

February 12, 2023

## Announcements

# Cordova Bay United

## Black History Month

### Keep in Touch

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### Upcoming Events

#### Sunday, February 12

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

#### Tuesday, February 14

- \* Worship Meeting, 9:30am, Friendship Room

#### Wednesday, February 15

- \* Knitting Group, 1pm, Hall
- \* Property Meeting, 4pm, Friendship Room
- \* Stewardship Meeting, 7pm, ZOOM

#### Thursday, February 16

- \* Caring Ministry, 10:15am, Friendship Room
- \* Chime Choir Practice, 6:15pm, Sanctuary
- \* Choir Practice, 7pm, Sanctuary

#### Friday, February 17

- \* Book Club, 10am, Hall



## A Message from Your Chair of Council...

Laurie Mueller has joined Council as Co-chair Elect since the Council meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Let's give our thanks to Laurie. Laurie and I will stand for the nomination as co-chairs of the 2023 Council at our AGM.

The date for the 2022 Annual General Meeting is set for Sunday February 26. Please mark your calendar. The AGM will be held in person. The plan is to have a light lunch after the worship service, before the meeting. The light lunch is our first fund raising event of the fiscal year.

Fund raising is an important part of our collective effort to maintain the church's financial health and viability. We have been very successful throughout the years. In 2022, our major fund raising event, the Country Fair, raised \$20,000 and that has helped us to balance the budget.

However, with our aging congregation, it would be difficult to organize another Country Fair of that same scale. We will need to think of doing smaller fund raising events, multiple events throughout the year, something physically more manageable. For example, we are planning to have a fund raising event on May 27, our usually Country Fair day, but it will be different, smaller scale, and less labour intensive. We need ideas and most importantly, we need a few volunteers to be the stewards of the fund raising events so we can do fund-raising in a coordinated, organized manner. A successful fund raising year will help us balance the 2023 budget.

If you are interested in serving this important role, please contact Jiemei Li 250 704-0168 or [jiemeili@hotmail.com](mailto:jiemeili@hotmail.com)



## Annual General Meeting Sunday, February 26

After worship

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

There will be a light lunch in the hall following the worship service and then we will gather in the sanctuary for the meeting.

## Charitable Tax Receipts

Our thanks to Ria Korteweg, our faithful donation Record Steward, who so diligently prepares and emails the charitable tax receipts to each of us for our yearly donations. Thank you Ria.

For those who receive them electronically, they were sent Saturday, February 4. If you did not receive an email with the receipt attached, check your junk mail. Still no receipt, please contact Ria directly at [rkorteweg@shaw.ca](mailto:rkorteweg@shaw.ca).

For those who requested a printed copy, Ria will be distributing them at the church this Sunday.

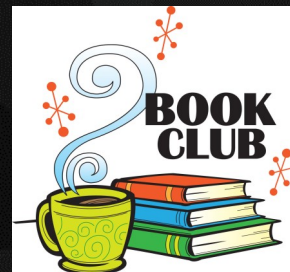
If you have any questions about your statement, please contact Ria Korteweg directly.

Thank you.

## Come Join the Bookies!

The next meeting of the Bookies is Friday, February 17th at 10 am in the Hall. We are featuring books by the author, Lisa Genova who writes prolifically about disabilities.

Choose a book and join us for a lively discussion!





## Welcoming newcomers

We have created a couple of resources to help you help us welcome and connect our newcomers. Our 'Keep in Touch' card includes the church's phone number, email address, website and YouTube channel information.



### Join us for Worship, Sundays at 10am!

We welcome you in-person and online.  
Doors open at 9:30am.

The service is also available  
via livestreaming on the

[Cordova Bay United YouTube Channel.](#)

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

For newcomers wanting to get connected through our electronic communications (announcements, order of service, etc.), please invite them to complete our 'Connect' card and forward the card to the office so that they might be added to the weekly email distribution lists.

## Connect

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Address:

Printed copies of the weekly announcements are also available for those who do not or choose not to receive electronic communication.

## Community Care Bulletin Board

We now have a bulletin board in the hall dedicated to Community Care notices from our members. If you would like to reach out to the community to share a service or need a service (for example, housecleaning) or have or need a particular item, feel free to add a notice to this bulletin board.



Currently we have someone looking for housecleaning services and someone who is downsizing and has an item for sale.

You might also consider advertising using our CBUC Friendship Page (separate from our CBUC Facebook Page).

## Join the CBUC Friendship Page

Our 'friends' Facebook page, entitled CBUC Friendship Page currently has 44 members. You are invited to join the fun.



We are now adding WANT ADS to our conversation. Even if you are not on Facebook, you can drop off (by email or in person) your posting and it will be put onto our church friends only page.

Want to get on Facebook but don't know how? Leave your name at the office and if we get at least 10 people, we will run a workshop in the early spring. \$20 workshop fee will go to our church fundraising efforts.

**COMING SOON!**

Keep your eyes and ears open  
for an announcement coming  
in the next couple of weeks from the  
Ethel Wilson Women's Group.





## National Affirming/PIE Day Public | Intentional | Explicit

Love is a circle. It's irrational, inclusive, and infinite.  
And we're delighted to add an Affirming twist to  
International Pi Day celebrations on 3.14, March 14, every year.

*This year Cordova Bay United Church will celebrate  
National Affirming/PIE DAY on Sunday, March 19th!*

*Pie to follow the worship service!*

Mmmmm... pie. Why PIE?

The United Church has been using the acronym PIE because it's easy to remember and stands for Public, Intentional, and Explicit: the standard for an affirming welcome of LGBTQIA+ and Two Spirit people. PIE represents three ways for us to test just how real our Affirmation and celebration of gender or sexual diversity is. Each of the three concepts supports the others.

**Public** = Being out and proud! Especially in religious contexts, it's not the norm for queer folks to truly know and feel that they will be embraced exactly as they are. Being Public means using symbols and signs echoed outside and inside your building, in your services, programs and in all other facets of the life of your organization. Openly using the language of gender and sexual diversity. Living out being Public means showing up in public places to support gender and sexual diversity, especially when local or global events lead to vulnerability, silencing, and violence. The broader community should know who you are; a witness to the wider community that God's love extends to everyone equally and without reserve. This is still a radical message! MORE PIE PLEASE!

**Intentional** = Putting thought and resources into action! Many people and groups, the church included, assume that gender and sexual diversity are now fully accepted, so "special" efforts are no longer needed. This sadly isn't true. Society has come a long way, but there is a long way to go, and churches have inherited centuries of transphobic and homophobic oppression carried out in the name of God. Affirming people and churches are still a minority, and that minority needs to express radical love with intention.

**Explicit** = Not Having to Wonder! Church should be a place of wonder, not a place where you have to wonder whether you will belong or not. This is why explicitly naming and Affirming queerness and queer folks is so important. There is a power in a name, especially when LGBTQIA+ names have for centuries been used as insults.

MORE PIE PLEASE!

*If you would be willing to bake a pie for our PIE day celebrations, please contact the church office.*

