

Cordova Bay United

Announcements

November 26, 2023

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 26

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

Tuesday, November 28

- * Worship meeting, 9:30am, Friendship Room
- * Ethel Wilson Women's Group Christmas Lunch Social, 12pm, Cordova Bay Golf Club

Thursday, November 30

- * Chime Choir, 6:00pm, Sanctuary
- * Choir practice, 7pm, Sanctuary

Friday, December 1

- * Messy Church, 5:30pm, Hall

Saturday, December 2

- * John Reischman & the Jaybirds Concert, 7:30pm

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A Stewardship Moment

When your generous giving and actions care for the hungry, give clean water to the thirsty, welcome the lonely and the different, provide for the poor, and visit the prisoner, you are actually giving generously to Jesus.



News from the Stewardship Committee

On Sunday, November 12th, the Stewardship Committee introduced a givings campaign which they have called "Pathway to Christmas". This campaign has a goal to raise \$40,000 before Christmas with hopes of eliminating the deficit showing in the budget for this year.

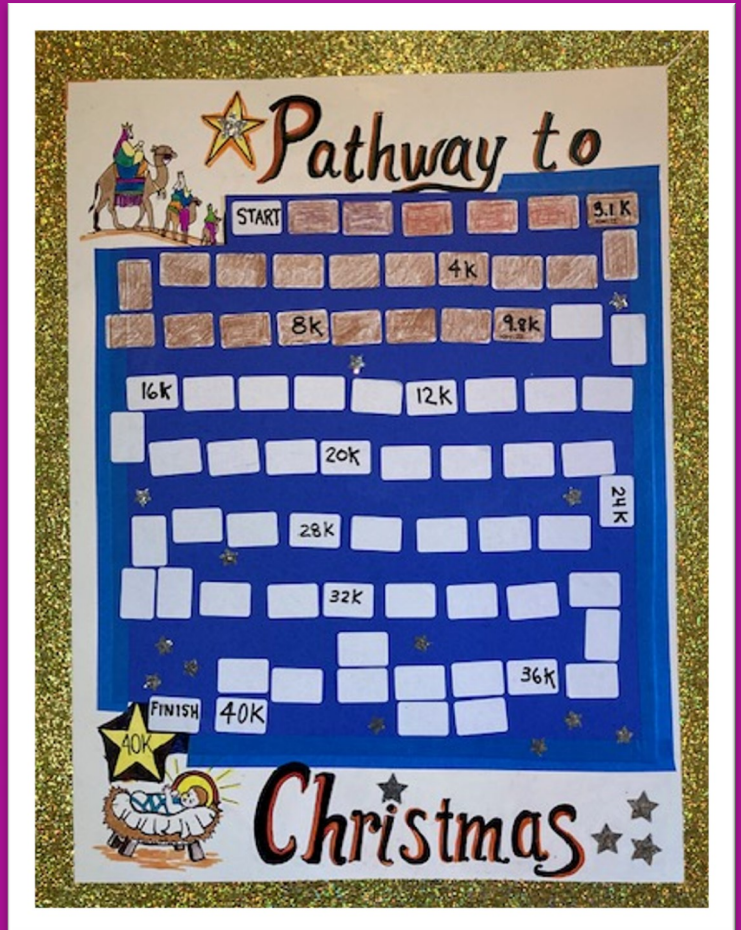
We are challenged to make a special Christmas gift to our church this year and at this point after just one week we are very pleased to report that many have already done so and as of Sunday, November 19th, \$9,800 has been received in special offerings for this campaign. Our thanks go out to all who have so generously given so soon in the campaign.

We have 5 more weeks to see if our goal can be reached. If you are able to make a special gift please drop your offering in the basket as you enter the church and be sure it is marked "Pathway to Christmas" either on the envelope or on the cheque itself.

Our lovely progress chart, created by Moira Dennis, can be seen in the Narthex and our hope is that by Christmas the Pathway to the manger will all be filled in.

We thank you for your support of this campaign.

Your Stewardship Committee



Stuffed animals fill church sanctuary

The Cordova Bay United Church sanctuary was filled with stuffed animals at the Nov. 19 Sunday service — all for a good cause.

The stuffies will be donated to the Compassionate Resource Warehouse, which will include them in its shipments of goods to families in need overseas.

About 50 stuffed animals were donated.

To help send them safely on their way, the stuffed animals were blessed by Pastor Beth Parsons, McKinley and Maelynn Taylor, Pat Shumka and Leslie Moffat.



From left: Pat Shumka, McKinley Taylor, Maelynn Taylor, Pastor Beth Parsons, Leslie Moffat.

Four new members given warm welcome

Cordova Bay United Church gave a warm welcome to four new members at its Nov. 19 Sunday service.

Bill Samis, Karen Strawn Samis, Melissa Nagy and Leanne Isomaa made their promises and commitments in a ceremony performed by Pastor Beth Parsons. The congregation, in turn, made its commitment to each of the new members.

A celebration followed the service in the church hall with coffee and a special cake in honour of the new members.



From left - Melissa Nagy, Bill Samis, Karen Strawn Samis, Pastor Beth Parsons, Leanne Isomaa.

Huge turnout for benefit concert

More than 100 people turned out Sunday to enjoy an afternoon of terrific music at the Sing We Now of Christmas benefit concert.

The concert featured vocalist Pastor Beth Parsons backed by the swinging trio of Glenn Parsons on piano, Stephen Godfrey on bass and Bruce MacKenzie on percussion.

The show kicked off with a number of jazz standards, including Route 66 and Fly Me to the Moon, followed by Christian hymns infused with jazz, such as Dreaming Mary and the ever-popular Jesus Loves Me.



The foursome closed out the show with a series of Christmas tunes — again with a distinctive jazz take — including Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas.

A total of \$2,620 was raised for Cordova Bay United Church and its ministry and mission. Admission to the concert, which was by donation, raised \$1,785, while another \$800 was raised from the sale of CDs, and





Still time to sign up for Angel Gifts

We've had a wonderful response to the Our Place Angel Gift program that helps those in need in our inner-city. But we could use a little more help to push us over the top.

So far, we have people signed up to buy 71 gifts. We only need another 4 gifts to reach our church's commitment of 75 names.

To sign up for the Angel Gift program contact Jane at the church office: office@cbunited.ca or 250-658-5911.

For those folks who would like to take part but are unable to shop, please contact the church office. We have people who have offered to do the shopping for you.



December Cordova Café and Christmas Bake Sale

We will be having a **Christmas Bake Sale** at the December Cordova Café.

We invite the bakers of our community to offer donations of Christmas themed baking. Baking can be dropped off anytime from 12:30pm - 5 pm in the Hall on Friday, December 8.

Baking should be packaged ready to sell, preferably labelled what it is, and priced.

For those purchasing baking, we encourage you to bring your own carry bags. Baking will be sold during the Café from 10am—12noon on Saturday, December 9.



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7:00pm Live Event
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Cordova Bay United Church
813 Claremont Ave



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\$20 per ticket (ages 12 and under free)
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 Rob Fillo, Djembe



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Sunday, December 10th, 2:00 p.m.
St Elizabeth Church
10030 Third Street, Sidney

Tickets \$20, Children 12 yrs. and under \$10
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