

Cordova Bay United

Announcements

January 7, 2024



Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 7

- * Worship, 10am, In-Person and Livestream
M&S Birthday/Anniversary Recognition
followed by Fellowship Time in the Hall

Tuesday, January 9

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

Thursday, January 11

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

Saturday, January 13

- * Cordova Café, 10am—noon, Hall

Sunday, January 14

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

Wanted: Your used (but in good condition) card tables for gatherings in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Our current tables are getting old and unstable. We want to replenish them. Please drop off your 'in good condition' card tables to the Friendship Room at the church.



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Next Cafe is January 13!

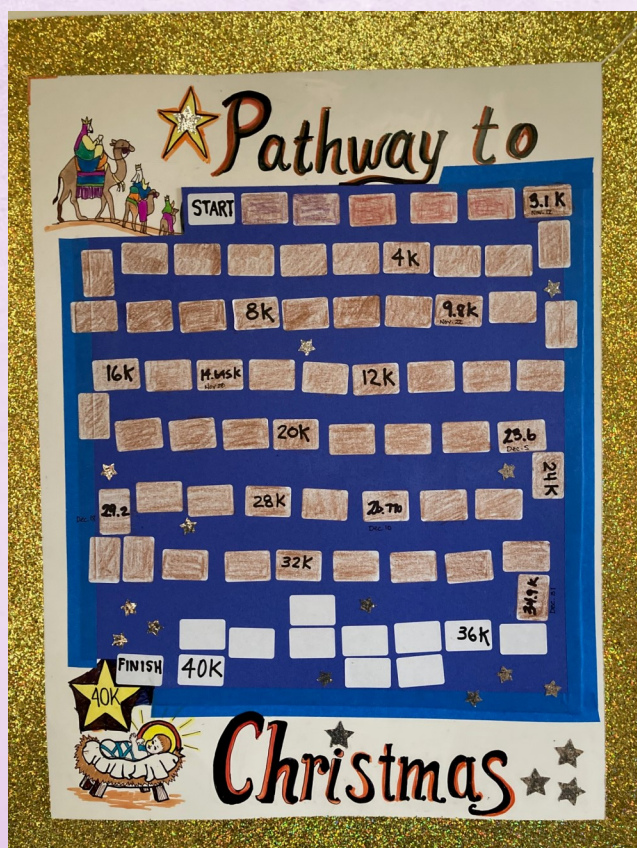
Cordova Cafe'

2nd Saturday of the month
Time: 10 a.m.

Cordova Bay United Church Hall
813 Claremont Ave.

Where friendships are made
&
strong community is cultivated.

PATHWAY TO CHRISTMAS
total now \$34,900



A Stewardship Moment

How can we be light in the world,
shining in the shadows
and offering our gifts to the world?

Dear Cordova Bay United Church:

We are so grateful to you for your generous support this year! Your donations ensured that:

- **470,000+ nourishing meals** were served across seven locations
- **130 foot care treatments** helped save peoples' debilitating cases of 'street feet'
- **408 folks** living rough on the streets and in parks found care through our **Dandelion Outreach** team
- **279** received referrals for **housing**
- **and so much more, because of you.**

On behalf of all those we serve who you may never meet, please know how grateful they, and we, truly are for all you do.

***Happy Holidays
from all of us
at Our Place***

For those who remember Juanita Allen, a former ministry student supported by CBUC when we were the tiny church in Cordova Bay, her annual Christmas letter is posted on the bulletin board in the Front Foyer (Narthex) or read it [here](#).



In 2023/2024

COME SING WITH US

**Learn how to bring the joy of music
to your community
& Receive payment**

Choral scholars

Every year the choir looks for 3 or 4 students with a strong interest in singing and music performance. Applicants will audition for the choir's musical director, Sean Lampard- Quicke. At his discretion there may be opportunities for the successful choral scholars to perform solos, to conduct selected pieces and to provide technical or musical support for the choir. Choral scholars are expected to join us for at least one term and preferably for the full season from September the end of May. During the year there may be up to 4 concerts and shorter performances may occur at smaller community locations such as senior residences. Weekly rehearsals are on Monday evenings from 7PM to 9PM

Scholarships: The amount for 2023/2024 is not yet decided but was \$1,500 for the 2022-2023 season. To apply or for more information, email us at info@vamc.ca For more information about the choir please visit our web site: <https://vamc.ca>

Attention all Male Singers

The Victoria Arion Male Choir is one of the newest choirs in Victoria, BC. In the summer of 2018, the Arion Male Voice Choir (founded 1892) and the Victoria Male Voice Choir (1907) chose to unite into a new choir. The two choirs came to the realization that they could better fulfill their dreams of being "a community of men singing for health and joy" as one group rather than two. It is an exciting new venture which is already proving to be a great success both musically and organizationally. Our musical director, Sean Lampard-Quicke, joined us in 2020 and our collaborative pianist, Jennifer Mitchell joined the choir in 2019.

We are actively seeking new singers for our non-audition choir starting in January 2024, with open houses on Monday January 8th, 15th and 22nd. The choir sings four-part- harmony and our repertoire covers classical, spiritual, folk, and contemporary music. We meet Mondays at 7:00 pm at Cordova Bay United Church, 813 Claremont Ave. We also are looking for choral scholars. For more information on becoming a new member or if you want to know more about the choral scholar program please contact Eric at info@vamc.ca or check out our web site at www.vamc.ca.

Learning the Gospel at Camp

"I met so many different people from different cultures and regions, and got to learn their journeys in faith."



Lindsay Vautour, the United Church's Engagement and Stewardship Associate, started attending a United Church camp at the tender age of five. There, she not only met lifelong friends and gained job skills as a counsellor, but it also helped chart her course to eventually work for The United Church of Canada.

"Coming from a financially tight background, I'm extremely grateful for the assistance available that let my brother and me attend camp every summer. I met so many different people from different cultures and regions, and got to learn their journeys in faith. I still keep in contact with some camp friends over 20 years later," she says.

"One of my most prominent memories was with a fellow 13-year-old camper who told me that she loved camp because she could be herself without any expectations. She said, 'I'm not the weird kid or the foster kid here, I'm just me,'" she recounts. "That's something I resonate with because I wasn't particularly popular in school, but popularity never mattered at camp, and it's beautiful to know that that's a widely shared perception."

Children come together at United Church camps across Canada to learn the gospel in a safe and supportive environment. Through campfire stories, hiking, music, canoeing, and so much more, campers gain confidence while enjoying unique activities and exploring their curiosity. At camp kids learn soft skills like self-confidence, patience, and organization as well as hard skills in sports, crafting, and music.

Without the generosity of supporters, children who attend camp wouldn't be able to continue having such affirming and defining experiences. Your gifts through [Mission and Service](#) are deeply appreciated.