

February 19, 2023

Black History Month

Cordova Bay United

Announcements

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 19

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

Tuesday, February 21

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

Wednesday, February 22

- * Band Practice, 1:30pm, Sanctuary
- * Ash Wednesday Service, 6:30pm
In-Person and Livestream
- * Council Meeting, 7:15pm, ZOOM

Thursday, February 23

- * Chime Choir Practice, 6:15pm, Sanctuary
- * Choir Practice, 7pm, Sanctuary

Sunday, February 26

- * Worship, 10am, In-Person and Livestream,
followed by luncheon and Annual Meeting.

**Let's begin our Lenten journey together
with a worship service on
Ash Wednesday, February 22 at 6:30pm
In-Person and Livestream**

Soup and Bun Lunch Sunday, February 26

We are planning a fund-raiser for the Church, after the service and before the AGM, on February 26. The plan is to have a soup and bun lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the service. There will be a variety of delicious soups available, including vegan, each bowl served with a fresh home-made bun or gluten free crackers, as well as the usual tea and coffee. Please come and enjoy fellowship over a light lunch and then feel energized to attend our Annual General Meeting at 12:30pm.

Donations gratefully accepted with the suggestion of a \$5 minimum per bowl of soup, (cash appreciated).

The monies are to benefit Cordova Bay United Church so we can carry on with our mission and vision. The donation is to pay for soup, so tax receipts cannot be provided.

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Annual General Meeting Next 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 soup and bun lunch (by donation) in the hall following the worship service and then we will gather in the sanctuary for the meeting.

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.

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.



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.

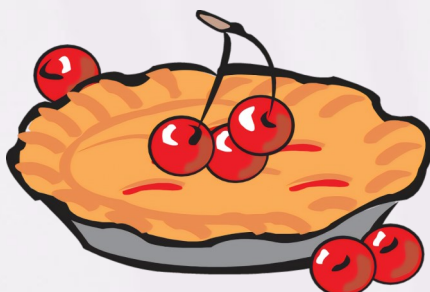
Public = Being out and proud! Especially in religious contexts, it's not the norm for queer folks to truly know and feel that they will be embraced exactly as they are. Being Public means using symbols and signs echoed outside and inside your building, in your services, programs and in all other facets 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.





Men's Breakfast Group Cancelled for February

The Men's Breakfast Group, which generally meets on the fourth Saturday of the month, will not be meeting in February. The meeting has also been cancelled for March as the Men's Group will be actively involved in Messy Church scheduled for March 17.

The group will meet again on Saturday, April 22 at 9am in the Hall.



The Young Black Scholars Project

The Young Black Scholars Project is part of the United Church's commitment to the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent.

Six young Black participants affiliated with United Church communities of faith will be researched various aspects of Black experiences in Canadian churches as part of a learning community.

The Young Black Scholars Project launched in 2020. These links lead to the finished products of their engagement in the program:

- **Jonisha Lewinson**
["I Got a Lot to Say" blog](#)
- **Brianna Lane**
["The Black Journey" blog](#)
- **Amelia Brohman**
["Confusing Pain" blog](#)
- **Noah Janosch Brown**
["Emancipation Is a Celebration of Our Beauty"](#)
and ["Space for Creation and Discovery"](#) blogs
- **Andrew Johnson**
["Prayer in Poetry for Black People in Canada"](#)

This program is supported by the Mission and Service Fund of The United Church of Canada.

United For Old-Growth

March & Rally – February 25

BC's ancient forests are in trouble; less than 3% remain, and many of these are being felled while you read this. Join with members of our congregation, and over 200 other organizations that have signed the **Declaration for Old Growth** (tinyurl.com/united-for-old-growth), at the March and Rally. Our new premier, David Eby, has promised to accelerate deferment of old growth forests – let's encourage him to follow through.

March: Noon, Centennial Square
(lək'wəŋən territories, Victoria)

Rally: 1:30-3:30 pm, BC Legislature