



March 31, 2024

# Cordova Bay United Church

*Announcements*

**Happy Easter!**

## Keep in Touch

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## Upcoming Events

### Easter, Sunday, March 31

- \* Worship, 8am, in the Memorial Garden  
*Followed by a light breakfast in the Hall*
- \* Worship, 10am, In-Person and Livestream  
*Followed by Fellowship Time in the Hall*

### Tuesday, April 2

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

### Thursday, April 4

- \* Worship, 6:30pm, In-Person and Livestream
- \* Choir Practice, 7pm, Sanctuary

### Friday, April 5

- \* Soiree, 6pm, Sanctuary/Hall

### Sunday, April 7

- \* Worship, 10am, In-Person and Livestream  
*Followed by Special Congregational Meeting  
and Fellowship Time in the Hall.*

**Just a reminder that the last day to order  
your hanging baskets is Sunday, April 7.**

[Click here for the order form.](#)

March 24, 2024

Earlier in March, Pastor Beth reached out to Bridge Street United Church in Belleville, Ontario to send prayers and concerns from our church to theirs, concerning the epidemic of drug addiction and the unhoused living on the streets. Beth and Glenn have a close connection to Belleville as Glenn's parents lived there, and Glenn's dad served the church. Below is the response from Bridge Street United. The council thought that you the congregation, would appreciate reading the email from Belleville.

Good evening Pastor Beth,

On behalf of our church, I extend our heartfelt gratitude for your thoughtful email and the prayers you've sent our way. Your understanding of the challenges we face, particularly in the context of the drug poisoning crisis, resonates deeply with us.

At Bridge Street Church, we have been actively involved in addressing the human impact of this crisis through our Drop-In program. It serves as a unique window into the struggles faced by individuals in our community, akin to what you may be experiencing in Victoria and Vancouver. Volunteers, staff, and congregants of Bridge Street Church have come to know people who access the Drop In as individuals and as neighbours. We have built relationships, celebrated successes, grieved setbacks, and mourned losses. It is difficult to see the suffering caused by homelessness, mental illness, substance use, and the toxic drug supply. It is frustrating to know the impacts on individuals, community, and health and social service systems and to feel that solutions are out of reach.

Your prayers provide solace and strength as we navigate these challenges, and your message serves as a reminder that we are not alone in our endeavors. We are grateful for the connections that bind our communities together and for fellow believers like you who share our dedication to the greater mission of spreading Christ's love and hope in a world in need.

May God continue to guide and bless your ministry at Cordova Bay United Church, and may our collective efforts bring about positive change in our respective communities.

Jocelyn Forsythe (she/her)  
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## Special Congregational Meeting

There will be a special meeting of the congregation on Sunday April 7, immediately following the worship service. The congregation will be asked to consider and vote on a motion to approve an alteration to the terms of our minister's employment in order to facilitate Beth Parson's ordination by the United Church of Canada in June of this year. Please plan to attend. Thank you.

## Upcoming Memorial Services

There will be a Service of Thanksgiving Celebrating the Life of Pat Shumka on what would have been her 93rd birthday, Saturday, April 13, 2pm at the church followed by a reception in the hall.

There will also be a Service of Thanksgiving Celebrating the Life of long time member, Dennis Burke on Friday, April 26, 2pm at the church followed by a reception in the hall.





EASTER SUNDAY

Wandering Heart:  
*"And I Hope"*

## Easter Morning

I cannot stay away on Easter Morning.  
Like Peter,  
I would run if I could.  
Stop the car,  
pump my arms,  
take the church steps two at a time,  
all to know—  
Did it happen?  
Did it *really* happen?  
Is evil no match for love?  
'd slide down the center aisle.  
I'd grab the mic to ask  
the angels,  
the heavens,  
the children,  
*Were the stories true?*  
And in response, the choir would sing, "*Alleluia.*"  
The children would flower the cross.  
The preacher would tell me the stone was rolled away.  
The people would pass the peace,  
and welcome strangers,  
and make room in the pews.  
And with faith over doubt,  
I would hope.  
For I imagine that all of that ordinary holiness  
would be enough for Peter,  
and it would be enough for me.

written by: Rev. Sarah Speed | [sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org)

## From your Library Team...

Several of us have been meeting to work in the library for several years. It has been interesting and fun, but the time comes when change is needed. We need to have volunteers who are willing to take over. All of us are happy to help with the transition as required.

Pat MacLeod, Kathy Rassenti,  
Roselyn Jones, Liz Khur and Julie Sadler

## Mission & Service Birthday & Anniversary Recognition Sunday, April 7



We will be recognizing birthdays and anniversaries on Sunday, April 7. In honour of a birthday or anniversary in the month of April, we invite you to make a donation towards the United Church of Canada Mission & Service Fund.

For those worshipping in person, donations will be accepted during the singing of the birthday/anniversary song. Donations can also be made through e-transfer. Send your e-transfer to [treasurer@cbunited.ca](mailto:treasurer@cbunited.ca). If you have an envelope number, please include it in your message.

For those watching online who would like an anniversary or special birthday mentioned, please email the church office.



## Spring Cleanup April 20

The Property Committee would appreciate your help for a couple of hours on Saturday, April 20 at 10am to help with cleaning of the church property.

## Return of the Soiree

Friday, April 5



Please mark Friday April 5 on your calendar and plan to attend the SOIREE.

Tickets are now on sale.

**Next Cafe is April 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.