



Cordova Bay United

Announcements

May 7, 2023

Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 7

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

Tuesday, May 9

- * Worship meeting, 9:30am, Friendship Room

Wednesday, May 10

- * Book Study, 10am, Friendship Room
- * Band Practice, 1:30pm, Sanctuary

Thursday, May 11

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

Saturday, May 13

- * Cordova Café, 10am—Noon, Hall

Next Cafe is May 13!

Cordova Cafe'

2nd Saturday of the month
Time: 10 a.m.

Cordova Bay United Church Hall
813 Claremont Ave.

Where friendships are made
&
strong community is cultivated.



Did you purchase a hanging basket, planter or starter through the Ethel Wilson Women's Group Spring Fundraiser?

Just a reminder to all those who participated in the Ethel Wilson Women's Group Spring Fundraiser by ordering hanging baskets, planters and starters, your items will be available for pickup on Friday, May 12 and Saturday May 13.

Pickup times for each day are tentative and will be confirmed via email on Thursday, May 12.

Pickup Friday, May 13 from 5pm—7pm
Pickup Saturday, May 14 from 10am—4pm

Thank you again to everyone who placed an order.

Join the Bookies!

The Bookies are all engrossed in reading *We Must Be Brave* by Frances Liardet in preparation for our next gathering in the Friendship Room at 10 am on May 19th. One and all are welcome!



Come try the Chimes

The Chime Choir is actively seeking new members. If you would like to participate in a new way at worship, like to learn and have fun consider joining the choir. Margaret Chambers, Chime Choir leader assures us you will have **fun**. You do not need to be able to read music to participate. Contact Margaret directly and come try the chimes at their next rehearsal (Thursdays at 6:15pm).



Broadview (formerly The Observer)

Broadview is an independent Canadian magazine featuring award winning coverage of spirituality, justice and ethical living.

Through their compelling stories and engaging images, *Broadview* challenges and inspires readers seeking to live a purpose-filled life.

Broadview features Christian perspectives on belief and faith, as well as points of view from other religions and philosophies.

They cover social justice from local, national and global contests.

Their ethical living stories offer inspiration and ideas on how we can all make a positive difference with our lives.

If you are presently enjoying this magazine and would like to renew your subscription, or if you would like to start a subscription (\$25), it is time to do so.

Please contact Linda Snelling,
lisnelling71@gmail.com or 250 652 3184.

Make a cheque payable to Cordova Bay United Church in the amount of \$25 and see me at church for the next 3 Sundays (April 30, May 7, May 14)

Or:

Leave a cheque in the church mail slot clearly marked for Broadview Magazine.





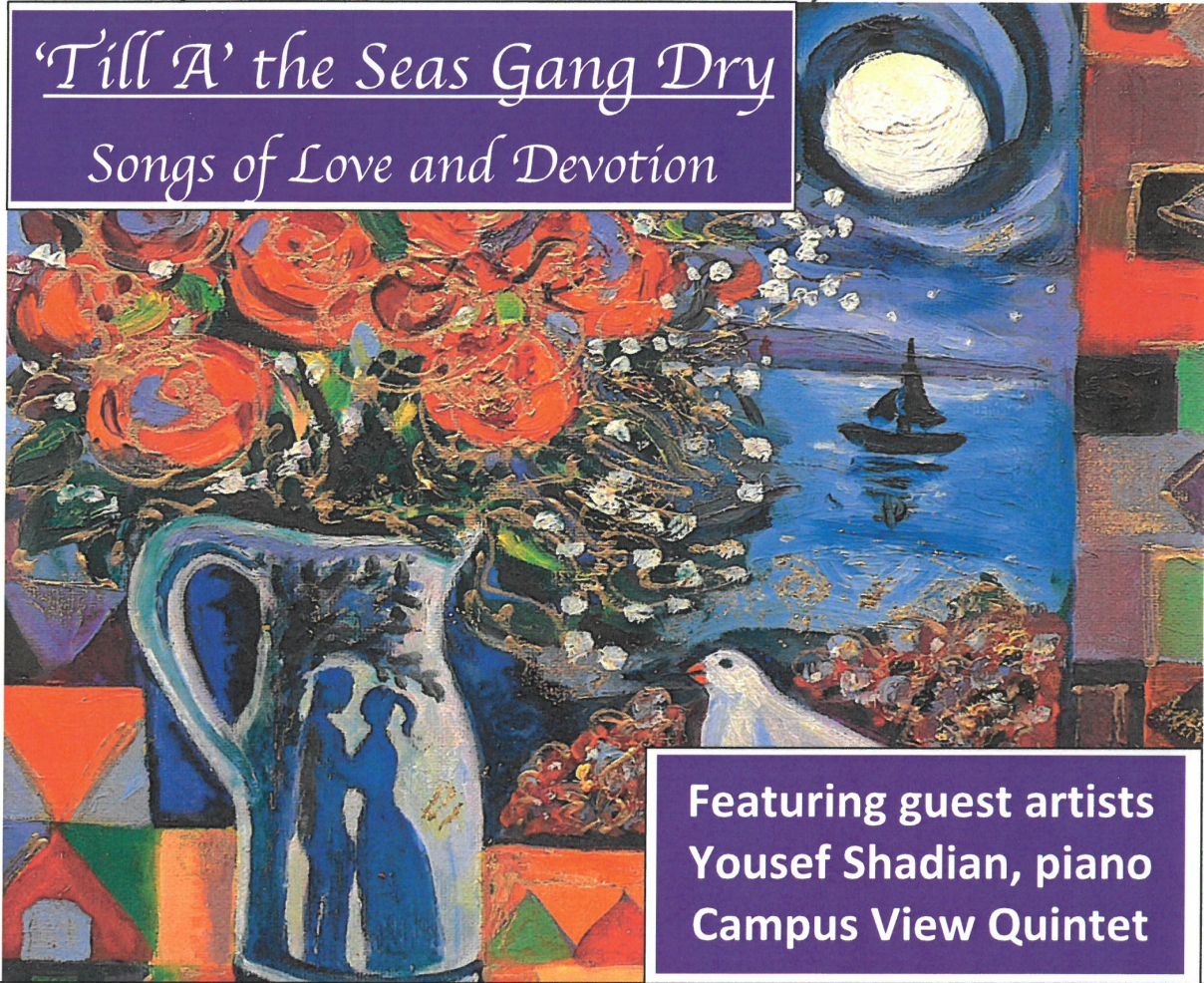
**Via
Choralis** Performance Society

Artistic Director, Jody Onuma

Proudly Presents, a Mother's Day Choral Concert

'Till A' the Seas Gang Dry

Songs of Love and Devotion



**Featuring guest artists
Yousef Shadian, piano
Campus View Quintet**

Sunday, May 14th 2:00p.m.

St Elizabeth's Church, 10030 Third Street, Sidney

Tickets \$20 available at Tanner's Books, Sidney

Children 12 and under are free, youth 12-20 are \$10

Seaberry Garden and Flower, Cordova Bay

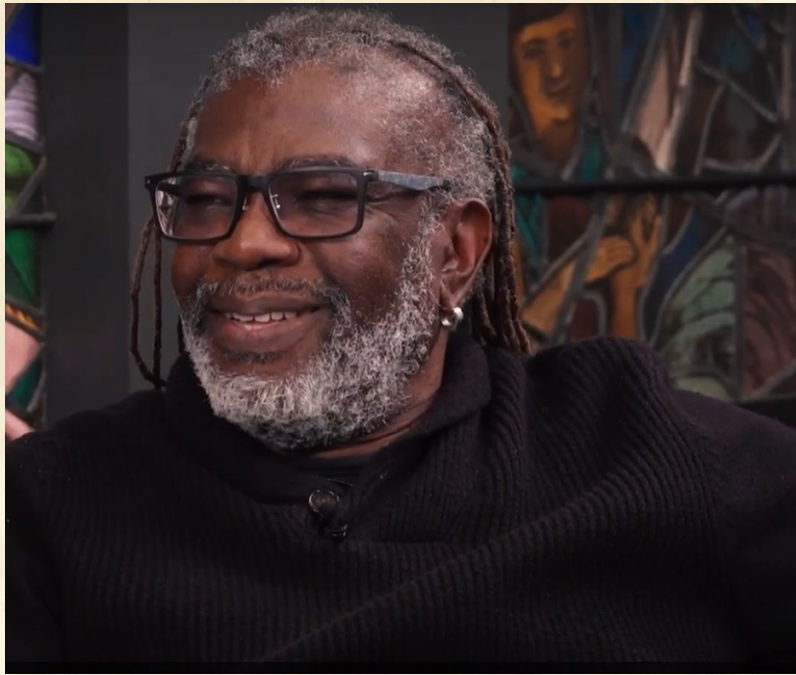
On-line at viachoralis.ca, at the door, Brown Paper Tickets, or choir members

In gratitude for the continuing support from



Protecting Love around the World: Michael Blair's Work

"When we hear these stories, we can see that this is a life and death matter."



Would you go to jail to proclaim your love?

Would you be willing to die?

We are blessed to live in Canada, a country that recognizes the right to love whoever you want, regardless of their gender or sex. And while we haven't always done what is right, The United Church of Canada now recognizes that all love—including Two Spirit or LGBTQIA+ relationships—is holy and blessed by God. But those rights do not exist in many parts of the world today.

"One of our partners in Kenya has advocated strongly for the human rights of sexual minorities, and that has caused him to be in jail, caused him to risk his life to be able to do that," says the Rev. Michael Blair. The church's first openly gay General Secretary is now helping to advocate for sexual and gender minorities in foreign countries.

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Mission & Service plays a critical role in Blair's efforts.

Your gifts help shelter refugees as they escape repressive governments. Same-sex attraction is a crime in 71 countries, and 11 of them have the death penalty.

Mission & Service also holds consultations in other countries to discover how we can best work with our partners to protect sexual and gender minorities. "A few years ago, we hosted a consultation here in Canada with several partners and asked how we can be supportive of their work," Blair says. "They told us we needed to come and help in their context."

To date, Mission & Service has supported consultations in Latin America and the Philippines.

"We are bringing together leaders to explore how the church can be a place of liberation and life for sexual and gender minorities in those communities. That is happening because of the folks who contribute to [Mission & Service](#)," says Blair.

Thank you for helping to protect sexual and gender minorities. You are saving lives and changing views around the world!