



"Living Out Christ's Love"



**Cordova Bay United Church
2024 Annual Report**

Ministry Report—Pastor Beth Parsons

Report From Pastor Beth

After two and a half years of living on Vancouver Island, Glenn and I are still amazed at all the beauty around us. We spent the summer exploring parts of the north island, including the small islands of Denman and Hornby. We spent a glorious week on Gabriola island and saw eagles, sea otters and three orcas. On our weekly adventures, we seem to always make it down to the ocean to explore or hike the trails at Thetis Lake or the Whiffin Spit. The terrain is so diverse. At one point you're amongst enormous cedar trees and large ferns - the likes we have never seen. The next, you're on jagged rock with incredible views all around.

The prophet Isaiah said, "prepare the way of the Lord. Make straight paths for him." Making straight paths can be a challenge for many these days. We are in uneasy times. People are worried about their jobs, their health and the political unrest. I am concerned that with the uncertainty in our world, faith will fade into the background. I wonder if the importance of community will wane and God will have less significance in our lives.

I am grateful though for the community of Cordova Bay United Church and the many ways they support each other. No matter the varied terrain, I know that this community of faith will come together to care and lift up those in need. For that, I am truly thankful.

God, your work needs many hands, and so I would like to thank the many hands of support and their important ministry. To Jane for her incredible, creative work and allowing me to change things at the last minute. To Sharon for her gift of music and the beauty she brings to every worship. To the "girls" - Moira and Grace, for the joy you have brought to the Spirit Kids. To Stephen for your dedication to the Worship Committee and keeping us all organized. Also, to the many readers, musicians, tech people, property people, all the committees and the council - a big thank you for your ministry and leadership.

Wishing everyone blessings for the new year.

Yours in Christ,

Beth



Cordova Bay United Church

Everyone is welcome ~ and we mean everyone!



Our Church Community

- 150** households call Cordova Bay their spiritual home
- 54** people (20 children and 34 adults) attended the Christmas Messy Church
- 5** new members received
- 3** baptisms
- 12** members of the church council
- 40** women in the Ethel Wilson Women's Group
- 23** members of the Men's Breakfast Group
- 20** members of the choir
- 13** members of the band (10 instrumentalists and 3 vocalists)
- 5** members of the chime choir
- 6** members of The Knitting Group and Prayer Shawl Team



Ethel Wilson Women's Group
Christmas Social





Men's Breakfast Group



Silly Songs with Beth



Summer Safety at Messy Church with the Saanich Fire Department

Our Church Community

12 members of The Bookies book club

12 people turned out to clean up the church grounds and building as part of the Property Committee's fall clean-up day

23 golfers braved high winds and heavy rain to build community at the Cordova Bay United Church annual golf social at The Ridge Golf Course in September

15 women took part in the Ethel Wilson Women's Group annual mini-golf in June

17 women took part in the Ethel Wilson Women's Group summer bocce league

1 new photo directory of our faith community

Church Council Report

Our Church Council, and indeed all the congregation is very proud of the fact that Pastor Beth was ordained this year! It is a great honour for her, but she still would like us to call her “Pastor Beth.”

During 2025, the United Church of Canada is celebrating its 100th birthday. For our part, we have set a new goal to have our Mission and Service contribution increase very substantially to \$25,000. We are also emphasizing special contributions of needed items to local organizations such as the Saanich Peninsula Lions Food Bank and the Cridge Center for the Family.

Leading up to Easter, Pastor Beth led a Bible Study on the disciple Peter. The event was well attended, and we learned a great deal about this multi-faceted individual, and how his contributions to spreading Jesus’s word were so crucial.

Council was tasked with voting on a remit entitled “Establishing an Autonomous Indigenous Organization.” A congregational meeting was held to encourage some discussion on this topic. The final vote by Council was a strong majority for the “Yes” option.

We had new carpet installed in the sanctuary this year, and the consensus is that the “carpet tile” approach looks great! Communion is now being served using “white grape juice,” just in case there is a spill. However, if such an accident does happen, the affected individual carpet tile can be replaced if necessary. Many thanks to the Property Committee for so capably organizing this project!

Our finances received two significant boosts this year. First, a long-time member of the congregation who passed away, Edwina Sprecher, donated a large sum of money to the church in her will. The income from this donation has been arriving on a monthly basis, and this has already made a big difference to the budget. In addition, a large number of new renters have been arranged by the Property Committee for our church hall, bringing in a very considerable sum of additional money each month.



New carpet in time for Christmas

New Children and Youth workers were hired to lead our “Spirit Kids.” They are providing an excellent program for the children.

A church photo-directory company was engaged, and a large number of the families in the congregation were photographed early in the year. Mid-year, the new photo-directories arrived, and were distributed. The previous directory was dated 2014, so it was high time to replace it!

Once again, our church participated in Our Place’s Angel Gifts program, where our congregational members purchase Christmas gifts which are given to the homeless folks who greatly appreciate them.

We have a number of active Church Committees, including Stewardship, Caring, Communications, Property, Trustees, Ministry & Personnel, Music Liaison, and Outreach. Many thanks to the Chairs and the members for all their time and effort. You are “the wind beneath our wings”! The Ethel Wilson Group and the Men’s Breakfast Group continue to provide fellowship and good speakers.

A “Boot and Bake” sale was held in June, as a fundraiser. This was the first attempt to hold such an event, and although it went reasonably well, we learned a few ways to improve it for this coming June.

We are very fortunate to have so many talented musicians in our congregation, and time and again I have heard so many complements for our choir, our band, our chime choir, and other special musical presentations.

Many thanks to our staff of Pastor Beth, Sharon Prindle-Collins, and Jane Shumka, who all do such an excellent job! We look forward to 2025 as we celebrate 100 years of our United Church of Canada!

John MacLeod
Chairs, Cordova Bay United Church Council

June Boot and Bake Sale



How you can get involved

At Cordova Bay United Church everything begins with Sunday worship. But it doesn't end there. Groups and committees are where we grow and connect – and where we live out our church ministry and mission.

There are lots of ways for you to get involved at Cordova Bay United.

There's a women's group that meets in the afternoon and a men's group that meets for breakfast.

There are knitters and book lovers and singers and musicians – and that doesn't even include our more formal committees like Outreach and Caring and Stewardship.

Find your place and live your passion.

Ethel Wilson Women's Group

The Ethel Wilson Women's Group meets once a month on the last Tuesday at 1:30 pm to provide fellowship, love and support for one another. The meetings feature an activity or guest speaker and are a great way to get to know other women in the church.

Men's Breakfast Group

The Men's Breakfast Group meets every second Saturday at 9 am in the church hall. The men serve a continental breakfast and have a guest speaker who may talk on anything from the history of Palestine to the life of a stand-up comic.

The Knitting Group

Are you a knitter? Would you like to learn how to knit? Then the Knitting Group has a place for you. The knitters gets together on the third Wednesday of the month in the afternoon to knit items like our famous prayer shawls and the fabulous fish and chip sweaters that were made for the For The Love of Africa non-profit that works in Tanzania. Contact the church office for details on how to get involved.



Cordova Café sponsored by the Caring Ministry

Coffee is always on us!



Come join the summer Bocce league

The Book Club (aka The Bookies)

The Book Club meets every third Friday at 10 am in the Friendship Room. If you'd like to join them, contact Marjorie Gray or just show up.

Carrot Seed Preschool

Cordova Bay United Church has been operating Carrot Seed Preschool for the last 35 years. Our programs are child-directed and teacher-supported.

Church Council

Cordova Bay United is governed by a council made up on church members and Pastor Beth. The council executive is elected at the annual congregational meeting in February.

Church Committees

Church committees are where some of the most fulfilling and rewarding work gets done.

Caring – Provides care and support for church members, especially those with special needs or who are isolated.

Ministry and Personnel – Responsible for supporting, overseeing, and supervising our ministry personnel and lay staff.

Outreach – Supports and encourages change and outreach in this community and internationally.

Property – Manages the church building and property

Stewardship – helps the church fulfill its mission and ministry through a year-round, ongoing stewardship program.

Trustees – the formal body that legally holds the property for the use and benefit of the congregation.



**Children and Adults
in on the action
at Messy Church**



**Get down and dirty
working with the
Property Team**

Worship

55 in-person and livestreamed worship services

85+ people on average attended Sunday worship in-person

20+ people on average take part in each Sunday service

7 communion services

200+ people attended the Christmas Eve worship (a full house)

4,100 views of livestreamed worship services in 2024

78 viewers on average tuned in for livestreamed worship services

3 in-person, livestreamed and recorded worship services during Holy Week

20-25 people on average attend the monthly worship service at Saanich Peninsula Hospital (the service was started in 2024)

4 Messy Church services





Livestream support from the best seat in the house



Spirit Kids potting Mother's Day gifts

Online Ministry

48 views of the Good Friday service, which is considerably more than historically attend\ in-person

239 subscribers to the CBUC YouTube channel - an increase of 50 from last year

30,000 views of CBUC YouTube channel since it started in 2020

182 followers of CBUC Facebook page

11 members of the IT/ Technical Team (livestream and Sound/ PowerPoint)

Faith Formation

12 people took part in the Lenten book study of "A Fragile Stone"

Music

- 20** enthusiastic and committed choir members
- 45** Sunday anthems sung
- 42** Thursday evening choir practices
- 43** pre-service Sunday morning rehearsals
- 3** choir gatherings: September, Christmas and June
- 2** music reading workshops
- 2** special services: Good Friday and Christmas Eve
- 2** narrators for the Christmas Cantata: Karen Strawn Samis and Bill Samis
- 2** congregational members joined the choir in rehearsing and singing the cantata
- 2** instrumentalists played with choir anthems: Johanna de Leeuw and Andre Pickersgill

Take up his song...
and go into the world!



CBUC Choir Christmas Cantata



CBUC Praise Band



Cordova Café Entertainers

We celebrated Pastor Beth's call to ministry

Pastor Beth Parsons was formally ordained on June 2 by the United Church of Canada at the Pacific Mountain Region's celebration of ministry and special service of worship.

Rev. Dr. Japhet Ndhlovu presided at the service, held at St. Andrew's-Wesley United Church in Vancouver.

Some members of the congregation made the trip over to Vancouver to attend the service in person. However, most of the CBUC congregation gathered in the sanctuary as a community of faith to watch the service together via livestream.

The congregation first joined in a time of fellowship in the church hall at 10 am, where Andy and the Queens of Caffeine had prepared coffee and tea. Everyone was then invited into the sanctuary to watch the service on the big screen.

It was very special for the congregation to be able to take part in the service.



Reaching out to the Community

7 Cordova Cafes welcomed church members and people from the community with coffee, tea and baked goodies

24 people on average attended the Cordova Café

2 - 4 people on average from the community attended the Cordova Café

100+ people attended the CBUC booth at Cordova Bay Day in June

\$145 spent on Facebook advertising to promote church activities

3,167 people reached by the Lent and Easter Facebook ads that invited people to “join us” in-person or via livestream

6 church events featured in the Times Colonist online events calendar and 2 published in the GO section of the Thursday print edition

1 new church banner

100 Messy Church fridge magnets and **200** Cordova Bay United Church branded pens to promote the church at events

CBUC greeted kids and families at Cordova Bay Day

Pastor Beth Parsons, Children and Youth Coordinator Moira Dennis and volunteer Willa Burke were kept busy at the Cordova Bay United Church booth during Cordova Bay Day on Saturday June 22.

More than 40 children attended the booth to get tattoos and stickers, and make personalized visors.

It was a beautiful day with lots of sun so CBUC volunteers Lynn Dennis, Glenn Parsons and Ron Norman handed out free bottled water to thirsty folks.

As well, volunteers chatted with the steady stream of families who attended the booth – more than 100 people in all. People received new church pens and Messy Church fridge magnets, as well as various stickers and information about church activities.

Cordova Bay United Church's participation in Cordova Bay Day is part of the church's community engagement.



First-ever Boot and Bake Sale a lot of fun

Everyone had a great time at the first-ever Cordova Bay United Church Boot and Bake Sale Saturday in the church parking lot.

The weather was terrific and the vendors were wonderful.

More than 20 vendors opened their car "boots" (trunks) and sold items. In addition to a number of "garage sale" vendors, Sage Melling had her handmade jewellery and clothing for sale.

Inside the church, the jewellery section was popular, as was the bake sale and Cordova Cafe. Thanks to everyone who helped with the baking, Cordova Cafe, and the set up and take down.

The sale raised more than \$2,700 with funds going to support the mission and work of the church.





Children and Youth

40+ Spirit Kid sessions

6-10 children and youth on average attend Spirit Kids

4 Messy Church Events

1 First-ever Messy Church Carnival

1 Intergenerational Christmas Eve Pageant

40+ children attended the CBUC booth at Cordova Bay Day in June



Crafting at Messy Church



Messy Church Fun and Games



Spirit Kids

our Sunday Children's Program





Carrot Seed Preschools outdoor learning



Carrot Seed Preschool

36 years Carrot Seed has provided excellence in Early Childhood Education (ECE) programming and instruction to the community

27 children enrolled in the morning program

16 children enrolled in the afternoon program

100% enrolment capacity

1 Head of School

3 preschool teachers—1 more to start in April



Soiree another success!

Friday, April 5 saw the return of our Annual Soiree. The event started with a wine and cheese reception in the church hall before more than 70 people moved into the sanctuary for some entertainment and fun.

The audience was treated to singing from Chris Cardy with Elaine Zandee on piano. Elaine also accompanied the duet of Peggy Dayton and Alan Priestly. Lynn Dennis also tinkled the ivories, playing with Sam Boehner as well as Lorne Holland.

Then there was Stephen Godfrey on bass with Doug Thompson on guitar, John Hobbs on guitar, Margaret Bates on harp, as well as Peter Gray, Mark Collins, Barbara Waldner and others.

Thanks to Doug Thompson for organizing such a great evening.





Church rentals increase in 2024

The number of outside groups renting our church facilities increased dramatically in September – so much so that office administrator Jane Shumka had to start publishing a schedule of activities in the weekly announcements to help the congregation keep them all straight.

Tuesdays are one of the busiest days. A typical Tuesday starts at 8:30 am with Jazzercise in the church hall and ends with KSI Karate at 7 pm, also in the hall. In between, there is the Island Health Adult Day Program in the hall, as well as a Worship Committee meeting in the Friendship Room and Zumba in the hall.

Other regular outside users include the Embers, Sparks, Cubs, Yoga, Chair Yoga, Victoria Arion Male Choir, Saanich Squares (square dancing), Country Cousins and Mavericks.

The increase in rentals meant that church finances received a big boost in 2024. Our overall rental income increased by more than \$8,000.

Thanks to Arlene Vickery of the Property Committee for arranging for the new renters and for all her hard work scheduling them.



Keeping our entrance fresh for all who enter.

Building Maintenance

\$30,000 for new carpet in the sanctuary

\$12,230 for new LED lighting

\$11,165 in regular maintenance and repairs, including:

- **\$3,000** in equipment maintenance and repair
- **\$2,000** for lawn care
- **\$400** for plumbing

Additional work undertaken in 2024:

- Quotes were compiled to repair the front exterior of the building for work to be completed in January 2025.
- Trees around the exterior lighting were cut back in the last quarter of the year. And a large tree in the Carrot Seed playground that was dying was removed.
- There were two cleanup parties: one in the spring and another in the fall
- Gardens and shrubs were thinned and maintained
- Monthly testing of all safety equipment as required by law

Sanctuary gets a refresh with new carpet

The church sanctuary sparkles again, thanks to the new carpet installed in November.

Before the installation could start crews had to first move the pews into the chancel (the raised area below the cross). Carpet layers then tore up the old carpet below the chancel and removed the glue from the floor.

The new carpet below the chancel was laid in squares. Once that carpet was laid, the pews were moved back and work began on the carpet in the chancel area.

The new carpet replaces the original broadloom laid 36 year ago when the church was built in 1988.

The new carpet and installation cost \$30,000.

The Ethel Wilson Women's Group donated more than \$10,000 for the new carpet. A church fundraiser several years ago raised several thousand more. The remainder of the cost was covered by existing church funds.



Volunteers at our Spring Clean up

Celebrating our 100th anniversary by giving

At Cordova Bay United Church, we celebrate generosity. So what better way to honour the 100th anniversary of The United Church of Canada than by giving to those who need help?

We started by setting ourselves the ambitious goal of raising \$25,000 for the Mission and Service Fund.

Mission and Service provides clean water, food, shelter, medical aid, community of faith support, refugee programs, and emergency aid – both in Canada and globally.

We have also set ourselves a local goal: to donate items each month to community organizations that help people in need in Greater Victoria.

In October, we collected a large shopping cart full of food for donation to the Saanich Peninsula Lions Food Bank.

In November, we collected two large bags of children's mitts, hats and socks for families at the Cridge Centre for the Family.

In December, we collected 82 gifts worth \$4,100 for the Angel Gifts Christmas program at Our Place.

Helping Those in Need

\$5,100 to Our Place, including:

\$1,000 for the hot meals program

82 Christmas gifts for people in need valued at more than \$4,100 as part of the Angel Gift Program

\$500 for the For The Love of Africa

\$500 for accommodation for an Indigenous woman

\$200 grocery gift card to Olha Shuliak, who emigrated from Ukraine with her two children and attends CBUC services

\$15,210 to the United Church Mission and Service Fund, which supports national and international aid programs: things like soup kitchens and refugee programs in Canada and global projects that allow people to access clean water, food and medical care



**Donations for
The Cridge Centre for the Family**



Another successful Angel Gift Program

Helping Those in Need

1 shopping cart full of food delivered to the Saanich Peninsula Lions Food Bank in November as part of CBUC's celebration of the 100th anniversary of the United Church of Canada

5 large bags of socks were collected by the Caring Committee: three for Our Place and two for Mustard Seed

2 groups of knitters—the CBUC Knitting Group and Berwick House Knitters—provided the Caring Committee with extra small clothing for premature babies. The clothing was delivered to the neonatal intensive care unit and foster parents

\$975 for Our Place raised by the John Reischmann Christmas bluegrass concert

Endowment Fund supports work of church

In 2024, Cordova Bay United Church received a bequest of \$500,000 from the estate of longtime member Edwina Sprecher.

The bequest stipulated that the church use the funds to create “an endowment fund to be known as the Edwina Grace Sprecher Endowment Fund for the benefit of Cordova Bay United Church”.

The bequest also stated that the income from the endowment fund will be used annually at the discretion of the church council for the area of greatest need.

Council created the Edwina Grace Sprecher Endowment Fund. The fund is managed by Frontier Capital Funds — the same investment firm that manages the church’s Legacy Fund.

The Cordova Bay United Church Board of Trustees administer the endowment fund.

In 2024, the fund disbursed monthly income to the church totalling \$25,226. The income was included in the church’s budget.

As well, the fund contributed \$64,000 in share income in 2024. These funds have been placed in a reserve fund.

In total, the Edwina Grace Sprecher Endowment Fund contributed nearly \$90,000 to the work and mission of the church in 2024.



Making an Impact in the Community

\$4,585

donated by Ethel Wilson Women's Group to local organizations:

- **\$1,335** in grocery gift cards to the Cridge Family Centre's food cupboard
- **\$650** to Women In Need
- **\$650** to Bridges for Women
- **\$650** to 1 Up Single Parent Resource Centre
- **\$650** to Victoria Sexual Assault Centre
- **\$650** to Victoria Women's Shelter

\$500

for a bursary for an indigenous student at the University of Victoria

\$200

for Mustard Seed Food Bank

\$1,000

for Jasper United Church, which was destroyed by a forest fire

\$300

for St. Mary and St. George Anglican Church in Jasper, which was destroyed by a forest fire

Phyllis Gaskell turned 100!

Longtime Cordova Bay United Church member Phyllis Gaskell turned 100 in 2024. What an amazing accomplishment for an amazing woman.

Phyllis joined CBUC in 1980 and was an active member of the Carrot Seed Board for many years. And as a life member of Langham Court Theatre she was always entertaining at our Annual Soiree.

Pastor Beth wished Phyllis Happy Birthday on behalf of the congregation.



Cordova Bay United's Africa connection

For more than 20 years Cordova Bay United Church has been connected to the For The Love of Africa Society and its work in Tanzania.

For The Love of Africa is a non-profit humanitarian group that began at Cordova Bay United Church. Support from the larger community was so enthusiastic, a separate society was formed.

Over the years, For The Love of Africa has partnered with local communities in Tanzania to build a range of facilities, including a medical clinic, several schools and a technical institute.

In 2024, For The Love of Africa and Cordova Bay United Church joined together to host a Valentine Tea fundraiser with proceeds shared between the two organizations.





Ethel Wilson Women's Group supporting The Cridge Centre for the Family with gift cards and clothing



Caring for Others

- 30** emails a week sent to members by Ministry personnel
- 12** phone calls per month to members by Ministry personnel
- 5** visits by Ministry personnel
- 30** cards sent by the Caring Committee to those who were bereaved or experiencing health concerns
- 4** prayer shawls were distributed to provide comfort to those going through a difficult time.
- 4** Memorial teas organized by the Ethel Wilson Women's Group
- 47** "mail hugs" set out by Ethel Wilson Women's Group honouring birthdays, anniversaries, bereavements and other life events
- 2** large bags of children's mitts, hats and socks collected and donated to families at the Cridge Centre for the Family

Our financial year

Thanks to the generosity of members past and present, Cordova Bay United Church ended 2024 in the black.

The church closed out the year with a surplus of \$9,391. After transfers and depreciation, the budget was balanced.

Again, thank you to everyone who contributed throughout the year. Your financial support is crucial to the work and mission of Cordova Bay United.

In 2024, you gave a total of \$264,654 in donations – down \$26,752 from the year before or about 9%.

However, the decrease in donations was offset by contributions from the Edwina Grace Sprecher Endowment Fund and the Legacy Fund. The Endowment fund contributed \$25,226 while the Legacy Fund generated \$6,087.

As well, the number of outside groups renting our church facilities increased dramatically in September, resulting in an increase in church rentals of more than \$8,000 from 2023.

Other areas that saw increases from 2023 included M&S and fundraising. We raised \$15,210 for M&S in 2024, up \$4,247 from the year before, or 39%. And we raised \$12,517 in fundraisers in 2024 – up \$3,185 or 34%.

Carrot Seed Preschool’s contribution to the budget fell slightly in 2024 to \$29,300 – down from \$33,400 in 2023, or 12%.

On the expenses side, we had total expenses of \$367,750 in 2024. That was about \$13,600 less than last year or about 3.5%.

2025 FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME

Total Givings	\$ 264,654.00
Use of Building	\$ 33,537.00
Legacy/Endowment*	\$31,313
Carrot Seed	\$ 29,300.00
Fundraisers	\$ 12,517.00
Grants	\$ 5,290.00
Other	\$ 530.00
Total Income	\$ 377,141.00

EXPENSES

Ministerial & Clerical	\$ 226,083.00
Committees	\$ 9,300.00
Local Outreach	\$ 3,592.00
Building Operations	\$ 85,728.00
Administration	\$ 27,837.00
M&S	\$ 15,212.00
Total Expenses	\$ 367,750.00

Net Income \$ 9,391.00
(before transfers and depreciation)

* Edwina Sprecher Endowment



Financial Facts

\$377,141 income — \$11,741 more than the budget

\$367,750 expenses — \$1,200 less than the budget

\$9,391 surplus for the year before transfers and depreciation

\$4.3 million assessed value of the church – up 7% from the year previous

\$124,867 value of the church Legacy Fund as of Dec. 31, 2024 – an increase of \$11,546 from 2023

\$500,000 bequest from longtime member Edwina Sprecher for an endowment fund

Financial Facts

\$89,226 total income in 2024 from the Edwina Grace Sprecher Endowment Fund (\$25,226 in the operating budget and \$64,000 in reserve fund)

\$4,700 rental income per month since September

\$27,999 directly helping those locally and around the world through M&S and donations to projects like Angel Gifts and the Cridge Centre for the Family

57% of donations came from PAR

35% of donations came from offering envelopes



Cordova Bay
United Church

Where the money came from

\$264,654	total givings – down \$3,246 from what was budgeted
\$138,128	givings through PAR (pre-authorized remittance) – \$15,272 less than budgeted
\$101,383	givings through general donations such as envelopes – \$14,983 more than budgeted
\$33,537	from rental income - \$8,537 more than budgeted
\$31,313	from the Sprecher Endowment Fund and Legacy Fund - \$6,313 more than budgeted
\$29,300	from Carrot Seed Preschool — \$2,100 less than budgeted
\$12,517	from fundraisers (about 3.3% of total income)
129	identifiable donors in 2024
51	donated by PAR (pre-authorized remittance)
30	donated by envelope
38	donated by loose cheques, non-church envelopes, church visitor envelopes
3	donated regularly online through Canada Helps

Cordova Bay United Church

—Our Vision: an inclusive community living out Christ's love and care for the world.—

Where the money went

- \$15,212** to the Mission and Service Fund – an increase of \$4,247 from the year before or 39%
- \$226,083** for ministry, clerical and support staff (salaries, benefits) - down \$15,351 from 2023
- \$36,440** for custodial — down \$1,633 from the year before
- \$30,000** for new carpet
- \$16,335** for hydro — down \$28 from 2023
- \$15,892** for insurance — up \$1,115 from the year previous

How to support the work of the church

We need everyone contributing if we are to fulfill our mission of “living out Christ’s love and care for the world”.

Here’s how you can help financially:

PRE-AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE

This easy method is an alternative to church envelopes. Your donation is withdrawn from your bank account around the 20th of the month. You can stop or add to your donation at any time. If you are interested please contact the [church office](#).

OFFERING ENVELOPES

We offer “Weekly Offering Envelopes” that can be used for cash or cheques. Contact the [church office](#) if you would like to receive a yearly set of envelopes.

ONLINE

Donations can also be made online through our secure [website](#).

STRUCTURAL ORGANIZATION FOR CORDOVA BAY UNITED CHURCH

The Congregation

Church Council

**Executive: Chair, Vice-Chair, Council Secretary, Minister
Members: Chairs of committees,
Board of Trustees, Carrot Seed Preschool, Music Liaison**

Committees

**Caring
Communication
Ministry and Personnel
Nominating
Outreach and M&S
Property
Stewardship**

Special Groups

**Ethel Wilson
Men's Breakfast
Library
Cordova Café
Knitting Group
Book Club
Soiree**

Carrot Seed Preschool

Comings and Goings

- **Pastor Beth Parsons** was formally ordained on June 2 in a ceremony in Vancouver.
- Early in the year, the congregation welcomed two new Children and Youth Coordinators: **Moira Dennis** and **Marcia Goodwin**.
- In August, **Marcia Goodwin** stepped down as Children and Youth Coordinator.
- The congregation welcomed **Grace Cave** as the new Children and Youth Coordinator. Grace joined Moira Dennis.
- **Clare Walker** became Secretary of Church Council, in addition to her role as chair of the Stewardship Committee.
- After many years of exemplary service, **Ed Hickcox** retired as a member of the Board of Trustees.
- **Atholl Malcolm** was elected to the Board of Trustees.
- We welcomed **Isaac Cain-Tallo** as the new summer programs assistant.
- **Dave Staples** retired from the Property Committee after many years of service.
- **Orma Paton** stepped down after six years as secretary of the Caring Committee.
- **Marcia Goodwin** was welcomed as a new member of the Caring Team.
- **Joanne Thomas** stepped down as chair of the Caring Committee and assumed duties as committee secretary.
- **Pastor Beth Parsons** is the new chair the Caring Committee.
- After years of dedicated service and leadership, **Peter Gray** stepped down as chair of the IT/Technical Team.
- **Rob Glenn** was welcomed as the chair of the IT/Technical Team.
- **Bob Krueckl** retired from the IT/Technical team after many years of service.
- **Sue Christensen** and **Melissa Nagy** were welcomed as new members of the IT/Technical Team.
- After 15 years of invaluable service, **Ria Korteweg** stepped down as Donation Record Administrator.



In Memoriam

**Martha Anna Bjelde
David Chambers
Russ Morgan
Pat Shumka
Dennis Burke
Jack Howe
Alan Hodgson**

May their memory be a blessing.

This annual report captures just the highlights of the work of groups and committees at CBUC.

We encourage you to read their full reports for an in depth look at all their achievements.

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