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Announcements

Cordova Bay United

The Season of Light

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 22

- * Worship, 10am, In-Person and Livestream
In-Person Fellowship Time in the Hall

Tuesday, January 24

- * Worship Meeting, 9:30am, Friendship Room
- * Task Group Meeting, 10:45am, Friendship Room

Wednesday, January 25

- * Church Council, 7:15pm, ZOOM

Thursday, January 26

- * Chime Choir Practice, 6:15pm, Sanctuary
- * Choir Practice, 7pm, Sanctuary

Thank you!

Many, many thanks for all the support you've extended to us during my recent catastrophe. The many phone calls, cards, visits, food, goodies and flowers were most appreciated. We're so glad to be part of the "CBUC Caring Community".

Sincerely, Willa Burke

Report From Council

This is a report from Council about the progress of the discernment process, also known as the transition process.

As you remember, Pastor Beth Parsons and I reported on November 27 that Cordova Bay United Church is in the process of discerning direction and ministry needs post pandemic. Since then, the Nomination Committee and the Council Executives have put together a task group to lead the congregation through this discernment/transition process, under the guidance of Pastor Beth.

The members of the Task Group are: Joanne Thomas, Sue Christensen, Erich Schulz, Alan Priestley, and Willa Burke. Pastor Beth is the Minister who provides guidance to the group and the process. The group had their first meeting on Tuesday, January 10th.

The tasks for the group include: identify the church's goals in the next 1-3 years, and in the next 3-5 years, assess the ministry needs, and recommend the staff configuration that will lead the church to achieve the goals. Specifically, the group will produce job descriptions that describe the position or positions. They do not deal with particular personnel.

The group will bring to Council the recommendations regarding the church's future direction, ministry needs and job descriptions. The Council will seek approval from the congregation and the regional office of the United Church.

The Task Group will provide progress reports along the way. Erich Schulz is the spokesperson. The congregation is invited to give input to the Task Group. Joanne Thomas, joannethomas101@gmail.com is the contact person if you want to reach out to the group.

We want to thank the members of the task group for their generous giving of time and talents. Let us give full support to their work!

Jiemei Li
Chair of Council



Annual VST Sunday, January 29

On January 29, the Vancouver School of Theology (VST) will be celebrating the annual VST Sunday. This is one Sunday of the year when VST Students, Faculty, Staff, and Alumni are given the opportunity to visit and serve a congregation through preaching, leading prayers, reading scripture, etc. For many students, VST Sunday has been an unforgettable moment. For some, this might even be their first experience of preaching! Indeed, great preachers may have been born out of VST Sunday.

Be sure to come out Sunday, January 29, in support of VST Sunday, as Cordova Bay United Church welcomes Casey Stainsby to participate in our worship service.



Ethel Wilson Women's Group Tuesday, January 31

The Guest Speaker for Ethel Wilson Women's Group on Tuesday, January 31st will be Joanne Linka speaking about the history of the Cridge Centre and the good works this organization does in our community today.

From its roots as a home for orphaned children in the late 1870s to the varied services it now supplies to whole families, Victorians have benefitted from its care.

Meeting time is 7:00 pm in the sanctuary and all women of the church and community are welcome to attend.

For the Love of Africa Society

Invites you to a Valentine Tea Dance

Come and bring your friends to enjoy the rhythms of live music, entertainment, and refreshments.

When: Saturday afternoon, February 11, 2pm—4pm

Where: Cordova Bay United Church

Admission: by donation to support the ongoing work of FTLOA with the children of Tanzania

For reservations please call 250-658-4451.

time to
UPDATE

Email, Phone, Address changes?

Have you changed your email address lately?
Do you have a new primary telephone number?
Have you moved lately?



Just a reminder to let the church office know of these changes so that you can continue to receive all church communications. Thank you.

Dignity Is on the Menu

“We saw such a change in how people felt about themselves after experiencing this kind of a meal”

Many of us sit down to good home-cooked meals and can afford to go out for dinner from time to time. We're able to prepare elaborate dinners at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Our daily experience doesn't include standing in line, tray in hand, for every single meal.

That's why the special dinners like Café Cinq-Zéro-Sept hosts are so important. Centre 507 is an Ottawa-based Mission & Service partner. Several times a year, the adult drop-in centre sets up a small room for a special fine-dining meal with gourmet food, decorations, and candlelight. For just \$2, participants have their choice of meal accompanied by full service and great company.

“We realized that people in our community struggling with poverty had to wait in line a long time for a meal. When they were served, they weren't given any choice and felt pressured to leave so that the next person could be served. That's why we started Café Cinq-Zéro-Sept,” says Richard LeBlanc, Centre 507's Executive Director. “We saw a real change in how people felt about themselves after experiencing this kind of a meal. We wanted this dining experience to become the norm rather than the exception.”

While COVID-19 has been challenging, it has also helped the drop-in take a step toward achieving their goal. “One of the great things that happened when COVID hit was that we had to start a system where everyone sat down and was served,” says LeBlanc.

Centre 507 now serves 25 people at sit-down meals and provides 150 people with meals to go each day. The café has incorporated a training program where participants learn to be servers, too. “We are taking the next step toward achieving our goal. We aren't going back to line-ups after the pandemic,” vows LeBlanc.

Thank you for giving generously through Mission & Service. Your support helps create a world where everyone has enough food, served with dignity.



Rose enjoys a warm meal at Centre 507