

Cordova Bay United Church

Announcements

March 1, 2026

The Season of Lent



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Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 1

- Worship, 10am, In-Person and Livestream
Followed by Fellowship Time in the Hall
- Affirming Committee, 11:15am, Friendship Room
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Tuesday, March 3

- Worship Meeting, 9:45am, Friendship Room

Wednesday, March 4

- Lenten Study, 10am, Friendship Room

Thursday, March 5

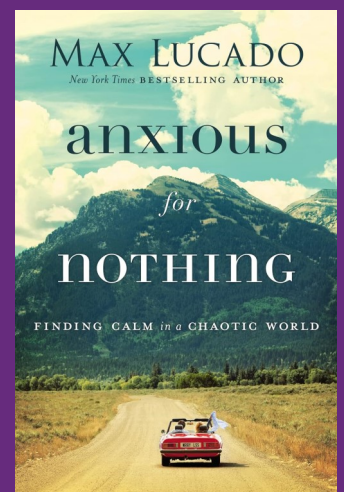
- Choir Practice, 3pm, Sanctuary

Not too late to join the Lenten Book Study

While this year's Lenten Book Study began last Wednesday there is still time to join in. The book for this year's study is entitled: *Anxious For Nothing Finding Calm in a Chaotic World* by Max Lucado.

The study, led by Pastor Beth, is on Wednesdays at 10am in the Friendship Room. The study will conclude to April 1.

The office still has books available. Cost of the book is \$24.



Here are all the programs and activities happening at CBUC

March 1—7

Church activities are listed in **Yellow**.

Sunday, March 1

- **Worship, 10am, Sanctuary**
- **Affirming Committee, 11:15am, Friendship Rm**
- Victoria Chinese Gospel Church, 12:30pm, Sanctuary, Hall, Youth Lounge, Friendship Room
- Saanich Squares, 7pm, Hall

Monday, March 2

- Karate, 5pm, Hall
- Jazzercise, 6pm, Hall
- Embers, 6pm, Friendship Room
- Victoria Arion Male Choir, 6:30pm, Sanctuary
- Embers, 7pm, Hall

Tuesday, March 3

- Jazzercise, 8:30am, Hall
- IH Adult Day Program, 9:30am—3pm, Hall
- **Worship Meeting, 9:45am, Friendship Room**
- Zumba, 5pm, Hall
- Karate, 6:30pm, Hall

Wednesday, March 4

- **Lenten Study, 10am, Friendship Room**
- Royal Oak Women's Institute, 1pm, Friendship Rm
- Sparks, 5pm, Hall
- Jazzercise, 6pm, Hall
- Sing Together Choir, 6:30pm, Friendship Room

Thursday, March 5

- Jazzercise, 8:30am, Hall
- **Choir Practice, 3pm, Sanctuary**
- Zumba, 5pm, Hall
- Cubs and Scouts, 6pm, Hall and Friendship Rm.

Friday, March 6

- Jazzercise, 8:30am, Hall
- Yoga, 1pm, Hall
- Karate, 4:30pm, Hall
- Mavericks Square Dance Club, 7pm, Hall

Saturday, March 7

- Jazzercise, 8:30am, Hall
- Zumba, 10:3am, 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.

From your Affirming Committee...

If you missed the Affirming Committee presentation on Sunday, February 18, be sure to check out their display table in the Narthex. There you will find 'Frequently Asked Questions about Affirming Ministries' and 'A Short History of the United Church of Canada and Cordova Bay United Church's Affirming Journey.



Affirming Committee Display Sunday February 18



Saturday, March 14
10am—1pm

at Cordova Bay United Church
Books for sale by donation
Coffee and Tea available

Book and puzzle donations gratefully accepted.
Books may be left at the church in the Front Foyer (Narthex) beginning February 28.

We are unable to accept textbooks, atlases, coffee table books, dictionaries, cookbooks and Reader's Digest.

AGM looks back on 2025 — and ahead to 2026

A total of 66 congregants turned out for Cordova Bay United Church's Annual General Meeting Sunday in the church sanctuary.

Members looked back on a successful 2025 — highlighted by the 100th anniversary of the United Church of Canada, which was celebrated with a community BBQ attended by more than 200 neighbours, family and friends.

We also took time to look forward to a new year, one where we will mark CBUC's 75th year as a faith community.

The congregation approved the sale of Carrot Seed Preschool to Our Learning Garden. 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.

One of the requirements for the sale of the Carrot Seed Preschool is that the congregation develop and approve a Ministry Plan for the church.

Joanne Thomas and Willa Burke worked with Pastor Beth Parsons to develop the plan. The plan was approved by the church council, and on Sunday the congregation approved the plan.

The plan includes the church's priorities and goals for the next three years:

- Nurture and meet spiritual needs through meaningful worship, pastoral care, and being in community with each other and with God.
- Continue to find various ways to engage the community through ministry, an online presence, and outreach partnerships.
- Provide an inclusive, fun, engaging, and supportive space for our children, youth, and young adults as they grow their faith in God.
- Ensure financial viability by aligning the needs of the church and congregation with realistic assessments of ongoing revenues.

As well, the plan outlines the church's priorities and goals for the next five to 10 years:

- Council will continue to work on the above priorities beyond the next 2-3 years, as well as identify any future priorities needed for CBUC to remain viable, relevant and vibrant.
- Recognize that our congregation is "aging" and be vigilant for a decrease in givings due to attrition, setting budgets and goals to live within our means.
- Undertake thoughtful consideration and planning regarding relocation or sharing space as may be necessary due to diminished congregational numbers.



AGM elects council executive

Atholl Malcolm was elected Chair of the Cordova Bay United Church Council at the Annual General Meeting Sunday.

Peggy Dayton was elected Treasurer.

However, half of the council executive positions remain unfilled. Council needs a Vice-Chair and a Secretary. Atholl appealed to congregants to consider stepping forward and filling those positions.

Meanwhile, the following were re-elected Trustees for the next year: Louise Johnston, Atholl Malcom, Fay Melling, Ron Norman and Linda Smith-McMahon.

Congregation approves 2026 budget

Cordova Bay United Church congregation approved a 2026 church budget totalling more than \$400,000 at its annual general meeting on Sunday.

The budget projects income of \$426,150 and expenses of \$411,450.

Income includes \$265,020 in donations — down 2.2 per cent from 2025. Funds from the use of the church increases from \$73,911 to \$108,720 or 47 per cent. Much of the increase is from increased rent from Carrot Seed Preschool and the new Our Learning Garden daycare.

The Edwina Grace Sprecher Endowment Fund and the Legacy Fund are projected to contribute about \$40,000 — down about 14 per cent from 2025.

On the expenses side, the largest expenditure in 2026 is for ministerial and clerical: \$255,520 — up \$13,105 from 2025. Building operations is the next largest expense coming in at \$98,130 — up almost \$2,000 from the year before.

The budget for the Mission and Service Fund in 2026 will total \$15,000 — down about \$7,800 from 2025 when there was a special appeal for M&S as part of the United Church of Canada's 100th anniversary celebration.

\$10,000 is also earmarked for the capital reserve fund.

Hanging Basket Spring Fundraiser Coming Soon

The Ethel Wilson Women's Group will be offering their hanging basket spring fundraiser again this year. Details and order forms coming soon.

And if anyone has a picture of the basket they ordered last year, we would like to include that with our promotion and on the order form. Thank you.



I will give you rest: Come *Matthew 11:28-30*

World Day of Prayer Friday, March 6



Program written by the
World Day of Prayer Committee of Nigeria

**Local television stations are presenting
World Day of Prayer 2026!!**

Click [here](#) for the evolving list of local television stations broadcasting
World Day of Prayer services across Canada.

There are both one hour and 30-minute formats.

Spring Fling



Saturday
March 21, 2026

An afternoon of song, dance,
laughter and fun.

Entertainment at 2pm.
Social time and refreshments
following the performances.

Tickets—\$10



For tickets and information,
to volunteer and/or perform,
please contact Doug Thompson, 250-588-6602.