

March 2, 2025

# Cordova Bay United Church Announcements

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member # 51194

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## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, March 2

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

### Tuesday, March 4

- Worship Meeting, 9:45am, Friendship Room

### Wednesday, March 5

- Ash Wednesday Service, 3:30pm, Sanctuary

### Thursday, March 6

- Chime Choir Practice, 6:30pm, Sanctuary
- Choir Practice, 7pm, Sanctuary

### Saturday, March 8

- Men's Breakfast Group, 9am, Friendship Room
- Cordova Café, 10am—12pm, Hall

## Lost and Found Box overflowing

Please check the table in the front foyer this Sunday to see if any of the items in Lost and Found belong to you or someone you know. Items not collected will be forwarded to charity in early March.



## Keep in Touch

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Here are all the programs and activities happening at CBUC this week. Church activities are listed in yellow.

### Sunday, March 2

- **Worship, 10am, Sanctuary**
- **Saanich Squares, 7pm, Hall**

### Monday, March 3

- Yoga, 11am, Hall
- Embers, 6pm, Youth Lounge
- Jazzercise, 6pm, Hall
- Victoria Arion Male Choir, 6:30pm, Sanctuary
- Embers, 7pm, Hall

### Tuesday, March 4

- Jazzercise, 8:30am, Hall
- IH Adult Day Program, 9:30am, Hall
- **Worship Meeting, 9:45am, Friendship Room**
- Zumba, 5:30pm, Hall
- Karate, 7pm, Hall

### Wednesday, March 5

- Yoga, 11am, Hall
- **Ash Wednesday Service, 3:30pm, Sanctuary**
- Sparks, 5pm, Hall
- Jazzercise, 6pm, Hall

### Thursday, March 6

- Jazzercise, 8:30am, Hall
- IH Adult Day Program, 9:30am, Hall
- Zumba, 5pm, Hall
- Cubs, 6pm, Hall
- **Chime Choir Practice, 6:30pm, Sanctuary**
- **Choir Practice, 7pm, Sanctuary**

### Friday, March 7

- Jazzercise, 8:30am, Hall
- Chair Yoga, 10:30am, Hall
- KSI Karate, 4:30pm, Hall
- Mavericks Square Dance Club, 7pm, Hall

### Saturday, March 8

- **Men's Breakfast Group, 9am, Friendship Room**
- **Cordova Café, 10am, 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.*

## March Community Collection Project



Soap for Hope Canada partners with the hospitality industry to recover hygiene products, linens and lost and found items redirecting them to communities in need.

They distribute to non-profit organizations throughout the Province. Local organizations who have benefited are 1-Up Single Parent, Anawin, Beacon Community Services, Cool Aid, Our Place and Aboriginal Coalition to end homelessness to name a few.

They also rely on donations of Hygiene products from the local community. Cordova Bay United has chosen this organization for the month of March as a powerful way for us to make a difference.

Suggested items: Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Body Lotion, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Lip Balm, Razors, Feminine products, Incontinence Products, Brushes and Combs.

*Donations may be placed in the shopping cart at the front of the sanctuary.*

## Book Study

Our Lenten book study begins on **Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.** Our study book is entitled: **Jesus For Everyone: Not Just Christians**, by Amy-Jill Levine.



This book captures the lasting impact of Jesus in our world today as Levine invites everyone from Christians to agnostics as she reveals surprising insights that are still relevant today.

If you can find a copy at Christian Book and Music Store, please join us.

Our Lenten journey begins ...

# Ash Wednesday

**March 5, 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.

## Scouts take part in Sunday service

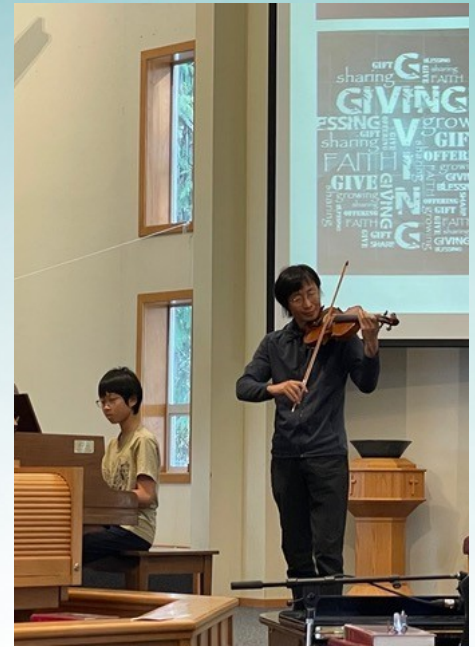
About a half dozen members of the 5th Tsartlip Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and a number of their leaders took part in the worship service Feb. 23 as part of Lord Baden-Powell Sunday at Cordova Bay United Church.

The Scouts led a processional into the church as well as a recessional at the end of the service.

Scout Phelan Zhang was the guest pianist. Phelan played the prelude and postlude. As well, he was joined by his father, Tigris, on violin during the offertory music.

Following the service the Scouts provided and served the congregation with two cakes during coffee hour.

The Scout group has a close connection to Cordova Bay United, using the church hall for their regular meetings. The Scout leaders thanked the church for the use of the hall.



Please mark Saturday, March 29 on your calendar and plan to attend the SOIREE.

The SOIREE has been changed to an afternoon event and will take place in the church hall between 2pm and 5pm.

Tickets will go on sale soon.

Performers please contact Doug Thompson at [dbtfriends@outlook.com](mailto:dbtfriends@outlook.com) or by phone at 250-588-6602.

If you wish to reserve tickets please contact Doug.

Doug would also welcome a call or email from anyone wishing to assist.

## Large turnout for annual meeting

More than 70 people turned out for the Cordova Bay United Church annual general meeting Sunday in the sanctuary.

Atholl Malcolm and John MacLeod were elected co-chairs of the church council for 2025. Peggy Dayton was elected treasurer.

The vice-chair and secretary positions on the council executive are vacant. Anyone interested in being vice-chair or secretary can contact Atholl or John.

Louise Johnson, Atholl Malcom, Fay Melling, Ron Norman and Linda Smith-McMahon were elected to the board of trustees.

Rick McMahon, Heather McNab and Pat Taylor were elected to the Carrot Seed Preschool board of directors.

Pastor Beth Parsons announced that Cordova Bay United will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the United Church of Canada on June 10 with a community barbecue and fun day. The day will include hot dogs and ice cream with crafts and a bouncy castle.

The congregation passed a motion put forward by Erich Schulz to increase the capital improvement fund from \$50,000 to \$100,000. The church will contribute \$10,000 a year until the fund reaches \$100,000.

As well, the congregation approved a motion also put forward by Erich Schulz to increase the contingency fund from \$10,000 to \$20,000. Erich indicated that the need to increase both funds reflects the hike in costs over the last number of years.

Pastor Beth also discussed that a group is looking into CBUC becoming an affirming church. The work involves an education component and will take about a year. If the group recommends CBUC become an affirming church, the recommendation will be voted on at a congregational meeting.



**Next Cafe is March 8!**

# 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.



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## PIE DAY MARCH 14 5:30 TO 8PM

Join us for a  
potluck supper, music,  
and guest speaker  
James Gardner,  
retired CFX anchor



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# Church budget increases 10 per cent

At its annual general meeting Sunday, Cordova Bay United Church congregation approved a 2025 budget of about \$388,370 — an increase of some \$36,000 or 10 per cent over the previous year.

Most of the increase — \$22,027 — goes to ministerial and clerical expenses, including a 28 per cent increase for the music director to bring the position in line with the national pay scale and a three per cent increase for other staff.

The building operations also increased by \$6,382 to a total of \$92,110. A large part of the increase — \$3,665 — is for increased hydro costs.

The repairs and maintenance budget remains about the same as what was spent in 2024 — \$11,680.

Custodial costs remain about the same as last year — \$37,000. However, the church will no longer receive \$8,400 from the Carrot Seed Preschool for custodial costs. The Carrot Seed is now paying for its own cleaning.

The budget for local outreach remains relatively unchanged at \$4,000.

Meanwhile, income is projected to increase by about 6.3 per cent in 2025 to \$384,570.

The \$3,800 difference between income and expenses will be offset by reserve funds.

The majority of the income to support the work of the church is raised through donations, which in 2025 will total \$256,380 - an increase of about \$7,000 or 2.8 per cent from the year before.

The income from use of the building will increase by \$17,743 to \$51,280 thanks to more organizations renting church facilities.

As well, income from the Legacy Fund will increase to \$11,550 — up \$5,463 from last year. And income from the Edwina Grace Sprecher Endowment Fund will increase by \$2,134 to \$27,360.

In total, the Legacy Fund and Endowment Fund will contribute almost \$39,000 to the church budget in 2025.

Finally, contributions to the Mission and Service Fund increased by \$5,663 to a total of \$20,500 in 2025. The increase reflects CBUC's special fundraising campaign to raise \$25,000 for M&S to mark the 100th anniversary of the founding of the United Church of Canada.

## Ethel Wilson Women's Group Spring Fundraiser

As a Spring fundraiser, the Ethel Wilson Women's Group is again selling Hilltop Greenhouses hanging baskets and planters.

Beginning this Sunday, in the hall following worship EWWG members will be available to answer your questions and help you place your order.

Orders are due March 30.

Pickup will be Friday, May 9.

Click [here](#) for the order form.

