

Cordova Bay United Church

Announcements

January 19, 2025

Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 19

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

Tuesday, January 21

- Worship Meeting, 9:45am, Friendship Room

Wednesday, January 22

- Church Council, 7pm, Friendship Room

Thursday, January 23

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

The Affirming Committee here at Cordova Bay is still looking for one or two more members to join.

The Affirming Ministries Program is a network of primarily United Church ministries that strive to be fully inclusive of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.



The committee at Cordova Bay United will be formed and start the process of education and awareness on the journey of being a fully "inclusive community living out Christ's love and a care for the world." (CBUC mission statement). After careful prayer and consideration, please contact Pastor Beth if you wish to be a part of this important process.

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

Sunday, January 19

- **Worship, 10am, Sanctuary**
- **Saanich Squares, 7pm, Hall**

Monday, January 20

- Yoga, 11am, Hall
- Embers, 6pm, Youth Lounge
- Jazzercise, 6pm, Hall
- Victoria Arion Male Choir, 6:30pm, Sanctuary
- Embers, 7pm, Hall

Tuesday, January 21

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

Wednesday, January 22

- Yoga, 11am, Hall
- Sparks, 5pm, Hall
- Jazzercise, 6pm, Hall
- **Church Council, 7pm, Friendship Room**

Thursday, January 23

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

Friday, January 24

- Jazzercise, 8:30am, Hall
- Chair Yoga, 10:30am, Hall
- KSI Karate, 4:30pm, Hall
- Scouts, 7pm, Hall

Saturday, January 25

- Jazzercise, 8:30am, Hall
- Zumba, 10:30am, Hall
- Country Cousins, 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.



Our January Community Collection is for Margaret Laurence House

For the month of January CBUC will be receiving donations of cleaning items listed below for the following organization.

Margaret Laurence House (MLH) is a community-based second stage program for women who are leaving an abusive intimate relationship and who have their children in their care at least 50% of the time. MLH provides housing, support, counselling and advocacy. We believe that all individuals have a basic human right to live in a non-violent world. Our role is to provide a safe place where women's values are accepted and respected. We believe women have the right to direct their own lives. As a result, all programming offered to women is trauma informed and works to help women establish their own goals and develop strategies to meet those goals.

Receiving the extra support from Cordova Bay United Church with the cleaning supplies will help the families living here to keep a clean safe environment for them and their children. More importantly, it frees up money in their often tight budget for necessary food and clothing for their children.

Suggested items are:

- Cleaning fluids for kitchen or bath
- Cleaning cloths/brushes, sponges
- Indoor Garbage bags
- Dish Detergent
- Powdered Laundry Detergent



What is a prayer chain?

Members of our prayer chain ministry take up the responsibility to pray, in their own time and place, for persons or concerns made known to them by the prayer chain leaders who receive the prayer requests; lifting up those who have asked for prayers, literally surrounding them with thoughts and prayers.

Anyone can be a member of the prayer chain. Anyone can ask for a prayer request. For more information contact Roselyn Jones.



Ethel Wilson Women's Group Tuesday, January 28 1:30pm



The Ethel Wilson Women's group will meet January 28th, 1:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Our speaker will be Carol Turnbull, Executive Director of Saanich Volunteer Services Society. This is a nonprofit organization that connects volunteers with community members looking for support. They provide a range of services aimed at enhancing the well-being of individuals in Saanich, particularly seniors, older adults and elders who are facing challenges in daily living. All women are welcome.

Seeking Accommodation

Hello Friends,



I am visiting from PEI, and my accommodation has fallen through. Ideally, I am looking for independent living such as a suite, house/dog sitting situation. I would also be comfortable, if you are, with shared accommodations, if you have a spare room. I am able to contribute to expenses with a stipend or reasonable rent. Hickory comes with me too, he is a service dog, very well trained lad. If you know of anyone who could help in this regards, please let me know at mitmag2@me.com

Many blessings, Ray MacDonald

Lenten Book Study Wednesdays, March 12—April 16

Pastor Beth Parsons will be hosting a Lenten Book study, Wednesdays 10am—11:30am, March 12—April 16, exploring a new book by Amy-Jill Levine, **Jesus for Everyone: Not Just Christians**. Why Jesus's historic and cultural influence makes him fascinating, provocative, and relevant for everyone, not only Christians.

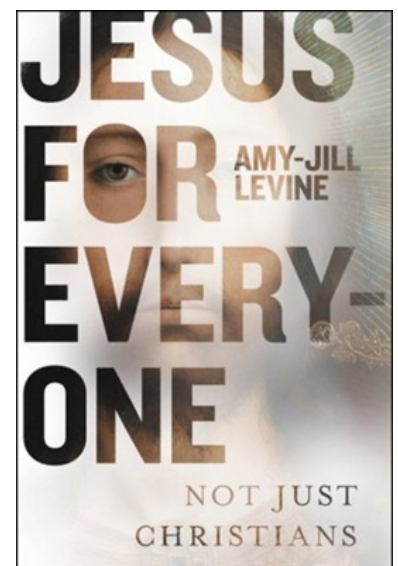
Two thousand years after his birth and death, Jesus of Nazareth continues to be of vital interest. Yet much of the scholarship around Jesus focuses on his religious significance. Jesus for Everyone examines his most famous teachings from a fresh perspective, exploring how they have continued to shape ethics and civilization in the West for two millennia.

Even for those who reject faith, Jesus's life and his philosophy are important to study, writes renowned biblical scholar and author Amy-Jill Levine, because of the insights they hold for us today. Poring through scripture, analyzing what historical scholarship has revealed about Jesus's views on a number of subjects—including women—reveals surprising messages sure to be fascinating to all readers.

Placing Jesus of Nazareth within his historical context, Levine brings him vividly into focus and invites everyone from faithful Christians, agnostics, and the most committed nonbelievers to appreciate his lasting impact on the modern world.

We have ordered 10 copies of the book at a reduced rate through Christian Book and Music. With an additional subsidy from the church for Christian education, the approximate cost of the book will be \$15.

To participate in the study and reserve a copy of the book, please contact the office.



Friendly Giant Comes Down

Over the holidays the giant Douglas Fir in the Carrot Seed Playground was taken down with permission from Saanich. It was determined that the tree was in decline and as such presented a risk to the preschool and the neighbouring homes.

While Island View Tree Service did the limbing, bucking and chipping, Peter Hopkins and Andy Robertson did a major amount of lifting and moving. The tree may be down but it is still in the playground offering an outdoor classroom for the Carrot Seed preschoolers.

And in keeping with the District of Saanich Tree Protection program, a replacement tree will be planted in the near future.



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY PRAYER SERVICE

"Do you believe this?"

John 11:26



Join Christians from across
Vancouver Island to reflect on
and celebrate our common faith.
All are welcome!



January 19, 2025

3:00 pm

St. Andrew's Cathedral

740 View St, Victoria

www.youtube.com/@RCDVictoriaLiveOne/



Valentine Tea

Featuring:

Victorian Vogue

Historical Fashions

"A glimpse of history through the eyes of fashion"

Saturday, February 15th, 2025

Doors open 1:30p.m. Tea served at 2:00p.m.

Cordova Bay United Church Hall

813 Claremont Ave.

Come and bring your friends for a social afternoon of tea and entertainment

Many beautiful Valentine Prizes and Silent Auction

Tickets \$35

For reservations, please call (250) 658-5680

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and

Cordova Bay United Church Community Outreach

