

Cordova Bay United

Announcements

September 24, 2023

Truth and Reconciliation Sunday
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National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
and Orange Shirt Day
September 30



Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 24

- * Worship, 10am, In-Person and Livestream
followed by Fellowship Time in the Hall
- * Golf Social, 3pm, The Ridge Golf Course

Tuesday, September 26

- * Worship meeting, 9:30am, Friendship Room
- * Ethel Wilson Women's Group, 7pm, Sanctuary

Wednesday, September 27

- * Property, 3pm, Friendship Room
- * Council 7:15pm, ZOOM

Thursday, September 28

- * Chime Choir, 6:00pm, Sanctuary
- * Choir practice, 7pm, Sanctuary

Friday, September 29

- * Messy Church, 5:30pm, Hall

Volunteer Opportunity

After several years of organizing the Christmas Poinsettias sales, Barbara Shobbrook will be resigning. Thank you Barbara for overseeing this great fundraiser.

We are now in need of a volunteer to take on this project. To learn more about what is involved contact either Barbara or Jane in the church office.

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National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day

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Both the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day take place on September 30.

Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the individual, family and community inter-generational impacts of residential schools, and to promote the concept of “Every Child Matters”. The orange shirt is a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations.



Among the various visual elements illustrating Indigenous cultures, the circle is at the centre, which represents being together in spirit of reconciliation. The orange colour represents truth-telling and healing. The pathway represents the road to reconciliation. First Nations, Inuit and Métis are represented in the image.

- The eagle represents First Nations
- The narwhal represents Inuit
- The beaded flower represents Métis

You can read more about the commemorative image [here](#).

This Sunday, September 24, is recognized in the United Church of Canada as **Truth and Reconciliation Sunday.**

We invite everyone to wear orange to worship this Sunday as we come together in the spirit of hope and reconciliation. Please stay in the Sanctuary after the service for a group photo. Thank you.

Congregation provides bikes for family

Lesia Terentieve fled the war in Ukraine with her daughter Mika. They have since settled into Canada thanks to support from local residents like Kelly Insley.

But one thing the family said they could use was a bicycle for Mika. So Cordova Bay United Church offered to help.

Outreach Committee chair John MacLeod issued a call to the congregation for a donation of a bike. And did the congregation ever respond. John ended up getting two bikes and a scooter!



Lesia Terentieve, Kelly Insley and John MacLeod with donated scooter and bikes

Big turnout for covenanting service

More than 80 people turned out Sunday afternoon at Cordova Bay United Church for a special service to celebrate the new ministry and covenanting of Pastor Beth Parsons.

The service was a family affair thanks to the participation of Pastor Beth's sons Steven and Jay, as well as husband Glenn. Steven read the Opening Prayer. Jay sang The Beatles' Let it Be, which was woven into Pastor Beth's Minister's prayer while Glenn played piano.

The service opened with church council co-chairs Laurie Mueller and Jiemei Li welcoming everyone. Joanne Thomas was the scripture reader and Rev. Mark Collins gave the reflection. Sharon Prindle-Collins and the choir performed an anthem and led the congregation in singing.

Other covenanting participants included Carol Martin on behalf of the Pacific Mountain Region of the United Church, Willa Burke, Ron Childs, Ruth Schulz and Linda Snelling.

Following the service, Laurie Mueller presented Pastor Beth with flowers and a prayer shawl, and the Ethel Wilson Women's Group provided cake and coffee in the church hall.





**Ethel Wilson
Women's Group
Tuesday,
September 26, 7pm**

The Ethel Wilson women's Group will be meeting in the Sanctuary 7:00 p.m., September 26.

Dell Marie Wergeland will speak to us about the Compassionate Resource Warehouse. Refreshments to follow. All women welcome.

We look forward to meeting again as we start this new season.



**Special Congregational Meeting
October 1**

With two weeks advance notice, Cordova Bay United Church Council is calling a special congregation meeting for Sunday, October 1st, right after the Sunday worship service.

The purpose of the meeting is for the congregation to approve the job description of the Children, Youth, and Young Adults Program Coordinator.

You may recall that during the summer, under Pastor Beth's guidance, a group of Council members worked on a job description for a half-time position of Children, Youth, and Young Adults Program Coordinator. The Council approved the job description and appointed a three-member team to conduct the hiring process.

Now the congregation needs to approve the job description, a procedural step required by the Pacific Mountain Regional Council. Once this procedural step is complete, we will be in a position to move forward in hiring a program coordinator to lead the children and youth program.



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Caring Wants Your Donations!

The October 14th Cordova Café will also feature a sale of books, purses, scarves, jewelry. You can bring in your donations anytime – the earlier the better. There are labelled bins under the table in the Narthex to drop off any of these items – the cut-off date for donations will be Friday, October 6th to allow time to sort and price items for sale. Please ensure all items are in good condition. Thanks for supporting your church!

