

Announcements

December 8, 2024

Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 8

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

Tuesday, December 10

- * Worship Meeting, 9:45am, Friendship Room

Thursday, December 12

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

Friday, December 13

- * Cordova Café setup, 5:30pm, Hall

Saturday, December 14

- * Choir Cantata Rehearsal, 9am, Sanctuary
- * Men's Breakfast Group, 9am, Friendship Room
- * Cordova Café and Christmas Bake Sale, 10am—
12 noon, Hall

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

Sunday, December 8

- * **Worship, 10am, Sanctuary**
- * Piano Recital Rehearsal, 1:45pm, Sanctuary
- * Saanich Squares, 7pm, Hall

Monday, December 9

- * Yoga, 10:45am, Hall
- * Jazzercise, 6pm, Hall
- * Embers, 6pm, Youth Lounge
- * Victoria Arion Male Choir, 6:30pm, Sanctuary
- * Embers, 7pm, Hall

Tuesday, December 10

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

Wednesday, December 11

- * Royal Oak Women's Institute, 10am, Friendship Room
- * Yoga, 10:45am, Hall
- * Sparks, 5pm, Hall
- * Jazzercise, 6pm, Hall

Thursday, December 12

- * Jazzercise, 8:30am, Hall
- * IH Adult Day Program, 9:30am, Hall
- * Zumba, 5pm, Hall
- * Cubs, 6:15pm, Hall
- * **Chime Choir Practice, 6:30pm, Sanctuary**
- * **Choir Practice, 7pm, Sanctuary**

Friday, December 13

- * Jazzercise, 8:30am, Hall
- * Chair Yoga, 10:30am, Hall
- * KSI Karate, 4:30pm, Hall
- * **Cordova Café setup, 5:30pm, Hall**

Saturday, December 14

- * **Choir Cantata Rehearsal, 9am, Sanctuary**
- * **Men's Breakfast Group, 9am, Friendship Room**
- * **Cordova Café, 10—12 noon, Hall**
- * Country Cousins Square Dance Club, 7pm, 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.

Cordova Café Christmas Bake Sale

Saturday, Dec. 14 10 am - noon

Bring your family, friends and neighbours!



Delicious homemade cookies, cakes, squares, pies, candies and more

Handmade cards, designer brooches and lavender pouches

And the coffee is always on us.



Bake, Bake, Bake

Loaves, cookies and some cake
Squares that taste so good
We'll sell any sweet food

Although we don't keep score
We do keep asking "more" "more"

We are looking forward to receiving your contributions for our Christmas Bake Sale, Saturday, Dec 14 before 9am.

Plan to join us at Cordova Café. During that time you can buy your friends baking and be all set for Christmas.

A message from Council....

Council has given their blessing to form a committee to begin the process of exploring becoming an affirming ministry in the UCC. We are asking our community of faith here at Cordova Bay to prayerfully consider serving on this committee.

Please contact Pastor Beth if you have any questions and if you want to participate in this meaningful project.

Blessings, The Council.

Christmas Services

Dec 1, 10am

Dec 8, 10am

Dec 15, 10am (CBU Choir Christmas Cantata)

Dec 22, 10am

Christmas Eve
Dec 24, 4pm

Services available in person
and online at
www.cbunited.ca

Cordova Bay United Church
Presents

Sing We Now of Christmas

Enjoy the music of Christmas throughout the season with the CD **Sing We Now of Christmas**. Featuring Elizabeth Parsons on vocals and Glenn Parsons on piano, this CD is guaranteed to get you in the Christmas spirit! Available in the church office.

 **Via Choralis**
Performance Society

Proudly Presents a Choral Concert



Carols for Christmas

Artistic Director: Kathryn Whitney

Pianist: Yousef Shadian

Guest soloists; Alex Chen, baritone and Larry Skaggs, Cello

A concert of traditional Carols from Canada and Europe

Featuring: Fantasia on Christmas Carols

by Ralph Vaughan Williams

Also featuring an audience "sing along" of favourite Carols

St. Elizabeth's Church 1003 Third Street, Sidney BC

Sunday, December 15th 2:00 p.m.

Tickets \$35 Children under 12 \$10

available at: Tanner's Books, Sidney Seaberry Garden@ Matticks Farm

Choir members, or at the door


Christmas
Bake Sale
Tuesday, December 10th
9 AM to 2 PM
Cordova Bay 55+ Association
Cordova Bay Elementary School
5238 Cordova Bay Road

Tarts
Cookies

Squares
&
More



Kids have fun at Messy Christmas

Laughter, singing, and joy rang throughout Cordova Bay United Church on Friday evening as 20 children took part in the fun of Messy Christmas.

When they arrived, the children set to work at an assortment of craft tables where they decorated gingerbread cookies, used glue and coloured paper to make a Christmas wreath, crafted their own snowman, and decorated a Christmas tree.

Then the children and their families — 55 people in all — sat down to a delicious dinner of chicken strips, fries and a fresh vegetable platter prepared and served by the Ethel Wilson Women's Group.

Following dinner, the children made their way into the sanctuary where Children and Youth Leader Moira Dennis read them a Christmas story.

Children and Youth Leader Grace Cave then led the children in Christmas carols, to the rousing accompaniment of Lynn Dennis on piano.

The evening ended with each child receiving a handmade stocking filled with goodies. Barb Waldner handed out the stockings, which were made by Carol-Ann Staples.



Church donates children's mitts, hats, socks

Willa Burke of Cordova Bay United Church Monday delivered two large bags full of children's clothing to the Cridge Centre for the Family. The new mitts, hats and socks will go to support children in need.

The CBUC congregation made the donations as part of its celebration of the 100th anniversary of the United Church of Canada.

The United Church was inaugurated on June 10, 1925 in Toronto, Ontario, when the Methodist Church, the Congregational Union and 70 percent of The Presbyterian Church in Canada entered into a union.

Cordova Bay United is celebrating the 100th anniversary by raising \$25,000 for the United Church's Mission and Service Fund. The Mission and Service Fund provides clean water, food, shelter, medical aid, community of faith support, refugee programs and emergency aid — both in Canada around the world.

During this anniversary year, Cordova Bay United is also supporting local groups in need with special fundraising campaigns.

In October, CBUC collected donations of food and delivered them to the Saanich Peninsula Lions Food Bank in Sidney.

In November, the congregation collected children's mitts, hats and socks for families at the Cridge Centre for the Family.

The congregation is collecting Christmas gifts during December for donation to those in need in the inner-city as part of the Angel Gift Christmas program run by Our Place.



Willa Burke (left) of Cordova Bay United Church and Candace Stretch of The Cridge Centre for the Family with mitts, hats and socks for children in need

Women donate over \$4,500

The Ethel Wilson Women's Group donated more than \$4,500 this Christmas season to six community organizations that provide much-needed support for women and children in Greater Victoria.

The women's group collected \$1335 worth of grocery gift cards at its annual Christmas luncheon attended by 31 women of the church. The gift cards will go to families in need through The Cridge Centre for the Family.

As well, the Ethel Wilson Women's Group donated \$650 each to:

- 1-Up (Single Resource Centre)
 - Bridges for Women
 - Victoria Sexual Assault Centre
 - Women in Need
- Victoria Women's Shelter.

The funds come from the group's fundraising activities throughout the year.



On behalf of the Ethel Wilson Women's Group, Joan Young (left) gives \$1,335 in grocery gift cards to Candace Stretch, manager of supportive housing and family services for the Cridge Centre

Carrot Seed Playground looking neat and tidy

Everyone at the Carrot Seed Preschool would like to thank all the volunteers who spent time raking and cleaning the playground on Saturday, November 23 as part of the general fall cleaning of the church grounds. Our playground looks lovely.



Tis the Season

It's no surprise to us at CBUC that our sanctuary is a great venue for music concerts and recitals. The space offers great acoustics and looks absolutely fabulous with the seasonal poinsettias and even more so with brand new carpet.

This past Sunday afternoon, was the first of many music recitals that our sanctuary will play host to during the month of December. Deborah Baynes rented our sanctuary for the first time last May and knew then that she had to return with her students for a Christmas recital.

Still to come, the Victoria Arion Male Choir concert on Dec 7, A Bluegrass Christmas, also on Dec 7, and a piano recital from the studio of Toshiko Tampo on Dec 15.



Two recitals in one afternoon from the Studio of Deborah Baynes