

# CBUC

## Announcements

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## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, August 3rd

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

### Monday, August 4th

- Bocce League 1:15pm, 6356 Oldfield Rd.

### Tuesday, August 5th

Worship Meeting, 10:30am, Friendship Room

## Where the Ocean Meets the Rainforest Exhibition

- Ongoing until August 24, noon-4 pm, Goldfinch Arts Centre, Colwood, BC

Ian McAllister, conservationist, filmmaker, wildlife photographer and co-founder of Pacific Wild joins west coast artist Carole Finn for a one month exhibition at the Goldfinch Arts Centre in Colwood (Victoria) showcasing the wildlife of the Great Bear Rainforest in B.C.



Ian is a member of the International League of Wildlife Photographers and has been documenting the central coast for 30 years. He also directed the IMAX film: The Great Bear Rainforest: Land of the Spirit Bear

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

#### Sunday, August 3rd

- **Worship, 10am, Sanctuary, followed by Fellowship Time in the Hall**

#### Monday, August 4th

- **Bocce League 1:15pm, 6356 Oldfield Rd.**
- Jazzercise, 6pm, Hall

#### Tuesday, August 5th

- Jazzercise, 8:30am, Hall
- IH Adult Day Program, 9:30am—3pm, Hall
- **Worship Meeting, 10:30am, Friendship Room**
- Zumba, 5:30pm, Hall
- KSI Karate, 7pm, Hall

#### Wednesday, August 6th

- Jazzercise, 6pm, Hall

#### Thursday, August 7th

- Zumba, 5pm, Hall
- Jazzercise, 8:30am, Hall

#### Friday, August 8th

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

#### Saturday, August 9th

- Jazzercise, 8:30am, Hall
- Zumba, 10:30am, 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.*

## Symphony Splash!

It's that time of year again! Symphony Splash celebrates its 85th anniversary with this free, family-friendly event featuring four major concerts, community performances and appearances by 91 members of The National Youth Orchestra of Canada, Juno award-winning Indigenous vocalists Celeigh Cardinal and Shawnee Kish, BC Entertainment Hall of Fame percussionist Sal Ferreras, Cuban vocalist Adonis Puentes, a Latin Jazz Sextet, and the Victoria Symphony.

#### **Saturday, August 2**

- 1–3:30 pm: Family Zone
- 1:30–2 pm : Community Stage Performances
- 3–9:30 pm: Food and Beverage Vendors
- 3:30–4:30 pm: Barge Concert 1 – Celeigh Cardinal and Shawnee Kish with The National Youth Orchestra of Canada
- 4:45–5:15 pm: Community Stage Performances
- 7:30–9 pm: Barge Concert 2 – Latin Nights with Sal Ferreras Ft. Adonis Puentes and the Victoria Symphony

#### **Sunday, August 3**

- 1–3:30 pm: Family Zone
- 1:30–2 pm: Community Stage Performances
- 3–9:30 pm: Food and Beverage Vendors
- 3:30–4:30 pm: Barge Concert 1 – The National Youth Orchestra of Canada
- 4:45–5:15 pm: Community Stage Performances
- 7:30 pm: Barge Concert 2 – Traditional Symphony SPLASH! with the Victoria Symphony
- 9:15 pm (approx.): Grand Finale





## Cross Canada Adventures with Erich and Ruth Schulz

- As many of you know, Erich and Ruth Schulz are spending four months travelling across Canada. Contrary to what I incorrectly reported last week, their adventures continue and their fifth travelogue is linked [here](#), and available on the main bulletin board ! (Narthex).

## Thursdays in Black

Join the Movement: Thursdays in Black

The United Church of Canada is renewing its commitment to the Thursdays in Black campaign, a global movement dedicated to ending gender-based violence. This initiative, started by the World Council of Churches, peacefully protests the attitudes and systems that cause harm, particularly in times of conflict.

You are invited to join this powerful statement of solidarity. Starting with the 45th General Council on August 7, and every Thursday thereafter, wear black to show your support for eliminating gender-based violence and to stand with survivors. To deepen your involvement, explore the resources available from The United Church of Canada and the World Council of Churches to learn how you and your community can take meaningful action.



## Did you know...

Cordova Bay United Church is a member of the Peninsula Co-Op? As a member, CBUC receives a rebate cheque based on a percentage of our annual purchases.



We encourage you to use the CBUC member number (51194) when you visit the following locations.

**Co-Op Food and Gas Centre**  
2132 Keating Cross Rd

**Brentwood Bay Gas Centre**  
6739 West Saanich Road

**McDonald Park Road Gas Centre**  
10350 McDonald Park Rd

**Millstream Gas Centre**  
2320 Millstream Rd.

**Pat Bay Gas Centre**  
6429 Patricia Bay Hwy

**Wale Road Gas Centre**  
321 Wale Rd

**West Shore Parkway Gas Centre**  
4397 Westshore Pkwy

We welcome flowers from your garden for the Sanctuary during July and August.

- Vases are available in the kitchen or in the Healing Room.



# Innovations Against Hunger

**60%**

Global hunger can be addressed through innovation and collaboration.

*"To eat is a necessity,  
but to eat intelligently is an art."*

– STEPHEN AUGILAR

Various **cutting-edge technologies** are helping to combat global hunger and improve food security for communities worldwide.

## **20%** Boost via Precision Agriculture

Precision agriculture techniques can boost crop yields by as much as 20%.

## **40%** Increase in AI Oversight

Predictions reflect a 30-40% Increase in AI use by farmers in just 3-5 years.



By embracing these innovations, we can tackle hunger effectively and sustainably. The future looks promising with technology leading the way towards food security for all.



**14.6  
Billion**

Predicted value of AI Innovations in Agriculture by 2026

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### AI Data Analytics

- Artificial intelligence and machine learning are transforming agriculture by enabling predictive analytics for crop yields, early disease detection, and optimized resource planning. AI-driven platforms can analyze data from drones and satellites to monitor crop health in real-time and provide farmers with actionable insights.

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### Precision Agriculture

Precision agriculture leverages technologies like GPS, sensors, and satellite imagery to allow for more targeted application of water, fertilizers, and pesticides. This not only increases crop yields but also reduces the environmental impact of farming. For example, some studies have shown that precision agriculture can lead to a 10% to 20% reduction in the use of pesticides and fertilizers.

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### Biotech

Biotechnology is instrumental in developing genetically modified (GM) crops that are more resistant to pests, diseases, and extreme weather conditions like drought. These innovations are crucial for ensuring stable food production in a changing climate. As of 2023, genetically engineered crops were being cultivated in 32 countries.