

Cordova Bay United

Announcements

April 30, 2023

Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 30

- * Worship, 10am, In-Person and Livestream
*with In-Person Fellowship Time in the Hall
following the service*

Tuesday, May 2

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

Wednesday, May 3

- * Book Study, 10am, Friendship Room
- * Victoria UC Ministers Gathering, 1:30pm,
Friendship Room

Thursday, May 4

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

Saturday, May 5

- * Memorial Service for Karen Hughes, 2pm, in
the Sanctuary, with Reception to follow in the
Hall

Men's white shirts and ties needed



The MAGIC WAND Project is a non-profit organization that is run by a team of dedicated volunteers. It was started in 2001 by Elizabeth Surerus and a friend when they realized that the need for affordable graduation dresses was great in Victoria. Magic Wand has grown over the years and now outfits both young women and men.

The Project is currently looking for some like-new white shirts and long ties for the graduating men. If any of the men have some gathering dust in their closets and would like to donate them, please call Elizabeth Surerus at 250 658 0246.

Come try the Chimes



The Chime Choir is actively seeking new members. If you would like to participate in a new way at worship, like to learn and have fun consider joining the choir. Margaret Chambers, Chime Choir leader assures us you will have **fun**. You do not need to be able to read music to participate. Contact Margaret directly and come try the chimes at their next rehearsal (Thursdays at 6:15pm).

Search Committee Report

April 26, 2023

The Search team, consisting of Willa Burke (Co-chair), Joanne Thomas (Co-chair), Linda Snelling (Secretary), Ron Childs and Win Stokes had a two-hour Orientation meeting via Zoom with Gail Miller, Pacific Mountain region liaison.

We have been making ourselves familiar with the United Church document called Pastoral Relations: Guidelines for Search and Selection, doing some of the exercises and viewing pertinent videos. C.B.U.C.'s Community of Faith Profile, including the job descriptions for the two vacancies was posted on the Hub March 30th. Current staff were informed of a cut-off date of April 25th to submit an application for either position.

We have compiled a set of questions for Interviewing candidates.

Respectfully submitted,
Willa Burke & Joanne Thomas, Co-Chairs

Cordova Bay United Church 2023 1st Quarter Financial Snapshot

| | | Jan - Mar Actual | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|---|---------|
| | 2023 Annual Budget | | | |
| | | 2023 | | 2022 |
| INCOME | | | | |
| Donations | 282,030 | 67,458 | 1 | 62,791 |
| Use of Building | 52,400 | 18,294 | 2 | 16,788 |
| Govt Grants | 4,200 | - | 3 | - |
| Fundraising | 19,950 | 565 | 4 | - |
| Other | - | 701 | | 240 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 358,580 | 87,018 | | 79,819 |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| Ministerial & Clerical | 229,430 | 58,619 | | 49,989 |
| Administration | 24,350 | 7,384 | | 5,356 |
| Building | 88,750 | 21,609 | | 31,731 |
| Committees | 16,050 | 1,339 | | 2,800 |
| Other | - | - | | (2,000) |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 358,580 | 88,951 | | 87,877 |
| NET INCOME/(LOSS) | - | (1,933) | | (8,058) |

NOTES

- 1 Monthly donations from PAR are expected to be approximately \$600 lower in Apr - Dec than they were in Q1
- 2 Includes 1-time payment of \$7,000 from Carrot Seed for insurance
- 3 Grant income will be received during summer 2023
- 4 2022 Spring fair was held in May. Fundraising will be needed in 2023 to balance budget.

Not too late to join!

BOOK STUDY
“Signs and Wonders”
A Beginner’s Guide to the Miracles of Jesus by Amy-Jill Levine

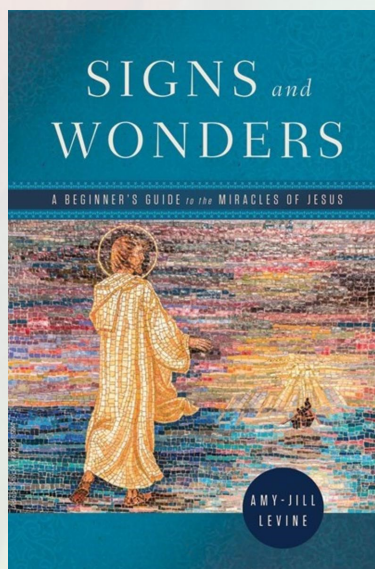
Join us in April and May as we explore Amy-Jill Levine’s new book looking at selected miracles of Jesus in historical and theological context. For each miracle, she discusses not only how past witnesses would have understood the events, but also how today’s readers can draw meaning from Jesus’s words and actions.

We will meet in-person
Wednesday mornings @ 10 am
in the Friendship Room.

- May 3rd – Chapter 3: “Feeding the Five Thousand (or More)”
- May 10th – Chapter 4: “A Bleeding Woman and a Dead Girl” & Chapter 5: “A Two-Stage Miracle: Seeing again”
- May 17th – *a break while Nancy goes to see Amy-Jill speak in person!!*
- May 24th – Chapter 6: “The Raising of Lazarus” & Conclusion

Contact Nancy Walker for more information –
nancywalker@cbunited.ca

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If you are presently enjoying this magazine and would like to renew your subscription, or if you would like to start a subscription (\$25), it is time to do so.

Please contact Linda Snelling,
lisnelling71@gmail.com or 250 652 3184.

Make a cheque payable to Cordova Bay United Church in the amount of \$25 and see me at church for the next 3 Sundays (April 30, May 7, May 14)

Or:

Leave a cheque in the church mail slot clearly marked for Broadview Magazine.



The Incredible Difference Your Gifts Make: Bill's Story

"Being at camp solidified my strong connection with the natural world."



None of us can go a single day without having an impact on someone's life. And we can't always predict how what we do to help change a life might wind up changing ours, too.

Take Bill Darnell. Bill's love affair with nature began at camp, but it didn't end there. Far from it. Bill's childhood experience of camp wound up inspiring one of the world's most influential environmental movements.

"Camping had a big effect on me. I grew up in suburbia and didn't have much access to the natural world. Camping was an opportunity to go out and be in nature. It was amazing. Being at camp solidified my strong connection with the natural world," he says.

Bill's early camp experience instilled such a love of nature that when he became an adult, he became an environmental activist. "When I was 25 years old, not far removed from my years in camp, I saw that they were testing nuclear weapons. That was so obviously wrong that I felt I had to do something to stop it," he says.

So Bill and a small group of friends anxiously climbed on board an 85-foot fishing boat later dubbed Greenpeace. Together, they set sail for Alaska to stop the testing of a nuclear bomb. Greenpeace as a movement was born.

Bill's story proves that camping experiences in childhood can lead to a lifelong commitment to care for God's creation.

As scientists and activists sound the alarm around climate change and experts report that not spending enough time outside is having an impact on our children's health and well-being, outdoor ministry has never been more crucial. It's just one of the many reasons why Mission & Service really matters.

Your [Mission & Service](#) gifts support over two dozen United Church-run camps across the country. Every year, your generosity gives thousands of children an opportunity to go to camp. There, they learn life skills, meet other campers, explore faith, and spend time outside.

Like Bill, some young people may leave camp so impressed by the natural environment that they get on board a movement to take care of it. "Camping made an incredible difference in my life. I know it will make an incredible difference to young people across Canada. I give thanks to those who support it," Bill says.