

# Cordova Bay United Church

## Announcements July 19, 2026

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Here are all the programs and activities  
happening at CBUC  
July 19 — July 25

**Church activities are listed in Yellow.**

##### Sunday, July 19

- **Worship, 10am, Sanctuary**

##### Monday, July 20

- Jazzercise, 6pm, Hall

##### Tuesday, July 21

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

##### Wednesday, July 22

- Jazzercise, 6pm, Hall
- Sing Together Choir, 6:30pm, Friendship Room

##### Thursday, July 23

- Jazzercise, 8:30am, Hall
- Zumba, 5pm, Hall

##### Friday, July 24

- Jazzercise, 8:30am, Hall

##### Saturday, July 25

- Jazzercise, 8:30am, Hall
- Zumba, 9:30am, Hall
- **Celebration of Life—Ron Faris, 2pm,  
Sanctuary, Kitchen, Hall**



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## Summer Reading Event Book Sale By Donation

This summer we are offering books for sale by donation.

You can donate up to 4 books at a time, preferably novels. Consider this a way to expand your access to enjoyable books this summer.



Find a good read, place your donation in the container or envelope then go home, put your feet up and enjoy. The money raised will go to Church Outreach helping to feed local people facing food insecurity.

**PLEASE** do not leave atlases, Reader's Digest, textbooks, cookbooks, coffee table books, dictionaries, DVDs, CDs records or magazines.

We do not have the resources to dispose of them.

**THANKS FOR SUPPORTING OUR CARING  
AND OUTREACH TEAM.**

## Spirit Kids Notice:

During July and August the Spirit Kids are invited to remain for the entire service. There are special activities at the Spirit Kids table..

# VAMC



A community of male-voice singers who sing for health and joy: we are the Victoria Arion Male Choir. Our history goes back to 1893 when the Arion Club of Victoria gave its first public concert.

Our mission is to maintain the great tradition of male -voice choral music, and to share that music through two or more public concerts each year. The choir also performs at senior residences, and the Victoria Remembrance Day ceremony at the BC Legislature.

We support music education through our choral scholarship program, which allows up to four student musicians to sing with us each year. We welcome new members: come and share with us the joy of male choral music!

We are actively seeking new singers for our non-audition choir in September 2026, with open houses on Monday September 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>. The choir sings four-part harmony, and our repertoire covers classical, spiritual, folk, and contemporary music.

We meet Monday's, 7:00PM at Cordova Bay United Church, 813 Claremont Ave. We are also looking for choral scholars. For more information on becoming a member or if you want to know more about the choral scholarship program, please contact Jim Johnson at [jimmysj@shaw.ca](mailto:jimmysj@shaw.ca) or check out our website at [www.vamc.ca](http://www.vamc.ca).



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Your **\$1** donation becomes **\$2** for  
your local food bank.



This July, Peninsula Co-op will  
match all donations, up to **\$25,000!**





# Mission and Service Trips

Want to see the world? Looking for ways to help others? The United Church is seeking volunteers for some amazing opportunities to do both! Learn more about how The United Church and our global partners are helping people by visiting these places and speaking with the people involved.

New opportunities are posted on the [United Church of Canada Volunteer and Partner Opportunity](#) webpage.



## **Food Security Learning Tour, Canadian Foodgrains Bank**

Location: Bangladesh

Date: January 27 - February 10, 2027

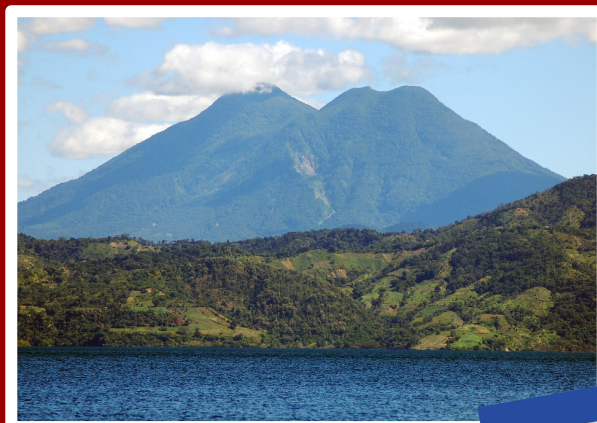
Age: +20

Estimated Cost: \$4500

(partial subsidies are available)

The United Church of Canada is seeking individuals interested in applying for a [Canadian Foodgrains Bank Food Security Learning Tour](#) (CFGB) to learn about hunger, food security, community perspectives, histories, and lived experiences in Bangladesh from January 27 to February 10, 2027. Food Security Learning Tours are opportunities to see firsthand how CFGB supports projects promoting food security for families and communities, as well as learn more about Canada's global role supporting agricultural and food security. This learning tour is for any Canadian adults (20+) who are passionate to learn more about global food security and humanitarian response and be equipped with knowledge and skills to share with others and inspire them to take action.

**Interested?** Check out the [CFGB website](#) for more information.



## **Pilgrimage to El Salvador**

Location: El Salvador

Date: March 7 - 17, 2027

Age: +14

Estimated Cost: \$2000

During March break 2027, leaders from the East Central Ontario Regional Council together with the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council and the Pacific Mountain Regional Council will welcome 20-30 people and travel to San Salvador to be guests of Mission and Service partner, Emmanuel Baptist Church. Through this week together you will learn about Salvadoran history, perhaps help build a school, community centre or church in rural El Salvador, learn about peacemaking initiatives as alternatives to social exclusion, violence and poverty. This visit is part of the decades-long story of people-to-people connections between the people of Emmanuel Baptist Church and United Churches here in Canada.

**Interested?** Check out the [East Central Ontario Regional Council webpage](#) for more information.

**The application deadline for both programs is August 31st, so apply soon.**

# Food Security and Climate Change

## Extreme Heat & Agriculture

The increasing number of extreme heat days (over 30 degrees Celsius) will threaten crop and livestock producers; crops may fail due to heat stress, and livestock may fail to grow, reproduce, or even survive in such sweltering temperatures. These impacts have major implications for the production of poultry, red meat, eggs, and dairy products.

Changing seasons, such as warmer summers and milder winters, will allow new pests and diseases to spread to Canadian farms. These pests may damage crops and harm livestock, which have never had to deal with such problems, and therefore lack adaptive responses.

## Impact on Food Security

When our agricultural and farming sector is threatened, all Canadians are threatened, after all, everyone needs to eat. We depend on a healthy, dependable supply of food to grow and thrive. As climate change wreaks havoc on our food systems, supply chains, and economies, food prices go up. As a result, issues like food insecurity become increasingly apparent. Rising food prices and economic instability mean that many Canadian households are unable to afford food. They may worry about a limited selection of food, missing meals, or even going days without eating.

## Local Impact in BC

Since climate change is both a global and local concern, these changes are threatening the food supply in BC and the sustainability of the food system by impacting the capacity to cultivate and produce fruits and vegetables for import and export.



For more information check out  
**Ontario Farmland Trust • World Food Bank • Food and Agriculture Institute**