

Join us for Christmas!

Everyone is welcome at Cordova Bay United Church as we celebrate the **Christmas season**. We offer a wide range of services, activities and programs that are sure to fill you with the **true spirit** of Christmas.

The Christmas season begins with **Advent**, which means 'coming'. This is a time when we prepare for **Christ's birth** on Dec. 25. It lasts a whole month!

Nov. 19 @ 2 pm - Sing We Now of Christmas

A concert featuring Elizabeth Parsons on vocals backed by the swinging trio of Glenn Parsons on piano, Stephen Godfrey on bass and Bruce Mackenzie on drums. This is an afternoon of Christmas music you won't want to miss. Guaranteed to get you in the Christmas spirit! Their CD will also be available for \$20 so you can take the spirit of the season home with you.

Dec. 1 @ 5:30 pm - Messy Christmas

Who knew Christmas could be so **messy**? Come and find out for yourself. **Adults** and **children** (especially ages 3-10) will be able to express their creativity through hands-on **activities**, gather together for a **meal** and share **sacred stories** and **songs**. The meal is provided, and everyone is welcome.

Dec. 2 @ 7:30 pm - A Bluegrass Christmas

John Reischman and the Jaybirds visit Cordova Bay United Church for a special concert as a **fundraiser** for **Our Place**.

Dec. 3 @ 10 am - First Sunday in Advent

The official **start** of the Christmas season. We prepare our spiritual selves for Dec. 25 by celebrating **Hope** on this Sunday.

Dec. 9 @ 10 am - The Cordova Café and Christmas Bake Sale

At The Cordova Café the coffee is always on us. It's our way of building community with our neighbours. And on this day you can stock up for the holiday season with our **festive** bake sale. Yummm!



Dec. 9 @ 2:30pm - Victoria Arion Male Choir

This special Christmas concert will be one of the **highlights** of the season. **Holiday Harmonies 2** will feature seasonal songs to welcome the coming holidays and winter.

It's a Season for Angels

Every year Cordova Bay United Church supports the **Angel Gift Campaign** for Our Place. We provide **gifts** and **Christmas greetings** to create a **holiday atmosphere** and spread the **spirit of Christmas**. Since the gifts we purchase are quite often the only gifts the Our Place Family members receive, the impact of the gifts is immense.

Dec. 10 @ 10 am - Second Sunday in Advent

We continue our **Christmas preparations** by celebrating **Peace** on this Sunday.

Dec. 10 @ 7 pm - A Blue Christmas Service

A service led by Pastor Beth of **reflective** prayers and songs for those who **struggle** during Christmas time.

Dec. 17 @ 10 am - Third Sunday in Advent

We continue **preparing** for Christmas by celebrating **Joy** this Sunday. A real treat this Sunday is the choir's performance of the **Christmas Cantata, Seekers of the Light**, by Lloyd Larson and Mark Hayes. Don't miss this one!

Dec. 17 @ 6:30 pm - Community Carol Sing and Cider

Join us as we let our **voices soar** with Christmas songs old and new. Dress warmly because we will be outside around the giant cedar tree. The **hot cider** will warm you up afterwards.

Dec. 24 @ 10 am Fourth Sunday in Advent

We continue to ready ourselves for **Christ's coming** by celebrating **Love** this Sunday.

Dec. 24 @ 4 pm - Christmas Eve Family Service

All ages are invited to celebrate the **true spirit** of Christmas at this family-friendly service.