

# Cordova Bay United

## Announcements

November 5, 2023

### Upcoming Events

#### Sunday, November 5

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

#### Tuesday, November 7

- \* Worship meeting, 9:30am, Friendship Room

#### Thursday, November 9

- \* Dementia Caregiver Support Group, 10am, Friendship Room
- \* Chime Choir, 6:00pm, Sanctuary
- \* Choir practice, 7pm, Sanctuary

Please note that Pastor Beth Parson will be on study leave from Monday, November 6—Monday, November 13, returning to the office on Tuesday, November 14. For any pastoral care emergencies, please contact the office.

### A Stewardship Moment for Remembrance Sunday

Words matter. As do actions. We are challenged to match our actions and our words. If we speak out against injustice, then we act to bring justice to pass. If we call out for peace, then we work for peace for all people. If we recognize the needs around us, then we generously share.

### Keep in Touch

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## Mission & Service Birthday & Anniversary Sunday November 12

With Remembrance Sunday falling on November 5 this year, we will be recognizing birthdays and anniversaries on Sunday, November 12 instead of the first Sunday of the month. In honour of a birthday or anniversary in the month of November, we invite you to make a donation towards the United Church of Canada Mission & Service Fund.

For those worshipping in person, donations will be accepted during the singing of the birthday/anniversary song at the opening of the service. Donations can also be made through e-transfer. Send your e-transfer to [treasurer@cbunited.ca](mailto:treasurer@cbunited.ca). If you have an envelope number, please include it in your message.



### Last chance to order poinsettias

This Sunday is the final day for ordering poinsettias. *The price is \$15.00 per 6.5 inch pot.*

Poinsettias will be available for pickup on Sunday, December 3.

Arlene Vickery will be collecting orders in the hall following the worship service.



### Angel Gift Program 2023

Would you like to be an "Angel" and enhance Christmas for the Our Place Family?

Once again Cordova Bay United Church will be participating in the Angel Gift Campaign for Our Place Society. Our Place outreach workers gather names of Our Place Family members who may not otherwise receive a Christmas gift. This list is passed on to the coordinator and then to the contacts who find the "Angels". That's where you come in.

The gifts and accompanying Christmas greetings create a holiday atmosphere and spread the message of Christmas. Since the gifts which you purchase are quite often the only gift the recipient will receive, the impact of the gifts is immense.

To sign up for the Angel gift program please contact:

- Jane (at the office): [office@cbunited.ca](mailto:office@cbunited.ca) or 250-658-5911
- Or sign up with Ron Norman on Sunday in the hall following the service.

For those who would like to participate but are unable to shop, please contact the church office. We have volunteers willing to shop on your behalf.

### Membership Matters—New Member Sunday, Nov. 19

We will be welcoming new members to our congregation on Sunday, November 19. Becoming a member is an expression of commitment to Cordova Bay United Church. If you are interested in becoming a full member of CBUC, please contact Pastor Beth Parsons.

## Dementia Support

Reverend Wilda Cottam will be at the church Thursday, November 9th, from 10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Please contact Jane at the office if you wish to meet with Wilda.

## 'How the Arts can help with Dementia' recording now available

For those who were unable to attend the 'How the Arts can help with Dementia' presentation by Dr. Debra Sheets, the event was recorded and is now available on the Cordova Bay United YouTube channel. Click [here](#) to watch the presentation.



**Tuesday, November 14**  
**9:30am—2pm**

Sewing, crochet and hand knit items. Tarts, cookies and much more.

Cordova Bay 55+ Association, Cordova Bay Elementary School, 5238 Cordova Bay Road.



## Mark your calendar

The Property Team has scheduled a fall clean up of the church property on **Saturday, November 25 at 10am**. Bring along your tools and help spruce up our facility and grounds in time for the Advent—Christmas season.



## November Cordova Café Cancelled

The Caring team is aware that many congregants would like to attend special Remembrance services on November 11<sup>th</sup> so the November Café will be cancelled.

We will have a **Christmas Bake Sale** at the December 9<sup>th</sup> Café.

**Next Cafe is December 9!**

**Cordova Cafe'**

2nd Saturday of the month  
Time: 10 a.m.

Cordova Bay United Church Hall  
813 Claremont Ave.

Where friendships are made  
&

strong community is cultivated.

## Bookies

November 17th at 10am in the Friendship Room will be the last gathering of the Bookies till January and the topic for discussion will be Save Me The Plums by Ruth Reichl. Drop by for lots of opinions and laughter!



Cordova Bay United Church  
Presents

# Sing We Now of Christmas

CD and concert  
Featuring artists: Elizabeth Parsons on vocals  
and Glenn Parsons on piano.

## An Afternoon of Music

Sunday November 19th at 2pm

Featuring selections from the CD

CD - \$20  
Concert - Free will offering

All proceeds to support the ministry  
of Cordova Bay United Church

### A BLUEGRASS CHRISTMAS

*A fundraiser for Our Place Society*

## JOHN REISCHMAN and THE JAYBIRDS

SAT. DEC 2, 2023 ~ 7:30 pm  
Doors at 7 p.m.

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## Reserve your copy of the 'Sing We Now of Christmas' CD

With a limited number of CD's available, please contact the office to reserve your copy of this Christmas CD. CD's cost \$20 and are payable by cash, cheque or e-transfer.

**Cheques** should be made payable to Cordova Bay United Church with 'Christmas CD' written in the memo line.

**E-Transfers** should be made to treasurer@cbunited.ca with 'Christmas CD' included in the message.

**Teddy Bear  
Sunday  
November 19**



The Compassionate Resource Warehouse (CRW), a registered Canadian charity based in Victoria, British Columbia, collects, processes, packages and ships a variety of donated goods and equipment to responsible charities and other groups around the world. These goods are distributed free of charge to people in need and provide opportunity and hope.

On Sunday, November 19 we will be collecting **new, small** (6in—13in) teddy bears and other **stuffed animals** for the Compassionate Resource Warehouse.

Cordova Bay members can get \$5 off by using the coupon code "Concert" on the [ticket site](#):

## News from your Church Council Meeting October 22, 2023

Ways to tackle our \$40,000 deficit have been discussed:

- Stewardship will be leading the November 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday service & will share more information about how you can help.
- Fundraisers are being planned starting with the November 19<sup>th</sup> (at 2:00 pm) Sing We Now of Christmas Concert starring Pastor Beth and Glenn Parsons.
- A committee is being formed of folks to coordinate fundraising activities in the church.

We have several vacancies on key and vital roles in our church governance area:

- a vice chair
- a secretary
- a chair of the Carrot Seed Board
- Fundraising Coordination Team members

The Carrot Seed is a Limited Company owned solely by the Cordova Bay United Congregation and not only is an outreach into the community but also a valuable contributor to our financial stability. If you have leadership or business experience, please talk to us about how you could contribute to the welfare of our church in this role.

Contact Willa Burke if you would like to know more about the details of these positions or to submit your name. (250-658-5338 or [wdburke@shaw.ca](mailto:wdburke@shaw.ca))

There will be a Fall Cleanup of the Church on November 25<sup>th</sup>. Please come out and help.

Do you know that we have a ministry at the Saanich Peninsula Hospital? Pastor Beth now leads a service once a month in their long-term care area.

On December 24<sup>th</sup>, there will be no 8 pm service.

Volunteers have come forward to create an updated photo directory for our congregation in the new year. Members of this team are John MacLeod, Kathy Rassenti, Arlene Box, Carol-Ann Staples & Barbara Shobbrook.

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# **COUNCIL SECRETARY WANTED**

A SECRETARY/NOTE-TAKER FOR OUR CHURCH COUNCIL WHICH MEETS THE FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:00 P.M. EITHER IN PERSON OR ZOOM, EXCEPT FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY, AUGUST AND DECEMBER. (9 MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.) CURRENT SECRETARY, SUE CHRISTENSEN, IS AVAILABLE TO MENTOR YOU UNTIL SHE LEAVES ON WORLD TRAVELS LATE JANUARY. PLEASE GIVE THIS REQUEST YOUR PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION AND IF INTERESTED CALL SUE AT 250-652-5867; WILLA BURKE 250-658-5338; JIEMEI LI 250-704-0168 OR LAURIE MUELLER AT 250-213-2355 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEW BC LEGISLATION, SALARY IS FEELING GOOD VIBES.

## **PREFERABLY ALIVE**

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**REPORT ANY SIGHTINGS TO THE MINISTRY OF COUNCIL  
IMMEDIATELY.**

**THERE IS A REWARD FOR INFORMATION  
LEADING TO CAPTURE**

