# Cordova Bay United Church

## **Upcoming Events**

#### February 11

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

#### Tuesday, February 6

Worship Meeting, 9:30am, Friendship Room

#### Thursday, February 8

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

#### Saturday, February 10

Valentine Tea and Dance, 2pm, Hall



#### **A Stewardship Moment**

Healing was one of Jesus' gifts. Much gratitude for all those who care and heal, whether professionally or to family and friends. Sharing your energy, skill, and time is noble and necessary.

# Keep in Touch

#### **Minister**

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#### **Charitable Tax Receipts emailed**

Our thanks to Ria Korteweg, our faithful offering steward, who so diligently prepares and e-mails and mails the charitable tax receipts to each of us for our yearly donations.

For those who receive them electronically, they were sent Sunday, January 21. If you did not receive an email with the receipt attached, check your junk mail. Still no receipt, please contact Ria directly at rkorteweg@shaw.ca.

For those who receive them via Canada Post, they are in the mail.

#### **Socks and More Socks!**

Thanks for an overwhelming response to Caring's sock project, we were able to fill five (5) large garbage bags with socks for those in need. Thanks go to Noreen Nash for starting this initiative, Jane Shumka for always stepping up to help when needed, Bill Moffat for delivering some bags to Our Place and to Tom Nash for delivering some to Mustard Seed. Stay tuned for other initiatives to support people in our community!

#### **Dementia Support**

Rev. Wilda Cottam is offering support for those caring for someone with dementia. She is available to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, February 9, at 10am to provide confidential one-on-one support in a private room at Cordova Bay United Church. If you are interested in meeting privately with Wilda, please contact at the church office.

#### We need your help...

The Valentine Tea Dance committee is looking for some folks to join us in the kitchen on Friday Morning February 9th around 9:30 for a Sandwich Making Bee. If you can come and join the fun please call Margaret Bates at 250 544-2177 or email at <a href="margaret.g.bates@gmail.com">margaret.g.bates@gmail.com</a>



For the Love Of Africa Society

And

Cordova Bay United Church

Invite you to a Valentine



Come, with your friends to enjoy dancing, entertainment, and sweets!

Saturday afternoon, Feb 10, 2:00-4:00

Cordova Bay United Church Hall

813 Claremont Avenue

Admission: \$30, supports the ongoing work of FTLOA in Tanzania, and CBUC's local and International Outreach

For tickets and table reservations;

call 250 658-4451

Cordova Bay United Church presents

# Dying to Know

How to say goodbye with respect, knowledge and confidence.

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 from 10:00 to 2:00 813 Claremont Avenue, Victoria, BC 250-658-5911

Cost: \$30 includes a soup luncheon and a copy of:

The Ultimate Guide on What to do When Someone You Love Dies

By: Laurie Mueller

Please register for the event by calling: 250-658-5911 or emailing: bethparsons@cbunited.ca by Friday, February 23, 2024

# Presenters

Jeffrey Reimer Barrister & Solicitor



"Wills and Estates"

Laurie Mueller Author, M.Ed



"How to Write an Obituary"

Pastor Beth Parsons Minister at CBUC



"Celebrating Life"

### **Council and Congregational Meeting News**

The Council of Cordova Bay United Church meets September through November and January through June each year. The Annual General Meeting of the Congregation meets as close to the beginning of the calendar year as record keeping allows.

This year, the AGM will take place on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> after the regular Sunday Service and a Soup Lunch. All members and adherents are asked to attend. This is the first notice of the meeting.

The regular meeting of the church council took place over Zoom on January 24, 2024.

John McLeod has taken on the role of Vice Chair and will be nominated at the AGM for Chair of Council for the next year. We are still requiring multiple positions to be filled for the coming year. Sue Christensen has retired from six years as Council Secretary. The vice chair position, the chair of the Children, Youth and Young Adults Committee, as well as the chair of the Carrot Seed Board are vacant.

The Carrot Seed is the preschool (not daycare) that operates on the lower level of our building and has contributed greatly to our budget. It was designed to be both an outreach to our community and a revenue generator. According to the bylaws of the organization, a Cordova Bay United Church member must chair Carrot Seeds' Board of Directors. There is also a Carrot Seed board member position available.

We need many hands to keep our faith community vibrant and strong, If you are interested in any of these positions, please talk to our Nominating Chair, Willa Burke.

The Annual General Meeting will take place on February 25th in the church sanctuary after the service and a soup lunch. Please mark your calendars for this important meeting in the life of our church. Documents will be sent out to you prior to the meeting, including the agenda, the annual report, the 2023 financial report and the proposed 2024 budget.

The search for a staff person to coordinate the children and youth program continues. Leslie Moffat, who has been coordinating it in the interim has headed back to school studying for a Master's degree and cannot continue. We give sincere thanks to Leslie and appreciate the work that our volunteers Moira Dennis, Ruth Schulz, Marcia Goodwin have been doing in this area.

We have had a successful "Pathway to Christmas" giving campaign and other fund-raising events to address the budget pressure we face this year. Council wants to thank each and every one of you who give so generously.

The Canada Summer jobs application has been submitted to the federal government this year for a position to assist the summer programs.

Submitted by Laurie Mueller & Jiemei Li, Co-Chairs of Council