



"Living Out Christ's Love"



**Cordova Bay United Church
2025 Annual Report**

Ministry Report—Pastor Beth Parsons

Reflecting on the Year 2025

Billy Graham's book, *Hope For The Troubled Heart*, tells the story of a survivor of a shipwreck who was marooned on an uninhabited island. The man managed to build a hut in which he put everything he had saved from the wreck. He prayed to God for rescue as he watched for passing ships. One day he returned to his hut and found it in flames. All he possessed was going up in smoke. It was the ultimate tragedy, and he sat in despair. Shortly after the fire a ship arrived. The captain said, "We saw your smoke signal and hurried here." The man fell to his knees and thanked God for the fire.

The point of Graham's story is that he recognizes the great need for people to have hope. When bad things happen, it is important that we have hope that God can work in all things, in all times, for all people. But also, that God is ever-present.

In the past year, we have seen wars escalate, food insecurity increase, political unrest, fire and floods and the loss of many of our own people here at Cordova Bay United Church.

So how do you cling to hope, when it seems as though hopelessness prevails? I believe it is when we see the joy in the everyday and in everyone. Perhaps it's the card that you received in the mail saying, "I'm thinking about you." Or maybe it is a blue sky where the rain dominated. Maybe it is a phone call from a friend who seemed to know that you needed to talk. Or, as reflected in my New Year's sermon, maybe we just need to remember the word Emmanuel which means "God is with us." We need to remember that on those hard days, or the days when we rejoice, God is with us.

I see hope every week here at Cordova Bay United. Yes, we did see tremendous loss in 2025; long-time members who were part of the fabric of this congregation. But we also saw joy. The community celebration of 100th anniversary of The United Church of Canada, the welcoming of new members in our congregation and the birth of Atholl's granddaughter who is now thriving. And through it all Emmanuel God is with us.

As we enter this new year, I feel assured in the presence and hope of Jesus Christ, as I am assured of the strength of Cordova Bay United Church. We Shall Overcome as the spiritual says. We will overcome by supporting each other and by knowing that our hope rests with each other and in the babe that came to save us. Emmanuel God is with us!

Yours in Christ,

Beth

Cordova Bay United Church

Everyone is welcome - and we mean everyone!



Our Church Community

- 158** households call Cordova Bay their spiritual home
- 40** people (18 children and 22 adults) attended the Christmas Messy Church
- 12** members of the church council
- 40** women in the Ethel Wilson Women's Group
- 22** members of the Men's Breakfast Group
- 19** members of the choir
- 12** members of the band (9 instrumentalists and 3 vocalists)
- 4** members of the chime choir
- 7** members of the Affirming Committee exploring CBUC becoming an Affirming Church



Ethel Wilson Women's Group
Christmas Social



Ethel Wilson Women's Mini
Golf Fun Day



Food and Fellowship!



31 cards sent by the Caring-Outreach Committee to United Churches across the country as part of the United Church of Canada Postcard Project connecting churches from sea to sea to sea

70 member and adherents turned out for the annual general meeting in February

Our Church Community

4 members of the Knitting Group and Prayer Shawl Team

21 members of The Bookies book club

20 people helped prune, rake and tidy the church grounds and building as part of the Property Committee's spring clean-up day and another 20 helped with the fall clean-up day

32 women attended the annual Ethel Wilson Women's Christmas luncheon at Mattick's Restaurant

16 women took part in the Ethel Wilson Women's Group annual mini-golf fun day

17 women took part in the Ethel Wilson Women's Group summer bocce league

Church Council Report

It has been another interesting and productive year for our church. I would like to thank Pastor Beth, our Music Director, Sharon Prindle-Collins, our Office Administrator, Jane Shumka, Council Members, other volunteers, and the congregation for their support.

Over 2025, our Treasurer, Peggy Dayton, has been hard at work and under her close supervision we have ended the year without a deficit. This is to the credit of Everyone.

Some of the significant events of 2025 are as follows:

1. It was realized that the congregation could no longer support the running of the Carrot Seed Daycare, and it was therefore decided to transfer to a new model to allow the continuation of a daycare, which is a mission of this church. This model will simply lease the space to a new owner. In fact, this will realize and increase funds to the church. A committee was formed and after the selection process new owners were selected. These owners are two members of the present Carrot Seed staff. Presently, the Trustees are overseeing the process which is expected to be completed early in 2026. The congregation will be asked to provide final approval for this change.
2. Due to abusive letters sent to the church, security cameras were recently installed at the office entrance. While this installation permanently monitors and records comings and goings, it will not be viewed unless something suspicious occurs. Thus, the privacy of all will be maintained.



**A year of celebrating our
United Church of Canada!**



Church Council Report

3. Over the years, the outside sign has been discussed with a view to updating our presence. Due to cost, other than for maintenance, no improvements were made. Very recently a congregation member made a generous donation to cover the cost of a digital sign. It was stipulated that this donation could only be used for this purpose. The sign will enable us to advertise upcoming events. Brief research indicates that churches who have installed such a sign have in all cases increased membership. It is expected that the sign will be installed in the coming months.



‘The friendly and welcoming church on the hill.’

Moving into 2026, our goal is to maintain our financial viability in order to meet the goals of supporting our present congregation, and to grow the congregation by demonstrating our love and inclusiveness to our neighbors close and farther afield. To this end, and consistent with United Church policy, the Affirming Committee, convened in 2025, is continuing its work and will be outlining affirming strategies to congregational groups throughout 2026. Following a congregational meeting a vote will be held. While this initiative has a specific focus, affirmation also applies to others, including First Nations, refugees, other denominations and religions. It is recommended that we strive to reach out to these and other groups. It was our Chair of Worship, Stephen Godfrey, who introduced the term ‘the friendly and welcoming church on the hill.’ Your Council intends to support Pastor Beth and all in your leadership team in living up to this term. With this purpose in mind, Council looks forward to supporting the congregation throughout the coming year.



*Atholl Malcolm
Chair of Council*

Worship

55 in-person and livestreamed worship services

85+ people on average attended Sunday worship in-person

20 people on average take part in each Sunday service

7 communion services

200+ people attended the Christmas Eve worship (a full house)

3,600 views of livestreamed worship services in 2025

66 viewers on average tuned in for livestreamed worship services

5 worship activities during Holy Week: a video reflection on Holy Tuesday, communion on Maundy Thursday, a worship service on Good Friday, a sunrise service in the Memorial Garden on Easter and an Easter worship service in the sanctuary

20 people on average attend the monthly worship service at Saanich Peninsula Hospital (the service was started in 2023)

3 Messy Church services

6 members of the 5th Tsartlip Beavers, cubs and Scouts and a number of their leaders took part in the worship service Feb. 23 as part of Lord Baden-Powell Sunday

Make a joyful noise
all the earth!
Worship your God
with gladness.



CBUC Choir



CBUC Praise Band

CBUC Music by the Numbers

- 19** musically literate, enthusiastic and committed choir members
- 41** Sunday anthems sung
- 41** Thursday evening choir practices
- 41** pre-service Sunday morning rehearsals
- 3** choir gatherings: September, December and June
- 2** music reading workshops
- 1** extra Saturday practice
- 5** worship services enlivened by the CBUC band
- 2** special services: Good Friday and Christmas Eve
- 1** 'Ode to Joy' Sunday on Dec. 14, with the CBUC band, the CBUC choir, two young dancers, and some chimes all joining in worshiping God through the arts
- 2** enthusiastic congregational members who joined the choir in rehearsing and singing the choral music on 'Ode to Joy' Sunday



Christmas Eve Service

Online Ministry

179 views of the Dec. 14 Ode to Joy Sunday worship service—the most in 2025

137 views of Pastor Beth’s Holy Tuesday video reflection

254 subscribers to the CBUC YouTube channel—an increase of 15 from last year

35,000 views of CBUC YouTube channel since it started in 2020

194 followers of CBUC Facebook page—up 12 from 2024

9 members of the IT/ Technical Team (livestream and Sound/ PowerPoint)



Worship Service for 100th Anniversary of The United Church of Canada

Faith Formation

14 participated in the Lenten Book Study Jesus For Everyone: Not Just Christians



Members of the Lenten Book Study

Scouts join in Sunday service

About a half dozen members of the 5th Tsartlip Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and a number of their leaders took part in the worship service Feb. 23 as part of Lord Baden-Powell Sunday at Cordova Bay United Church.

The Scouts led a processional into the church as well as a recessional at the end of the service.

Scout Phelan Zhang was the guest pianist. Phelan played the prelude and postlude. As well, he was joined by his father, Tigris, on violin during the offertory music.

Following the service the Scouts provided and served the congregation with two cakes during coffee hour.

The Scout group has a close connection to Cordova Bay United, using the church hall for their regular meetings. The Scout leaders thanked the church for the use of the hall.



We celebrated our 100th anniversary by inviting the community!

The United Church of Canada turned 100 on June 10, 2025, and to celebrate Cordova Bay United Church threw a party.

“Turning 100 is an incredible milestone,” said Pastor Beth Parsons. “Jane suggested we celebrate with the Cordova Bay community, and I couldn’t think of a better way to celebrate than with our members, friends and neighbours.”

So we held a community BBQ and children’s fun day.

The party was such a hit we had to bring out more tables and chairs to seat everyone. And then we had to make a run for extra hot dogs because we nearly ran out!

Congregants, friends and neighbours of all ages enjoyed free hot dogs, drinks, chips and a “Happy 100th Anniversary” cake.

There was a bouncy castle for the kids, along with face painting, rock painting, games and crafts. And children left with a goody bag of treats.





Reaching out to the Community

- 200+** People turned out for the Community BBQ and Fun Day on June 14 celebrating the 100th Anniversary of The United Church of Canada
- 1** long lineup for hot dogs at the 100th Anniversary Community BBQ and Fun day—so long that we had to do an emergency run for more hot dogs and buns
- 1** giant bouncy castle for the kids to enjoy at the 100th Anniversary Community BBQ and Fund day
- 1** new banner designed and hung over the church entrance to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada
- 4** Cordova Cafes welcomed church members and people from the community with coffee, tea and baked goodies
- 23** packages distributed containing information of navigating the end of life journey, prepared by Rev. Win Stokes and the Caring-Outreach Committee
- 1** Valentine Tea fundraiser, a joint effort by For The Love of Africa Society (which has projects in Tanzania) and Cordova Bay United Church.
- 1** Chocolate Project fundraiser, a first for CBUC. Thanks to Barbara Waldner for organizing this tasty event. Funds raised helped the church reach its goal of raising \$25,000 for the Mission and Service Fund

Reaching out to the Community

\$241 for Facebook advertising to promote church activities

90,000+ views of four Facebook ad campaigns inviting people to:

- Join us for Holy Week
- Celebrate with us at our 100th Anniversary Community BBQ and Fun Day
- Find Your Voice with our church choir
- Join us for Advent and Christmas

4 church events were featured in the Times Colonist and Chek News online events calendar and 2 published in the GO section of the Thursday print edition

19 community groups use our church, including 3 separate yoga instructors

*'...what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God...'* Micah 6:6a, 8

We also celebrated turning 100 with a special Sunday service

As part of our 100th anniversary celebrations, we held a special Sunday worship service on June 8.

Fittingly, about 100 people attended.

The service was in celebration of the creation of The United Church of Canada on June 10, 1925 when the Methodist, Congregational and Presbyterian churches of Canada joined together.

The service featured the choir led by music director Sharon Prindle-Collins, the Praise Band led by Glenn Parsons and a chime choir solo by Margaret Chambers.

Following the service there was not one but two anniversary cakes served with tea and coffee in the church hall.





1925-2025
**10TH**
ANNIVERSARY
Deep • Bold • Daring

Children and Youth

40+ Spirit Kid sessions

6-9 children and youth on average attend Spirit Kids

3 Messy Church Events

1 Messy Church Carnival

1 Intergenerational Christmas Eve Pageant

12 shoeboxes that Messy Church kids decorated, filled and donated to Saanich Peninsula Hospital for kids who attend the emergency department

Messy Christmas



Messy Kids donate toys to hospital

Messy Church was a noisy and busy place on Feb. 28 as children packed shoeboxes full of toys to donate to the Saanich Peninsula Hospital Emergency Room.

The toys were donated by the Spirit Kids and the congregation of Cordova Bay United Church throughout February as part of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of The United Church of Canada.

The new toys were gifts for children in the Emergency Room to bring comfort while they wait to see a doctor.

More than 50 people attended Messy Church in the church hall, including 20 children and 30 parents and volunteers.

Besides filling shoeboxes, the children enjoyed crafts and games followed by a spaghetti dinner prepared by the Men's Breakfast Group.

In addition, a total of \$245 was donated for the dinner, which will be given to the Mission and Service Fund to help CBUC reach its goal of raising \$25,000 for M&S as part of the 100th anniversary celebration.



Moira Dennis and Emma Cave deliver shoebox comfort kits to Saanich Peninsula Hospital

Frank Gertsma's jam supports kids

For a number of years, longtime Cordova Bay United Church member Frank Gertsma has been making jam, jelly and marmalade and selling it through the church office. The proceeds from the sales go to support the Children and Youth Ministry at CBUC.

Frank continued making the jam for kids throughout 2025.

He makes three kinds of jam: blackberry, blueberry and strawberry, as well as regular and sugar-free marmalade and four kinds of jelly: blueberry, plum, saskatoon and strawberry.

The jam costs \$7 a jar. You won't find a better deal anywhere!



Caring for Others

- 104** emails and texts sent this year to members by Ministry personnel
- 217** phone calls sent this year to members by Ministry personnel
- 108** visits by Ministry personnel
- 21** cards sent to members by Ministry personnel
- 4** teas with members who reside at Berwick House Royal Oak
- 30** cards sent by Caring Committee to those who were bereaved or experiencing health concerns
- 5** Memorial teas organized by the Ethel Wilson Women's Group
- 27** "mail hugs" set out by Ethel Wilson Women's Group honouring birthdays, anniversaries, bereavements and other life events
- 260** prayer candles lit over the course of 2025. That's a lot of prayers.
- 780** names lifted up in prayer worship in 2025—an average of 15 names every week in our prayer book.

Carrot Seed Preschool changes hands

After 37 years, the Carrot Seed Preschool will have new owners.

Elena Figueroa Ibarra and Majda Rashid, two of Carrot Seed's early child educators, will take over the preschool at the end of this school year.

The preschool will be renamed Our Learning Garden.

Cordova Bay United Church has owned Carrot Seed Preschool since its beginning in 1989. A board of directors elected by the congregation operated Carrot Seed.

However, for the last few years the congregation has been unable to fill vacancies on the Carrot Seed Board. This year, there were just three board members, making the job of running Carrot Seed just too onerous.

Church council agreed that having a preschool on the church property is consistent with the church's mission work in the local community. As a result, council sought expressions of interest from groups who could continue operating a preschool on the site.

There were four proposals: two from the community and two from present Carrot Seed staff. After a thorough review of their proposals, the church council chose Our Learning Garden as the successful proponent.

Elena and Majda are busy working to have the Our Learning Garden preschool operational for September 2026.

Carrot Seed Preschool

37 years Carrot Seed has provided excellence in Early Childhood Education (ECE) programing and instruction to the community

21 children enrolled in the morning program

19 children enrolled in the afternoon program

100% enrolment capacity

1 Head of School

5 preschool teachers (one on medical leave)



Soiree hits high note

More than 50 people were thoroughly entertained at the annual Cordova Bay United Church Soiree on March 29.

For the first time, the Soiree was held in the afternoon.

The program featured 11 acts, opening with a mini-chime choir and closing with the Cordova Bay 55 Plus band.

In between there was Sam Boehner playing *Take Me Home Country Roads* on the ukulele, the Cordova Bay United Choir with *Consider Yourself* and Margaret Bates singing *Amazing Grace* and *You Raise Me Up*.

Alan Priestly and Peggy Dayton performed as a duet and sang *Four Strong Winds*, *My Wild Irish Rose*, *Imagine* and *Let it Be*, while Christine Cardy sang *I Don't Know How to Love Him* from *Jesus Christ Superstar*.

Glenn and Beth Parsons performed *I Bought Me a Cat* and *Over the Rainbow*, while John Hobbs performed *Climericks 100* (a collection of rhymes) as well as *Eileen Og*.

Mark Collins and Zack entertained with a special comedy routine.

The event raised \$1,800 for the church.

Once again, Doug Thompson was instrumental in organizing the event.





Annual Soiree 2025



Affirming Committee established

During 2025, we established an Affirming Committee consisting of 7 members.

The committee was formed to start the process of education and awareness on the journey of being a fully “inclusive community living out Christ’s love and a care for the world.” (CBUC mission statement).

The Affirming Ministries Program is a network of primarily United Church ministries that strive to be fully inclusive of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.



We raised \$25,000 for the Mission and Service Fund

At Cordova Bay United Church, we celebrate generosity.

So what better way to honour the 100th anniversary of The United Church of Canada than by giving to those who need help?

We set ourselves the ambitious goal of raising \$25,000 for the Mission and Service Fund.

Mission and Service provides clean water, food, shelter, medical aid, community of faith support, refugee programs, and emergency aid – both in Canada and globally.

We started our campaign midway through 2024 with the intent of reaching our goal by the time of the 100th anniversary in June 2025.

And thanks to the generosity of folks at Cordova Bay United Church, WE DID IT!



A note from Margaret Lawrence House

“We received the cleaning supplies for our community and I wanted to email to say thank you so much!

“Our program moms are really appreciating their access to these supplies. With the high prices at the stores this is super helpful for them!

“Thank you so much to the church community.”

Melanie Smart

Margaret Laurence House Second Stage Program



Helping Those in Need

6 community groups—one for each of the first 6 months of 2025—were supported with donations as part of our celebration of The United Church of Canada’s 100th anniversary year:

- Margaret Laurence House – (helps women who are leaving an abusive intimate relationship) in January, we donated a grocery cart full to overflowing with cleaning supplies
- Saanich Peninsula Hospital emergency department – through February we donated shoeboxes filled with toys and books for children to use as they waited for medical help
- Soap For Hope – In March we donated shampoo, toothpaste and other toiletries, which in turn are given to local organizations like 1-Up Single Parent, Anawin, Beacon Community Services and Cool Aid
- Saanich Peninsula Lions Food Bank – we donated non-perishable food
- Our Place – we donated new men’s and women’s underwear
- Little Free Libraries – we donated children’s books to help promote literary

85 Christmas gifts valued at \$4,000 for people in need at Our Place as part of the Angel Gift Program

\$22,768 to The United Church Mission and Service Fund, which supports national and international aid programs: things like soup kitchens and refugee programs in Canada and global projects that allow people to access clean water, food and medical care

\$1,000 for Our Place raised by the annual John Reischman Christmas bluegrass concert

Valentine Tea raises funds for good causes

For the third year in a row, Cordova Bay United Church and For the Love of Africa Society combined their efforts to raise funds for the For the Love of Africa Society's ongoing work in Tanzania and the church's outreach work.

This year's event took place on Feb, 15 in the church hall and featured a Valentine Tea and a fashion show by The Victoria Vogue Fashion Show.

The sold-out crowd enjoyed tea and treats along with visual walk through the history of fashion, etiquette and life in early Victoria.



Valentine Tea and Fashion Show



We also gave to local groups and organizations

As part of the 100th anniversary celebrations, we also set ourselves a local goal: to donate items each month to community organizations that help people in need in Greater Victoria.

We started this campaign in June 2024 and finished in June 2025. We selected a community group each month and collected money and items for them.

The groups we helped in 2025 included:

- **January** – Margaret Laurence House. Margaret Laurence House helps women who are leaving an abusive intimate relationship. We donated a grocery cart full to overflowing with cleaning supplies.
- **February** – Saanich Peninsula Hospital emergency department. We donated shoeboxes filled with toys and books for children to use as they wait for medical help
- **March** -- Soap For Hope – In March we donated shampoo, toothpaste and other toiletries, which Soap For Hoper provides to local organizations like 1-Up Single Parent, Anawin, Beacon Community Services and Cool Aid
- **April** -- Saanich Peninsula Lions Food Bank. We donated a shopping cart full of food
- **May** -- Our Place. We donated lots and lots and LOTS of new men's and women's underwear
- **June** -- We donated children's books to Little Free Libraries in Victoria, Saanichton and Brentwood Bay to help promote literary



Donations for the Saanich Peninsula Lions Food Bank



Cordova Bay United Church

—Our Vision: an inclusive community living out Christ's love and care for the world.—



Making an Impact in the Community

\$7,080 donated by Ethel Wilson Women's Group to local organizations:

- **\$2,080** in grocery gift cards to the Cridge Family Centre's food cupboard—a record amount
- **\$700** to Women In Need
- **\$700** to Bridges for Women
- **\$700** to 1 Up Single Parent Resource Centre
- **\$700** to Victoria Sexual Assault Centre
- **\$700** to Victoria Women's Shelter (Margaret Laurence House)

\$2,000 from the Outreach budget donated to:

- Our Place
- Saanich Peninsula Lions Food Bank
- Mustard Seed Food Bank
- Local Syrian refugee family

\$250 donated by the Caring—Outreach Committee to Victoria Hand Project

\$250 donated by the Caring—Outreach Committee to Hospice Bereavement Service

\$100 donated by the Spirit Kids to Janeece Place

Our financial year

In November it looked like we might end the year in the red. But once again, thanks to the generosity of the congregation, Cordova Bay United Church finished 2025 with essentially a balanced budget.

The church closed out the year with a deficit of of \$662 – and that was after adding \$10,000 to the Capital Reserve Fund.

Again, thank you to everyone who contributed throughout the year. Your financial support is crucial to the work and mission of Cordova Bay United.

In 2025, you gave a total of \$271,099 in donations – up \$6,446 from the year before or about 2.4%.

The increase in donations was accompanied by an increase in contributions from the Edwina Grace Sprecher Endowment Fund and the Legacy Fund. The Endowment fund contributed \$35,293, while the Legacy Fund generated \$11,547.

As well, income from outside groups renting our church facilities increased to \$50,911 – up \$17,374 from 2024.

We also raised \$22,768 for M&S in 2025, up \$7,558 from the year before.

Carrot Seed Preschool’s contribution to the budget fell in 2025 to \$23,000 – down \$6,300. The decrease was because the church was no longer responsible for cleaning the preschool. Carrot Seed took on cleaning the preschool.

On the expenses side, we had total expenses of \$401,809 in 2025. That was about \$34,059 more than last year or about 9%.

Year-end financial report

INCOME

Total Givings	\$ 271,099.00
Legacy/Endowment*	\$ 46,840.00
Carrot Seed	\$ 23,000.00
Use of Building	\$ 50,911.00
Fundraisers	\$ 7,792.00
Grants	\$ 5,429.00
Other	\$ 776.00

Total Income \$ **405,847.00**

EXPENSES

Ministerial & Clerical	\$ 242,415.00
Committees	\$ 10,133.00
Building Operations	\$ 96,178.00
Administration	\$ 30,316.00
M&S	\$ 22,768.00

Total Expenses \$ **401,809.00**

Net Income \$ **662.00** *deficit*
(after transfers and depreciation)

* *Edwina Sprecher Endowment*



Financial Facts

\$407,847 income — \$777 more than the budget

\$401,809 expenses — \$7.061 less than the budget

\$662 deficit (essentially balanced) after amortization and transfers

\$4.963 million assessed value of the church — up 16% from the year previous

\$4.205 million appraised value of the church building — significantly higher than the \$589,000 assessed value of the building

\$123,680 value of the church Legacy Fund as of Dec. 31, 2025 — an increase of \$10,380 from 2024

\$612,166 value of the Edwina Sprecher Endowment Fund

Financial Facts

\$35,293 total income in 2025 from the Edwina Grace Sprecher Endowment Fund

\$68,911 rental income in 2025, including Carrot Seed Preschool rent

\$32,448 directly helping those locally and around the world through M&S and donations to projects like Angel Gifts and the Cridge Centre for the Family

50% of donations came from PAR

35% of donations came from offering envelopes

*You will be enriched in every way,
so that you can be generous on every occasion
and through us your generosity
will result in thanksgiving to God. // Corinthians 9:11*

Where the money came from

\$271,099	total givings – up \$6,2445 more than the year before
\$134,502	givings through PAR (pre-authorized remittance) – \$3,626 less than 2024
\$96,128	givings through general donations such as envelopes – \$5,255 less than the year previous
\$50,911	from rental income from community groups— \$17,374 more than the year before
\$35,293	from the Sprecher Endowment Fund—\$10,064 more than in 2024
\$11,547	from the Legacy Fund—\$5,460 more than in 2024
\$23,000	from the Carrot Seed Preschool for rent and insurance—\$6400 less than in 2024 (the decrease was because Carrot Seed began paying for its own custodial work and no longer used the church custodian)
\$7,792	from fundraisers or about 2% of total income— \$4,725 less than the year before
122	identifiable donors in 2025
47	donated by PAR (pre-authorized remittance)
29	donated by envelope
43	donated by loose cheques, non-church envelopes, church visitor envelopes
2	donated regularly online through Canada Helps
1	donated through the Victoria Foundation

Where the money went

\$22,768	to the Mission and Service Fund – an increase of \$7,558 from the year before or 350%
\$242,415	for ministry, clerical and support staff (salaries, benefits) - up \$16,332 from 2024
\$39,976	for custodial — up \$3,536 from the year before
\$7,036	for new automatic front door
\$10,000	added to Capital Reserve Fund
\$29,820	for new siding for the front of the church
\$15,814	for hydro — down \$521 from 2024
\$17,102	for insurance — up \$1,210 from the year previous

How to support the work of the church

We need everyone contributing if we are to fulfill our mission of “living out Christ’s love and care for the world”.

Here’s how you can help financially:

PRE-AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE

This easy method is an alternative to church envelopes. Your donation is withdrawn from your bank account around the 20th of the month. You can stop or add to your donation at any time. If you are interested please contact the [church office](#).

OFFERING ENVELOPES

We offer “Weekly Offering Envelopes” that can be used for cash or cheques. Contact the [church office](#) if you would like to receive a yearly set of envelopes.

ONLINE

Donations can also be made online through our secure [website](#).

Annual spring and fall clean-ups make church grounds sparkle

There were strong turnouts for both the spring and fall clean-up Saturday at Cordova Bay United Church.

In the spring, a hard-working group of 20 church members cleaned the roof and gutters, emptied storm drains, swept the parking lot, power washed the entrances and landscaped the grounds and flower beds.

And another 20 church members –many of them the same ones who had turned out in the spring – did it all again in the fall. They cleaned flower beds, raked leaves, emptied drains and gutters, and hauled away debris.

Building Maintenance

\$13,984 in regular maintenance and repairs

\$7,036 for the new automatic front door

\$29,820 for the new siding for the front of the church



Comings and Goings

- John MacLeod stepped down as co-chair of Church Council.
- Council co-chair Atholl Malcolm moved into the role of Council chair.
- Noreen Nash took over chairing the Caring committee in September for a few months allowing Joanne Thomas to continue secretarial duties. Noreen stepped down from chair in December.
- In November, the Outreach committee merged with the Caring Committee, bringing Edith and Les Hudgins and Pat MacLeod onto the newly created Caring-Outreach team.
- Marcia Goodwin withdrew from the Caring Committee in September.
- Pat Taylor resigned from sending out “Sunshine” cards for the Ethel Wilson Women’s Group.
- Linda Snelling took over sending out the cards for the Ethel Wilson Women’s Group.
- Joan Guild became the secretary for the Ethel Wilson Women’s Group.
- We welcomed Miguel Neves as the new summer programs assistant.
- Jiemei Li took over responsibility for scheduling the sound and livestream technicians for church services, funerals and special events.
- Arlene Box stepped down from the M&P Committee.
- Perry Calderwood joined the M&P Committee.
- Patricia Lockhart joined the choir.



Cordova Bay
United Church



In Memoriam

Clare Annette Walker
David Eric Scoates
Christine Ann Godfrey
Edward Scovill Hickcox
Phyllis Rose Gaskell

May their memory be a blessing.

This annual report captures just the highlights of the work of groups and committees at CBUC.

We encourage you to read their full reports for an in depth look at all their achievements.

Just click on the links below.

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