website:
<https://www.comoxunitedchurch.com/pages/onlin-e-sunday-services>



Farewell Celebration

Thanks and Goodbye!

On Sunday, June 26th, 2022, we will celebrate Deb's and Phil's time with us and bid them a fond farewell. Come to the church hall after the Worship Service to give our thanks to our wonderful transition ministers. They've seen us through a tough time and inspired us to move forward with anticipation and hope!



Coffee and Tea will be served following the service however as the dishwasher in the church kitchen is awaiting repair. Please LUG a MUG

Comox United Church Walking Group

This Sunday (June 26th) the walking group will be exploring some of the shady trails in Seal Bay Park. Meet in the parking lot off Hardy Road at 2 pm – drive north on Hwy 19, turn right onto Hardy Rd (by Paradise Plants) and follow the road up the hill, around the curve to the large parking lot on your right. We'll walk for about an hour on fairly level trails. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Summer Worship Schedule



This week's Tip:

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1. To read about the Goodbye party this Sunday, go to the church website by googling Comox United Church.
2. From the menu at the top of the page, click on Events.
3. Scroll to Farewell Celebration – Thanks and Goodbye.
4. Plan to attend!

Questions? Comments? Concerns?
Submissions? Photos?

NB: This is YOUR website! If you'd like to add any articles or photos to this or any page, please email Joyce Wagland at websiteadmin@comoxunitedchurch.com or phone 250-207-5650.

July 3 – no service at Comox United
We are invited to worship with
St. George's United Church – 10:30 am
<https://www.stgeorgesunited.com/>

July 10 – Shared Service HERE at Comox
United Church (St. Georges & CV Presbyterian
Church)

July 17 – no service at Comox United
We are invited to worship with the CV
Presbyterian Church – 10:30 am
<https://comoxvalleypresbyterian.ca/>

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News from SAGE (Sustainable Action Group for the Environment)



The new **bike racks** arrived this week! Thanks to Stewart Tracey for helping with the installation. We plan to transform these black hoops into a rainbow of colours.

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South door (lower parking lot)

Please note: Comox Valley Locksmith has repaired the lock on the south door. It is now easier to unlock and is now self-locking – once the door shuts it is locked. All issued keys will still work.

Daily Reflections hosted by the *Christian Seasons Calendar* offer encouragement in our common ministry as disciples of Christ Jesus, for the glory of God and the sake of God's beloved world.

<https://christiancalendar.squarespace.com/daily>



Check out the CxU Blog

<https://www.comoxunitedchurch.com/blog>

Volunteer opportunities



Communion Servers Needed



Now that we are having communion on the first Sunday of every month, the Worship Committee is developing a list of people who would be interested in serving communion to the congregation, on a rotational basis. If you're interested in being on this list, please contact Joyce at ajwagland@hotmail.com



Tech Team

Your church Tech Team has a need for interested folks to help enhance our weekly worship. We now stream our services live and have hired a tech to do the streaming on Sunday mornings as he earns his way to North Island College.

Sound is important, both in the Sanctuary and on-line and we are looking for helpers to assist with providing sound quality. This involves a few functions, most conducted while sitting in a pew with a laptop. We offer training and mentoring to do this and the opportunity to take part in providing a quality experience to the members of our faith community and others. Our team would love to hear from you and talk about what is involved. Please send a message to Joyce Wagland at ajwagland@gmail.com or Ross Griffith-Cochrane at rgriffco@gmail.com with your e-mail and/or phone number and we'd be happy to talk to you or give you an orientation at your convenience.

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Hearing Assist Devices

We are looking for a volunteer to maintain the hearing assist devices. Please contact the office. Admin@comoxunitedchurch.com

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Help Needed (not just Wanted...)

A United Church has one committee that is mandatory: the Ministry & Personnel (M&P) Committee. Its role and primary responsibility is to act as a confidential sounding board and support agency for church staff. M&P also deals with all personnel business regarding church staff, including: maintaining regular, thoughtful contact with each staff member; an annual evaluation with each staff;

goal-setting; career and continuing education planning; problem-solving; recommending to the Church Council and Treasurer yearly or situational adjustments to compensation and benefits; oversight of relations between staff or between staff and congregation members or groups, which may include helping to work through any disagreement or misunderstanding (a rare event generally); various administrative tasks in the employer / employee relationship; maintenance of personnel records; and so on. At the moment our M&P Committee has one member, and one additional person who acts as clerk. Many thanks to you both. BUT...one person simply cannot carry out the mandate of an M&P Committee. To function, this committee needs a minimum of 4 members. This situation also puts our congregation in the position of not meeting our (required) responsibilities to our staff and to the United Church of Canada. Not having an M & P committee is not an option. As noted, an M & P Committee is mandatory. We need at least three more people if we are to fulfil our obligations. (M&P can have up to 7 members.) We seek people who:

- can offer 2-8 hours each month - demand varies, includes a 1 - 2 hr. meeting & possibly 1 -2 hours of other work.
- are Members of our church (have formally joined our or another United Church)
- are able to listen, assess, discern, and help with problem-solving
- have good interpersonal skills
- can maintain a high level of objectivity and strict confidentiality
- can operate as a member of a team
- can commit to a two-year term
- have some experience in personnel management if possible

In the last few years our M&P Committee has been well-tested, with an evolving, chronic illness situation and much uncertainty. With the calling of a new minister we expect the committee's work will be both less in volume and less urgent. Being an M&P member is rewarding and fulfilling for the right person. It is a chance to make a meaningful contribution to the church and to get to know some exceptional people – our staff. If you think you might be able, and willing, to serve in this capacity we would love to speak with you. We can explain the job in more detail than a note like this can do. Please contact Howard Robertson, NoVA chair, at nova@comoxunitedchurch.com.

MINISTRY Minute

A Better World: One Water Project at a Time

Credit: CLWR/E. Pauley



According to UNICEF, more than half of the global population does not have access to safe sanitation and 2.2 billion people still lack access to safe drinking water. How many Bible stories do you know have to do with water?

Many of us have heard the story of Moses making water flow from rock and parting the Red Sea. We may remember stories about Jesus turning water into wine, walking on water, and calming it, too. So often, water is the focal point of God's miracles and grace. It figures prominently because it's necessary.

Clean water is essential to life, and yet around the world people suffer for lack of it.

The issues are complex. Climate change is altering weather and water patterns, causing shortages and droughts in some areas and floods in others. In some parts of the world, a growing population means rising demand and there isn't enough water to go around. Water infrastructure problems sometimes mean people can't access water even when it is available.

There are racial and gender implications to accessing water, too. Did you know that, on average, women and children in the Global South walk nearly 6 kilometres to access water and carry nearly 19 liters of water every day?

Through [Mission & Service](#) you help provide solutions to water issues worldwide.

Your generosity supports irrigation projects and provides accessibility to water. During crises, your gifts help deliver drinking water where it's needed most. In the midst of the global pandemic, your support is helping to construct sanitation stations and share life-saving hygiene communications through flyers and radio programs.

Thank you for your generosity! Together, we *can* build a better world. One water project at a time.

Our congregation gives a designated amount of our annual offerings to the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church.

Each year on Indigenous Day of Prayer Sunday the Social Justice team of Comox United invites you to consider giving a special donation to the **Healing Fund** which helps the United Church of Canada live out its commitment to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action. This fund was established in 1994 and offers financial support to grassroots projects that focus on healing initiatives for survivors of the Indian Residential Schools system and its ongoing intergenerational impacts. The Indigenous church oversees the fund and communities can apply for up to \$15,000 for healing, culture, and/or language projects. Donations to this appeal can be made by cash or cheque using the designated envelopes (in the foyer) or by e-transfer to the Treasurer:

treasurer@comoxunitedchurch.com

For more information about the Healing Fund please see the bulletin board in the church hall.

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PRIDE PARADE
MEET UP!

meet us on the lawn at 6th &
Fitzgerald so we can walk together
as a community!

June 26th
meet @ 12:30, parade @ 1pm

Everyone is welcome is loved Everyday