

Announcements

February 18, 2024

Cordova Bay United Church



First Sunday in Lent

Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 18

- * Worship, 10am, In-Person and Livestream

Tuesday, February 20

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

Wednesday, February 21

- * Knitting Group, 1pm, Friendship Room

Thursday, February 22

- * Lenten Book Study, 10am, Friendship Room
- * Chime Choir Practice, 6pm, Sanctuary
- * Choir Practice, 7pm, Sanctuary

Friday, February 23

- * Messy Church, 5:30pm, Hall

Saturday, February 24

- * Men's Breakfast Group, 9am, Hall

Sunday, February 25

- * Worship, 10am, In-Person and Livestream
*Followed by Soup and Bun Lunch in the hall and then
the Annual Meeting in the Sanctuary*

Keep in Touch

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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Wandering Heart: *"Jesus sought me"*

All This Time

I put my headphones in.
I walk quickly.

I look toward the ground.
I create one million barriers
of independence,

*but still God seeks after me.
God leans a rainbow over the sky.
God sends sun after the rain.*

God blankets the earth with wildflowers.
God allows music to carry
and laughter to rise,

all so that I might notice.
And when I do notice,
the unfurling that begins in my soul is slow and holy and burning.

I am not alone.

God has been chasing after me
all this time.

written by: Rev. Sarah Speed | sanctifiedart.org



A **Daily Devotional** booklet is available to accompany our Lenten theme 'Wandering Heart'. Pick up a copy on the table in the Front Foyer or if you would like a link to a digital copy, please email the office.



A Stewardship Moment

Rainbows and doves—two signs of God's abundant love. What is a sign that you are sharing your abundance and love with the world?

From Nancy Walker, Bella Coola

January 14th (2024) was a special day for me, as the United Churches of Bella Coola and I celebrated our covenanting service and our ministry together in this community. We were so grateful Rev. Janice Young was able to travel to Bella Coola to represent the Pacific Mountain Region and preside over the service. I was also grateful to Karen Andersen, an elder in the community, who said the opening prayer in Nuxalk. It was such a joyful time together, filled with prayer and laughter and, of course, lots of food.

Since accepting the call to Bella Coola in September, I have been slowly getting to know the community. People have been warm and welcoming. Lots of spontaneous chats at the library, post office, co-op, even just walking down the street. I am trying to learn more about the Nuxalk culture. It has been a privilege to be able to go to the weekly Elder's lunches and spend time with the people there.

I love how close the mountains are, even if it takes a little getting used to seeing bears in your backyard. My first week here, I was walking by the river and I saw otters playing in the water and eagles swooped down close and I experienced the sense of peace you have when you know you are in the right place.

Emmanuel United is an important part of the community. It sits on the edge of the Nuxalk reserve, in downtown Bella Coola. Besides Sunday services, funerals and comfort services, it houses the Tribal Council Office, and is the site of fundraisers, birthday parties, baby showers, Supper Club and so many other activities. I look forward to seeing what else God calls these churches to do in the future.

It is a blessing and a privilege to serve Emmanuel and Augsburg United Churches.

Nancy Walker



Want to learn more about Remit 1

Creating an Autonomous National
Indigenous Organization?

Click [here](#) to learn more about Remit 1.

To read the recent Broadview magazine article on the Remit click on the following link.

[Vote to let Indigenous church decide its future would show 'we are our own elders': gathering delegate | Broadview Magazine](#)

Can you help?

Hello my name is Olha Shuliak. I just arrived here from the Ukraine with my 2 children (7 & 11). We are staying with Christina Parkhurst and live on Cordova Bay Road. I am a textile engineer by trade but have also worked in hospitality and housecleaning. I am (quite urgently) looking for Housekeeping work and / or perhaps Senior Support ~ carrying groceries, cooking, housecleaning, pet walking, organizing, playing cards, keeping someone company etc.

In order to support my family I am very happy with a few clients who may want part time to start, in order to get to know each other better. I have beginner English but have a translating app that helps me. Unfortunately I cannot drive (yet) but can bus and have a bicycle.

Thank you for considering working with me. If you don't have a current need for the above services, I'd be delighted if you would pass my name along to someone who may.

Warmest regards,

Olha

If you would like to reach out to Olha,
please phone or email the office
for her contact information.
Thank you.



at Cordova Bay United Church
813 Claremont Avenue | 250-658-5911

Messy Church returns in 2024
Friday, February 23

Fun starts at 5:30 pm.
Family and friends welcome!
Meal provided!

For more information
contact childrenyouth@cbunited.ca
or 250-658-5911

Annual General Meeting Sunday, February 25

After worship

Don't miss this celebration
of the past year in the life of
Cordova Bay United Church.

There will be a soup and bun lunch (by
donation) in the hall following
the worship service and then
we will gather in the sanctuary
for the meeting.

The **Ethel Wilson Women's Group** will
be meeting **February 27, 7:00 p.m.** in the
Sanctuary to hear our very own Jiemei Li talk
about... **Culture and Traditions of Celebrating
Lunar New Year.**

Jiemei will talk about how
her family and friends
celebrate the Lunar New
Year, also known as the
Spring Festival, with
traditions and cultural
customs that are enjoyed
by all generations. All
women in the church are
welcome to attend.



Registration is limited. Register today!
Cordova Bay United Church
presents

Dying to Know

How to say goodbye with respect, knowledge and confidence.

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 from 10:00 to 2:00
813 Claremont Avenue, Victoria, BC 250-658-5911

Cost: \$30 includes a soup luncheon and a copy of:
The Ultimate Guide on What to do When Someone You Love Dies
By: Laurie Mueller

Please register for the event by calling: 250-658-5911
or emailing: bethparsons@cbunited.ca by Friday,
February 23, 2024

Presenters

Jeffrey Reimer
Barrister & Solicitor



"Wills and Estates"

Laurie Mueller
Author, M.Ed



"How to Write an Obituary"

Pastor Beth Parsons
Minister at CBUC



"Celebrating Life"

Cordova Bay United Church presents

An afternoon of music

Sunday, March 3, 2pm

Cordova Bay United Church
813 Claremont Avenue

From the piano studio of
Toshiko Tampo

with Dr. Peter Houghton



Admission by donation
to support Our Place Society
and the work of Cordova Bay United

Online donations are accepted at www.cbunited.ca
or as an e-transfer to treasurer@cbunited.ca.
Please include in the message 'An Afternoon of Music.' Thank you.

A Valentine themed tea dance was held last Saturday afternoon. It was almost a sell out crowd who had so much fun! Some people danced, some people watched, a lot of people chatted with old friends. All enjoyed the musical presentations from Beth and Glenn Parsons and also Barb Waldner's rendition of the Charleston. Proceeds from the ticket sales and silent auction will be shared between the For the Love of Africa Society and Cordova Bay United Church.

Thank you to Kate Insley and her brilliant team for making this possible!



Big Thank You to John MacLeod for stepping up to deliver all the items left for Our Place. His car was full.

There some items left in the cart that are not accepted by Our Place such as a hand blender and food.

Here is a list of what they need at this time:

Men's and Women's

Socks
Underwear (new only)
Pants
Shirts
Shoes and boots
Sweaters
Coats
Rain gear
Gloves
Hats
Scarves

Shelter

Sleeping bags
Blankets (new or gently used)
Pillows (new only)
Thin camping mats
Tents
Tarps