

The Season of Lent

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# **Upcoming Events**

#### Sunday, February 26

 Worship, 10am, In-Person and Livestream, followed by luncheon and Annual Meeting.

#### Tuesday, February 28

- Worship Meeting, 9:30am, ZOOM
- Ethel Wilson Women's Group, 7:15pm Sanctuary

#### Wednesday, March 1

\* Special Council Meeting, 7:15pm

#### Thursday, March 2

- Prayer Ministry 10am, Sanctuary
- Chime Choir Practice, 6:15pm, Sanctuary
- Choir Practice, 7pm, Sanctuary

#### Friday, March 3

World Day of Prayer Service, 10am, Sanctuary followed by refreshments in the hall

# I have heard about your faith. Celebrate World Day of Prayer 2023 Taiwan with us!



**World Day** of Prayer Friday March 3 10am

Cordova Bay **United Church** 

There will be a showing of the pre-recorded World Day of Prayer Service at 10am and then join us in the hall following the service for delicious Taiwanese Pineapple Cakes.

## World Day of Prayer 2023 Friday, March 3, 10am

Informed Prayer. Prayerful Action. Imagine Christians from over 170 countries coming together in spirit, uniting on a common day to pray for relevant issues affecting women and children. This is a reality: the movement has been active for nearly 100 years.

Each year, a different country writes the service materials. This year the writing country is Taiwan.

# Thank you

Thank you so much to the folks that helped to get the donated music filing cabinet up to the choir room. There was a fair amount of work, time, and effort involved, and I am very grateful to now have all the choir music in the same place now: it will really streamline the process of planning anthems and save me a great deal of time and hassle! So thanks to Glenn and Beth Parsons and Stephen Godfrey, and particularly to Peter Hopkins and Andy Robertson.

Sharon Prindle-Collins



## SPRING CLEANUP DAY AT CBUC SATURDAY, March 18, 10am

The Property Committee Would appreciate your help for a couple of hours on Saturday, March 18 at 10am to help with a major inside and outside cleaning of the church property.

There is a signup poster in the front foyer (Narthex).

## Exciting Speaker Series at Ethel Wilson Women's Group Meeting - 7:00 pm, Tuesday, February 28th in the Sanctuary

All women invited. (A short business meeting will precede our guest speaker.)

This month's speaker will tell us about the ins and outs of how to publish a popular magazine. (Haven't you always wondered?).

Barbara Risto is the publisher of the magazine "Inspired 55+ Lifestyle Magazine" which is published ten times a year for distribution throughout BC and over the internet to a larger audience. Barbara is also the person behind the 55+ Travel Club, the Senior Living Housing Directory of BC, and the annual 55+ Lifestyle Show here in Victoria each March.

Come along on Tuesday, February 28th at 7:00 pm and enjoy this interesting insight into the world of magazine publishing. All women of the congregation and their friends are invited to attend.



strong community is cultivated.

### The Young Black Scholars Project

The Young Black Scholars Project is part of the United Church's commitment to the <u>United Nations International</u> Decade for People of African Descent.

Six young Black participants affiliated with United Church communities of faith will be researched various aspects of Black experiences in Canadian churches as part of a learning community.

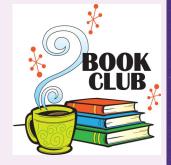
The <u>Young Black Scholars Project</u> launched in 2020. These links lead to the finished products of their engagement in the program:

- Jonisha Lewinson
   "I Got a Lot to Say" blog
- Brianna Lane
   "The Black Journey" blog
- Amelia Brohman "Confusing Pain" blog
- Noah Janosch Brown
   "Emancipation Is a Celebration of Our Beauty"
   and "Space for Creation and Discovery" blogs
- Andrew Johnson
   <u>"Prayer in Poetry for Black People in Canada"</u>

This program is supported by the Mission and Service Fund of The United Church of Canada.

# Come Join the Bookies!

The Bookies meet next on Friday, March 17th at 10 in the Friendship Room. The focus is Wonder Garden by Laura Acampora so read, read, read and we will see you then.



## Help the People of Türkiye and Northern Syria Devasted by the Earthquake



The United Church of Canada has launched a fundraising appeal to support the people of northern Syria and Türkiye in recovering from two powerful earthquakes that destroyed homes and led to enormous loss of lives.

The Middle East Council of Churches, a Mission & Service partner of The United Church of Canada, along with other members of ACT Alliance and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, are responding by supplying first aid, water, temporary shelters, food and other lifesaving support to people impacted by the earthquakes.

The United Church, as a member of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, has joined the Humanitarian Coalition in asking Canadians to give to help those impacted by the crisis. You can also help by writing to your Member of Parliament to ask the Canadian government to support lifting sanctions against Syria to facilitate full humanitarian access.



# National Affirming/PIE Day Public | Intentional | Explicit

Love is a circle. It's irrational, inclusive, and infinite.

And we're delighted to add an Affirming twist to
International Pi Day celebrations on 3.14, March 14, every year.

This year Cordova Bay United Church will celebrate National Affirming/PIE DAY on Sunday, March 19th!

Pie to follow the worship service!

If you would be willing to bake a pie for our PIE day celebrations, please contact the church office.