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Cadboro Bay United Church

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Dates to Remember

- May 7 - First Fruit Sunday
 - Newcomers Luncheon @ 11:30am
- May 16 - Remits Meeting @ 7pm
- May 20 - New Blood Dance Theatre @ 7pm
- May 21 - New Blood Dance Theatre @ 7pm
- May 26 - Jr. Youth & Friday Friends @ 6:30pm
- May 27 - Grandmothers Muffin Sale
 - Sr. Youth Group @ 7pm

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Living the Vision

For the past 8 months we have been exploring our theme of “Companionship of Empowerment”. We began by unpacking those words and then looked at a number of stories where Jesus lays out the programmatic intentions of this “Kingdom of God”. We’ve looked at this vision from a number of angles. In Lent we looked at the stories of Jesus at table and used this metaphor to deepen our understanding of this inclusive vision that Jesus lead and inspired in his ministry. Easter has found us looking at ways that the breaking of bread invites us into a new lived reality of this way of being together.... Even after Jesus is physically gone.



For May we will look at the story of Peter and Cornelius (Acts 13) and the ways the disciples and later the Apostle Paul, tried to make sense of this new inclusive empowering companionship and its **implications for the emerging vision of “church”**. **There are ways the church has tried historically to live into this vision and there are ways that it has distorted is so badly one wonders how we could have gotten it so wrong.** Can we now go back and re-**imagine what the intent was of Jesus’ teachings** and the ways it challenged and excited the early followers to passionately proclaim this gospel. Is this good news (gospel) still relevant in 2017? What implications does it have for the Christian church in general and the United church and CBUC specifically as we deal with changing demographics of both congregations and society as a whole. Is the recapturing of the initial vision something that will revitalize and capture the imaginations for future generations where the staid traditions and practices of the past have not?

We will spend time exploring this as the backdrop to the visioning process we are going to be entering **in with St. Aidan’s in the fall.** **What are the questions and insights we bring to the table. How do we want to engage with each other and with those outside our communities? Is neighbourhood our “mission field” or is it broader than that? For what purpose might we exist into 2025? What is the legacy we want to preserve and leave as leaders now and what fertile soil will be ploughed and plant for generations to come?**

These questions have both personal and corporate implications to how we live our lives and use our time and resources. Over the next few newsletters you will hear more from council about what this process will entail and there will be an abundant number of opportunities for us to share our thoughts, **visions, ideas AND a chance to draw the circle wide and get to know others at St. Aidan’s and discover** what we share together. We have used the slogan WE CAN BE MORE TOGETHER in the past and it is one of the grounding values that brings us to the table together at this juncture of our history. **We don’t know yet what we will discover and what our future paths together might be, but we are** signalling to each other that we are ready to make this next part of our journey as faith communities together.

Kids Konnect

The children have been full of energy and questions! How exciting to see. We find ourselves in the middle of the Easter Season and are continuing to look at stories of resurrection and how we can be Easter people as Jesus was.



We have explored Spiritual practices, creating our unique Easter Blessings, listening to the sacred story under the parachute, watching video clips around searching for God, getting our hands dirty in the dirt, checking out the bugs in the compost and creating new ideas and concepts around the word "resurrection!" These kids are amazing! We will carry on in the midst of The Easter season up until Pentecost when we get all fired up for a new season! I look forward to seeing you on Sundays!

Youth Groups

Friday Friends will gather on the last Friday of the month from 6:30-8:30 pm. This will be joint with our Jr. Youth group as well. Friends are welcome. Snack provided and connections and fun to be had. Hope you can join us.

Jr. Youth will be hanging out Friday May 5th and May 26th from 6:30-8:30 pm!

Sr. Youth connect on Sundays from 7-9 pm and will be gathering on May 7th and May 28th from 7-9pm at the church.



Young Adults: are wrapping up their time together. Many young adults are around for the summer so opportunities to connect will be available. Check your email and or the young adult facebook group for more information. We will gather for some conversation and a walk down to the beach on Sunday May 7th after the Newcomers lunch! Come and join us!

CBUC Family Camp

June 9-11

We are once again booked into Camp Pringle for June 9-11 for our Annual Family Camp. This is a time of relaxation, community building, games, activities, crafts, swimming and campfires. Registration is available online at cadbayuc.org. We have a build your own registration this year. Your camp fee includes 2 nights accommodation, all meals and snacks, activities, programming, waterfront access to canoes, kayaks, etc. You can register at www.cadbayuc.org

13 yrs + = \$65/person
6-12 yrs = \$45/person
3-5 yrs = \$35/person
Under 3 yrs = \$10/person

(these fees are based on the entire weekend)

If you'd just like to come for the Saturday the fee is \$25/person



Schedule

Friday Evening: Arrive after 7pm and get settled into your room. Join the group for informal games, socializing and a snack.

Saturday Morning: Fun activities are planned for all ages. Join a team and try your hand at a variety of fun, engaging team challenges!

Saturday Afternoon: After lunch is the time to **enjoy Camp Pringle's waterfront. Under the watchful eye of our lifeguards, we can swim, kayak, canoe, sail, build sandcastles and soak up the sun!**

Saturday Evening: After dinner, we wind down the day at the big weekend campfire, a time to **sing, share stories and enjoy s'mores!**

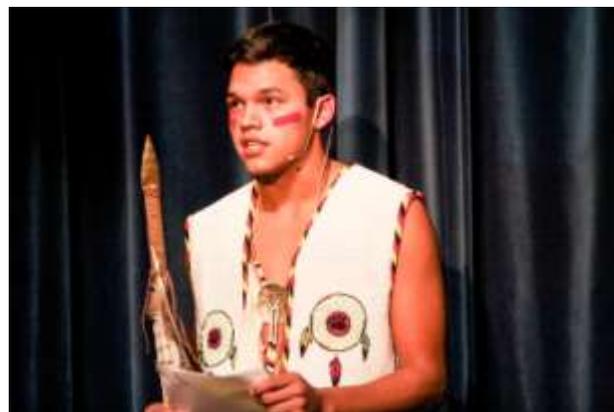
Sunday Morning: We worship outdoors in the forest chapel. After lunch we clean up and head for home.

New Blood Dance Theatre

May 20 & 21 & 7pm

We are extremely lucky to be able to host this widely acclaimed production coming to us from Alberta. The production blends traditional Blackfoot music and the contemporary music by Peter Gabriel to create an amazing piece of theatre celebrating Blackfoot history and traditions and the experience of residential schools. Bring your friends and family for an amazing evening. Check out the

this link for video samples and more <http://www.newblooddance.com/> You need to really see this to understand how spectacular the evening will be. Tickets are \$10 each. ½ price tickets for students and low income also available. You can purchase tickets online, in the hall after church during coffee time, through the office or at the door.



Thrifty Foods Smile Cards

We have once again been approved for the Smile Card Program. If you already have a Smile Card that is connected to CBUC please continue to use it. If you would like to get a Smile Card you can get one through the office or on select weeks we will have them available at a table in the church hall after coffee. HOW DOES IT WORK: Get a Smile Card from CBUC, load it up with the amount of your choice, do your grocery shopping as you normally would and pay with your Smile Card, 5% of your purchase will come to CBUC as a donation! Last year we raised \$2000 to help renovate and update the Youth Room and our mission to complete the work on the Youth Room will continue this year. Thank you for your support.

Remits from General Council

Evening Discussion Tuesday May 16th 7 – 8:30 pm

At our March AGM, the congregation decided that they would like to have an information session and conversation with the CBUC board about Remits 1-4 at a date in late spring. Council has set as a date Tuesday evening, May 16th. We will gather in the sanctuary to hear what the proposed changes are to the national church and its structure. If you want to read more in advance you can visit the special website set up to introduce the remits at <http://www.gc42.ca/remits>.

These remits arise as a result of decisions made at the last meeting of General Council in Cornerbrook NFLD. A series of changes to the structure and funding of the nation church were considered and after much debate and a number of revisions, a model was approved to be implemented in the coming years. However, the constitution of the United Church requires that these sorts of changes must be approved by other courts of the church prior to them being implemented. To that end, the council of CBUC will be asked to consider several remits regarding a shift in governance and responsibility, the understanding of ministry and the approval of a new funding formula going forward. Your input will be useful to council so we hope you can join us on May 16th at 7pm.



URGENTLY NEEDED personal care items for Our Place Society

Our Place is in desperate need of personal care items for their hygiene care centre. Over 40 people per day use their free showers. Currently they are out of soap, shampoo, toothpaste, tooth brushes, razors, combs and other personal care items.

You can make a donation by putting items in the marked bin under the coat rack in the hallway here at CBUC or you can drop off your donations to Our Place at 919 Pandora Ave.

Stewardship and PAR

(Pre Authorized Remittance or Auto Withdrawal)

It's not always clear to some how the church functions financially. We often get questions and queries about the funding sources that make up the budget at CBUC. While we have some income that comes from rentals and fundraisers, the majority of funding, (80%) comes from donations by those attached to CBUC. We do not get any funding from the National Church, rather a portion of what we collect goes to support the larger work of the United Church of Canada.

Generosity and consistency are important elements to the ongoing financial health of CBUC. Faithfulness and stewardship are linked together as we seek to be the church together for the **needs of today's world. You can look at the budget for this year** and the financial statements from last year online in the Annual report (<http://www.cadbayuc.org/2016-annual-report/>) This might give you an idea about where the money goes.



People often ask what the right amount to give is. That is a hard question to answer as personal circumstances vary from person to person and family to family. The Bible suggest that we aim for the giving of a tithe (10%) and as an overall cumulative guideline for **charity, that's a pretty good goal. If you've not been used to giving at that rate, its best to start at a smaller percentage and work up to it over the course of a few years.**

Consistency in people's giving helps the finance committee and the church council to plan and pay the bills. Those who are on PAR are a great help to the ongoing financial stewardship health of CBUC. Especially during the summer months when attendance is a bit more sporadic for people, this consistency of donations is really important.

Council has planned that the first Sunday of May, June, Oct and Nov will have an opportunity during coffee hour in the hall to sign up for PAR if you are not already on it. Sarah Schoeck (Board Chair) and Dan Reeve (Communications Committee Chair) will be in the hall to answer questions about PAR (pre-authorized remittance) and to sign up those who would like automate their givings to CBUC. PAR is an easy way to give to CBUC monthly and automatically through your bank account or via your credit card.

DYK? (Did you know)

The first Sunday of every month we collect fresh fruit to share with our family members at Our Place. The fruit supplements the nutrition bar and is a wonderful way to donate to Our Place.





The following is a list of events happening at United Churches around town.

May 7

Shady Mountain in Concert 2:30pm

St. Mary's Church – 1973 Cultra Ave

A benefit concert in support of RAPID's refugee sponsorship initiative. Admission by donation – tax receipts for donations over \$20

Hawaiian Musical Expressions 2pm – 3pm

Cordova Bay United Church – 813 Claremont Ave

Join Ginny Langham & Peter Jasmin for a fun time being entertained with Hawaiian songs. Admission by donation to The United Church of Canada Mission & Service Fund. All ages

May 8

Peninsula Healing Pathway Practice Session 2pm

Shady Creek United – 7180 East Saanich Rd

RSVP 250-652-2714 or megarnett@shaw.ca

May 13

Spiritual Growth Retreat Day 10am – 3pm

Centennial United Church – 612 David St

RSVP 250-384-6424 or office@cucvictoria.com Bring a journal, walking shoes, and a blanket to sit on. Lunch provided, Cost: by donation

May 17

Strengthening Our Sacred Relationship with Refugee Newcomers – 7pm-9pm

St. John's United – 10990 West Saanich Rd

Saanich Peninsula Refugee Initiative Group shares experiences, learnings and opportunities to get involved

May 19

Taize – 6:00pm

Fairfield United Church – 1303 Fairfield Rd

May 28

Taize Prayer & Music

Oak Bay United Church – 7:30pm

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