



Cordova Bay
United Church

Announcements

December 22, 2024

Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 22

- * Worship, 10am, In-Person and Livestream
Followed by Fellowship Time in the Hall.
- * Community Carol Sing, 6pm, outside

Tuesday, December 24

- * Worship Meeting, 9:45am, Friendship Room
- * Christmas Eve Service, 4pm, In-Person and Livestream



Community Carol Sing December 22

Join us for our Community Carol Sing and Cider, Dec 22 at 6pm.

Come let your voices soar with Christmas songs old and new. Dress warmly because we will be outside around the giant cedar tree. The hot cider will warm you up afterwards.



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Christmas bake sale a hit

The Cordova Café Christmas Bake Sale was a huge success on Saturday, providing holiday fun for everyone who turned out, and raising more than \$2,000 for the mission of Cordova Bay United Church.

The bake sale was well attended by the congregation, their families and friends, and people from the community. Guests were greeted by four tables filled with Christmas baking provided by members of the congregation.

The baking raised \$1,530. In addition, there were handmade cards, brooches, lavender and Teddy Bears that raised another \$500.

Of course, at the Cordova Café "the coffee is always on us", so guests were able to sit down and enjoy a free cup of coffee or tea — and perhaps try some of their newly purchased goodies. They did so while listening to Christmas music provided by members of the CBUC Praise Band.

The cafe and bake sale was put on by the church's Caring Committee. Carol-Ann Staples coordinated the baking and made the brooches. Margaret Bates, Carol-Ann and Lois Steeves made the cards. Ruth Schulz picked, dried and bagged the lavender.



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

Sunday, December 22

- * **Worship, 10am, Sanctuary**
- * Community Carol Sing, 6pm, outside

Monday, December 23

- * Jazzercise, 6pm, Hall

Tuesday, December 24

- * Jazzercise, 8:30am, Hall
- * IH Adult Day Program, 9:30am, Hall
- * **Worship Meeting, 9:45am, Friendship Room**
- * **Christmas Eve Service, 4pm, Sanctuary**

Friday, December 27

- * Jazzercise, 8:30am, Hall

Saturday, December 28

- * Jazzercise, 8:30am, 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.

Onsite Office Hours Dec 23—Jan 2

Onsite office hours will be as follows during the holidays:

Monday, Dec 23, 9am—11am
Tuesday, Dec 24, 9am—12pm
Monday, Dec 30, 9am—11am
Tuesday, Dec 31, 9am—12pm
Thursday, Jan 2, 9am—2pm

Spirit Kids during the holidays

Please note that the Spirit Kids program will not be offered on Sundays, Dec 29 and Jan 5.

Children are welcome to remain with their parents for the entire service; activities for them will be available in the usual area of the Sanctuary.



Our Place Society: A Year in Review

We're coming closer and closer to the end of 2024 and this week, we've asked our housing and shelter teams to reflect on their progress this year.

Homelessness remains one of the most visible challenges in our city. While many people are living rough, hundreds more are in precarious situations, such as couch-surfing or living in their cars.

Through partnerships with BC Housing, Our Place Society operates housing and shelter programs that provide far more than just a roof over someone's head - they create pathways to stability and independence.

These programs include:

- 6 housing sites
- 500 units of supportive housing
- 54 shelter beds at the Our Place downtown community centre
- 24-hour support and care
- Countless nights out of the cold and opportunities to move toward stable, independent living

There are many people transitioning off the street and into housing right now. Thanks to your support, as of this fall, every person living rough has been offered shelter.

You can be part of this vital work, guiding individuals off the streets, providing access to housing, and helping them stabilize and rebuild their lives. Your support ensures pathways to our housing and shelter programs, which serve as a foundation for change - a place where people find hope, dignity, and the opportunity for a brighter future.

Thank you for transforming these pathways and programs into more than just shelter. You're helping to create a pathway to a brighter tomorrow.

With our endless gratitude,

Our Place Society

Join the Conversation

online

Visions and Dreams: A New Year's Address

Monday, January 13, 6-8 p.m. ET



with Moderator Carmen Lansdowne

Special guests: Growth team and church plant leaders



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Grace and hope to you this Advent!

We know it is a challenging time, and we wish you strength and grace as you offer leadership at the many services and events of the season.

2025 is a big year in The United Church of Canada. It's the Centennial AND General Council 45. And we have a lot to be excited about!

The Moderator, The Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne extends an invitation for you to join her on Monday, January 13 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. ET for a New Year's address and town hall built around the theme of visions and dreams (which also happens to be the theme of GC45!).

Kick off a year of looking outward-upward-inward and embracing renewal and growth as a sign of hope.

Joining the Moderator will be the Growth team leadership and the new church plant leads. As well as a pastoral welcome to the new and Centennial year, this session will be a national introduction to Growth and emerging Racialized migrants and diasporic Communities of Faith. Find out more about the three streams of work underway to revitalize and activate growth in the denomination: Renew, with a focus on existing communities of faith; Create; Invite.

Where do you see signs of hope in the church?

There will be an opportunity for you to tell us, and to ask questions during a half-hour Q&A at the end of the session.

Join the Moderator in conversation with the Church. And the Church in conversation with emerging church plant leads.

Dream on. Share in the vision. Start the new year with hope and inspiration.

This will be a bilingual event with live interpretation.

Everyone is welcome. Register on **[CHURCHx](#)**.