

Cordova Bay United Church

Announcements

February 15, 2026

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 15

- Worship, 10am, In-Person and Livestream
Followed by Fellowship Time in the Hall and the Annual Meeting in the Sanctuary

Tuesday, February 17

- Worship Meeting, 9:45am, Friendship Room

Wednesday, February 18

- Ash Wednesday Service, 3:30pm, Sanctuary
- Stewardship Meeting, 7pm, ZOOM

Thursday, February 19

- Caring/Outreach Meeting, 9:45am, Friendship Room
- Choir Practice, 3pm, Sanctuary

Friday, February 20

- Book Club, 10am Friendship Room

Annual General Meeting Sunday, February 22

Don't miss this celebration of the past year in the life of Cordova Bay United Church.



We will gather for Fellowship Time in the hall following the service and then move to the Sanctuary for the meeting.

Here are all the programs and activities
happening at CBUC
February 15—February 21
Church activities are listed in Blue.

Sunday, February 15

- **Worship, 10am, Sanctuary**
- Victoria Chinese Gospel Church, 12:30pm, Sanctuary, Hall, Youth Lounge, Friendship Room
- Saanich Squares, 7pm, Hall

Monday, February 16

- Karate, 5pm, Hall
- Jazzercise, 6pm, Hall
- Embers, 6pm, Friendship Room
- Victoria Arion Male Choir, 6:30pm, Sanctuary
- Embers, 7pm, Hall

Tuesday, February 17

- Jazzercise, 8:30am, Hall
- IH Adult Day Program, 9:30am—3pm, Hall
- **Worship Meeting, 9:45am, Friendship Room**
- Zumba, 5pm, Hall
- Karate, 6:30pm, Hall

Wednesday, February 18

- Ash Wednesday Service, 3:30pm, Sanctuary
- Sparks, 5pm, Hall
- Jazzercise, 6pm, Hall
- Sing Together Choir, 6:30pm, Friendship Room

Thursday, February 19

- Jazzercise, 8:30am, Hall
- **Caring/Outreach Meeting, 9:45am, Friendship Room**
- **Choir Practice, 3pm, Sanctuary**
- Zumba, 5pm, Hall
- Cubs and Scouts, 6pm, Hall and Friendship Rm.

Friday, February 20

- Jazzercise, 8:30am, Hall
- **Book Club, 10am, Friendship Room**
- Yoga, 1pm, Hall
- KSI Karate, 4:30pm, Hall
- Mavericks Square Dance Club, 7pm, Hall

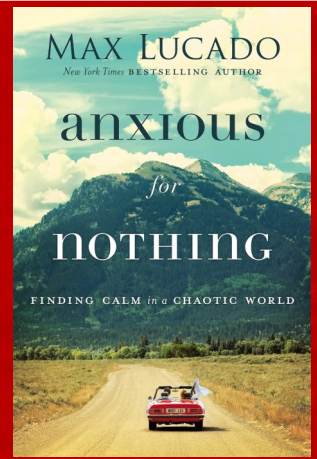
Saturday, February 21

- Jazzercise, 8:30am, Hall
- Zumba, 10:3am, Hall

To reserve a room for a meeting or activity, please contact the office by phone or email. And just a reminder that setting up a room, particularly the hall, in advance may not be possible due to other renters.

**Lenten Book Study
begins Feb. 25**

Mark the date! This year's Lenten Book Study will begin on Wednesday, February 25th at 10:00 am and run for 6 weeks. The book for this year's study is entitled: *Anxious For Nothing Finding Calm in a Chaotic World* by Max Lucado.



There are currently **6** copies available in the office. Please see Jane to sign up for the book study and to get a copy. Looking forward to gathering with you all again.

**A request from the
Library Committee**

The committee has been busy over the past few months tidying, organizing and taking inventory of our collection.



We have been able to identify out dated and never used books that can be donated elsewhere to make room for new ones.

In doing so, however, we discovered close to 120 missing books for which we have no records.

So, we ask if you would take a look at your bookshelves, side tables or those stacks of books

you have been "meaning to read" and see if any are from our library. Just leave them on the library desk or in the return slot.

With thanks,

Kathy Rassenti, Julie Sadler, Liz Kuhr





A message from the Affirming Committee

1. **What is an Affirming Ministry?** "Affirming ministries work in many different ways towards the healing and wholeness of creation."

The work of affirming ministries seeks to:

- challenge bias and discrimination based on appearance, ability, culture, class, or age;
- end racism;
- promote economic justice;
- increase accessibility;
- care for the planet.

"Affirming ministries seek to go beyond issues of gender identity and sexual orientation to work for justice and inclusion for all people." (Open Hearts: Resources for Affirming Ministries in the United Church of Canada, 2020, p. 1).

2. **We're already welcoming, so why become Affirming?** Cordova Bay United Church is a very welcoming church, but Affirming goes deeper. It is public, intentional, and explicit in showing our celebration and commitment to diversity and inclusion with love for everyone - without conditions.
3. **When did this start in the United Church of Canada (UCC)?** The Affirming program launched in 1992. The UCC officially endorsed the program in 2000 and has encouraged its ministries to participate since then.
4. **When did this start for Cordova Bay United Church?** Cordova Bay United Church Council gave approval Nov. 25, 2024, to start the journey of education and discernment for our congregation.
5. **The Affirm Committee** started in March 2025 to learn more about the process and assist the congregation with its understanding of Affirming Ministry. The process typically takes one to two years.
6. **What will this mean for the congregation?** Your Affirm Team will explore ways to bring information to the congregation in an easy manner. For example, we will be asking to be an agenda item at several committee meetings.
7. **At the end of the education and discernment process**, Cordova Bay United Church will hold a congregational vote to decide whether to become an Affirming Ministry.
8. **Committee members so far:** Atholl Malcom (drmalcolm@drmalcolm.ca), Glenn Parsons (glennparsons.88@gmail.com), Melissa Nagy (melissamayemail@gmail.com), , Michelle Climie Wiebe (mich6226@shaw.ca), Patricia Lockhart (patricia.lockhart@hotmail.com), Tony Rozario (trozario52@gmail.com) and pastoral presence Rev. Beth Parsons.
9. **To join the committee or for further information**, please contact a committee member.
10. **Check out our Affirming Information Table on Sunday, Feb. 15/26!**

Our Lenten journey begins ...

Ash Wednesday

February 18, 3:30pm

Cordova Bay United Church
813 Claremont Avenue

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of a 40-day period of prayer and reflection in preparation for Easter. During this sacred service, the congregation will be invited to receive ashes in the shape of a cross either on their foreheads or hands, as a reminder of a sign of their devotion and relationship to God.

We hope that you are able to join us for this special service.

We are an inclusive community living out
Christ's love and care for the world
Everybody – and we mean
EVERYBODY – is welcome.

I will give you rest: Come *Matthew 11:28-30*

World Day of Prayer Friday, March 6



Program written by the
World Day of Prayer Committee of Nigeria

**Local television stations are presenting
World Day of Prayer 2026!!**

Click [here](#) for the evolving list of local television stations broadcasting
World Day of Prayer services across Canada.

There are both one hour and 30-minute formats.

**Ethel Wilson
Women's Group
Tuesday, February 24**



The Ethel Wilson Women's Group will be meeting Tuesday February 24th, 1:30 in the Sanctuary. Kazia Mullin, Director of Programs for Bridges for Women will be speaking on Bridges: past, present, and future.

Bridges for Women has been an important change-maker in the lives of women survivors of trauma, abuse and neglect since 1988. We provide the impetus towards breaking cycles of abuse, re-igniting hope, re-building identity after trauma, creating safety and stability, and sparking a passion for education and career possibilities that sends ripples through families, communities, and beyond. We are currently in a new location and re-emerging after the changes, challenges, and confines of the pandemic.



The **CBUC choir** is always looking for **new members**. If you love to sing, come join the choir. Practices are on Thursday afternoons at 3pm and Sunday morning at 9am. For more information, contact our Music Director, Sharon Prindle-Collins.



**Saturday, March 14
10am—1pm**

at Cordova Bay United Church

Book and puzzle donations gratefully accepted. Books may be left at the church in the Front Foyer (Narthex) beginning February 28.

We are unable to accept textbooks, atlases, coffee table books, dictionaries, cookbooks and Reader's Digest.



**Games Night
Friday, Feb. 27**

Fun starts at 5:30 pm.

Family and friends welcome! Join us for an evening of board games. Meal provided!

at Cordova Bay United Church
813 Claremont Avenue, 250-658-5911

Volunteers needed for Messy Church. Contact Moira Dennis or Grace Cave if you can help!

Spring Fling



Saturday
March 21, 2026

An afternoon of song, dance,
laughter and fun.

Entertainment at 2pm.
Social time and refreshments
following the performances.

Tickets—\$10



For tickets and information,
to volunteer and/or perform,
please contact Doug Thompson, 250-588-6602.