



Inlet United Newsletter for October 11 to October 17, 2026



What's Happening at Inlet United

October 11 to October 17, 2026

HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK:

OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, OCTOBER 12 - Please note the office will be closed on Monday, October 12 for the Thanksgiving Day holiday. We will resume regular hours on Tuesday, October 13 at 9:30am.

NO CENTERING PRAYER OR HEALING PATHWAY: MONDAY, OCTOBER 12 - We will resume to our regular schedule on Monday, October 19.

UPCOMING THIS WEEK:

Sunday Worship Service, October 11, 2026 - Please join us at 10am in person at The Springs or via YouTube Live Stream - [Click here for link!](#) Worship Leader, Rev. Jenn Swanson presiding, along with Music Director, Scott Gould. Theme: Thanksgiving Sunday!

Wednesday, October 14 at 9:15am - Chair Yoga at IUC at The Springs from 9:15am to 10:15am. This session is currently full. Please contact the church office to be placed on a waitlist.

Wednesday, October 14 from 7pm to 8:30pm - Inlet Sings! Choir rehearsal at Inlet United at The Springs. Childminding available upon request! More details in this newsletter.



Thanksgiving Prayer:

Gracious God,
for harvest fields and garden beds, for shared tables and familiar voices, for the gifts we too easily take for granted, we give you thanks.
As Thanksgiving draws near, open our hearts to gratitude, our hands to generosity, and our lives to the needs of neighbours near and far.
May our thanksgiving become action. Amen.



In Memoriam

Dear Inlet Congregation,

It is with great sadness that I share the news that some of you have already heard: Pete deGroot went home to God on the evening of Saturday October 3rd.

His passing was very sudden and swift and happened at home with family around him.

Your prayers for Diane and their sons Darren and Leigh are much appreciated.

Pete was a very big part of St. Andrew's and subsequently Inlet United Church. He was Chair of the Board at St. Andrew's for many years and was always busy helping out where needed, and in later years he shared his beautiful woodworking talent with the congregation, making things to sell at sales for fundraisers and making the beautiful and intricate cross you see on the credenza our church foyer.

Pete had a big heart and loved our church family.

He attended Sunday worship on the 27th and the Men's Coffee group the day before he passed, and his death came as quite a shock to everyone.

Pete will be very greatly missed.

with Christ's love,
Rev. Jenn

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 14 at 2pm at Inlet United Church at the Springs.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Inlet United Church or the Canadian Cancer Society are greatly appreciated.



Stewardship Message

Inlet United Church Planned Giving program:

Pass on the gift of a lifetime. Remember Inlet United Church with a bequest in your will.

For further information on remembering Inlet United Church in your will, please contact the Stewardship Ministry; Fran, Cathy A., Julie A., Marta P., Betty.



Inlet United Volunteers needed!

Rev. Jenn requires 2 or 3 volunteers to assist at the UCW Gathering/Annual Meeting on Tuesday, October 27th which takes place from 9:30am to 2:30pm at Inlet United at The Springs.

Assistance with greeting and communion.

If you are able to help, please email Rev. Jenn directly at revjenn@inletunited.ca



Next Experience: Thursday, October 22

Join us at 7pm at our Ioco Heritage Church, 1790 Ioco Rd, Port Moody.

The Worship Team presiding and along with Guest Musician, Dr. Bruce Harding.



You are invited!

Groovy Gathering: An All Ages Dance Party for 1946 Babies (and Everyone Who Loves Them!)

Turn back the clock and shake a leg to hits from the '60s, '70s, '80s, and beyond.

Date: Saturday, October 24

Time: 2pm to 4pm

Location: Inlet United Church at the Springs

Attire: 1960s chic or funky vintage flair

Cost: \$5 at the door

Snacks and cold non-alcoholic drinks will be available at our concession stand.

Whether you were born in '46 or just love the vibe, bring your friends and family for an afternoon of fun and music.

For more information visit:

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UNPLUGGED: The Rainbow Lounge

Starting Friday, October 30, 2026

A monthly, phone-free hangout for queer youth and young adults (13+) - games, snacks, crafts, social time, and a quiet space for 1:1 support.

Join Unplugged: The Rainbow Lounge, a free monthly drop-in and offline safe space for queer youth and young adults (13+) and their friends and allies. All are welcome ~ Come as you are!

When: Last Friday of each month (Starting Friday, October 30) from 6pm to 8pm.

Where: Inlet United at The Springs 2315 Springs Street Port Moody (sanctuary level)

What to expect: Board & card games, snacks, crafts, social time plus a private space for confidential conversation with a support facilitator.

Phones stay away so connections can show up!



Next Drop in Thursday, November 5th

With Guest Musician, Shalom Wiebe, therapeutic harpist

For more information visit:

<https://www.shalomwiebe.ca/about-shalom>



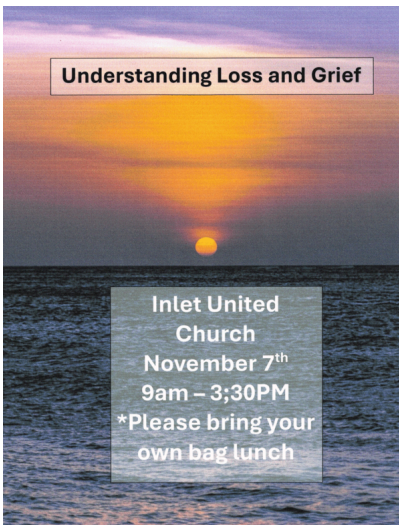
Next Gathering: Thursday, November 5th

Join Emma for Neighbourhood Table on Thursday, November 5th from 5:30pm to 7pm in the Multipurpose room (Sanctuary level) at Inlet United at The Springs. And stop into the sanctuary for an evening labyrinth walk with healing music, starting at 6:30pm.

For more information, please contact Emma at emma@inletunited.ca

For more information visit:

<https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/11513054>



SAVE THE DATE!

Workshop: Understanding Loss & Grief - Presented by Rev. Kevin Hegseth

When: Saturday, November 7 from 9am to 3:30pm

Where: Inlet United Church 2315 Spring Street, Port Moody

Note: Please bring your own bag lunch

Registration: Email the office at office@inletunited.ca



Inlet Sings! at The Springs

For more details contact Music Director, Scott Gould at
scott@scottgould.ca



CONNECTING NEIGHBOURS THROUGH ENGAGING ACTIVITIES!



Social Justice Matters

There is a petition to the Canadian House of Commons asking for stronger protection against subscription traps — those "free trials" that quietly become paid subscriptions, and online quizzes that only tell you the price after you've spent your time on them. These tricks can catch anyone, but they hit seniors and people experiencing cognitive decline especially hard.

The petition needs 500 signatures from Canadian citizens or residents to move forward.

If this matters to you, could you please sign - link below

For more information visit:

<https://www.ourcommons.ca/petitions/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-7745>

You are invited!



Last Tree Tour for 2026

Sunday, October 18 from 1pm to 3pm

Serenity Gardens, by the Henry Esson Young Building

Event Details

Please check our website and social media (Facebook and Instagram) for any last-minute changes, due to unforeseen circumstances.

Come out and enjoy the sumiqwuelu/Riverview Lands.

We will be meeting at Serenity Gardens, by the Henry Esson Young Building (HEY) which is located approximately in the centre of the Riverview grounds.

For more information visit:
<https://rhcs.org/tree-tours>



Inlet Music Series

For more information visit:
<https://www.inletmusicsociety.com/series-concerts>



Our Region and Across the Globe

You are invited!



Lay Leadership Zoom Conversation

Lay Leaders from across the Pacific Mountain Region are warmly invited to a 90-minute Zoom conversation on **Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00pm PST.**

This is a conversation, for sharing, listening, and mutual encouragement. Whether your volunteer role is visible or behind the scenes, your voice and experience are welcome.

Blessings,
Lay Leadership Support Team

For more information visit:
<https://form.jotform.com/262295252029962>



You are invited!

Healing Pathway Phase 1 Workshop

For registration and inquiries, please contact Jackie Cox-Ziegler:
healingpathway@jamesbayunited.com

HEALING PATHWAY PHASE 1 WORKSHOP



Introduction to the Healing Pathway

An Experiential Spiritual Practice

Learning to be a healing presence

Intro to basic concepts of healing hands

November 27-28, 2026

Friday: 8:30 – 5:00 pm, Saturday: 9:00 – 5:00 pm

James Bay United Church, 511 Michigan Street
Victoria, B.C.

Instructors: Jannice Foreman & Deb Firus

This workshop is an opportunity to:

- Share and receive energy sessions
- Learn specific self-care practices
- Be a part of a caring healing community
- Connect into and experience heart-centred energy

There are registration and information brochures available on the bulletin board in the front office reception.

Inquiries: Jackie Cox-Ziegler: healingpathway@jamesbayunited.com

The Pacific Mountain Region

And World Council of Churches

Pacific Mountain Region

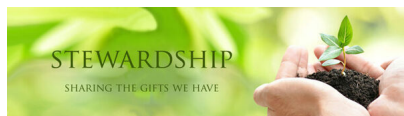
For current events and news, please visit the **Pacific Mountain Region** website.

Pacific Mountain Region Indigenous Ministry

For current events and news, visit PMR Indigenous Ministry - **click here!**

The World Council of Churches

Please visit the **World Council of Churches** website for the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle prayers for the current week.



Financial Offerings

The ministry of Inlet United Church relies heavily on donations from you to keep the ministry operational. Your financial offering is a faith response and a symbol of stewardship. We use these donations to do the work of Jesus both here in this community and far beyond our own walls.

There are 4 easy ways to donate (tax receipts issued at end of year):

1) Interac e-transfer through your bank or credit union. Interac e-transfers should be sent to **donations@inletunited.ca**

2) PAR (automatic monthly donations through your bank). Please reach out to Marcia Carmichael or the office via phone or email to set this up. **Note - If you would like to increase your monthly PAR offerings, please contact Marcia to arrange this.**

3) Donate via credit card on our website – **www.inletunited.ca** – using the “Give” option (select "Local Offerings/General" from the "To" drop down)

4) Send a cheque made out to Inlet United Church to the office. Remember to include your envelope/donor number if you have one.

If you are attending in person, you may donate via our wooden offering box on Sundays in the sanctuary. Please write your name, contact information and/or envelope number on the envelope if you would like your donation to be added to your annual tax receipt.

We thank you again for your generosity and your support!

For more information visit:
<https://www.inletunited.ca/give>



Inlet United Church Contact Information

Get in Touch!

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Music Director - Scott Gould | scott@scottgould.ca

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Newsletter Submissions

Your submissions are welcome!

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR POST

Please submit posts to office@inletunited.ca.

Submission deadline: End of day Wednesday each week.

The newsletter features Inlet United Church and related community posts.
Please include your event or news information and a photo if you like.

*Inlet United Church retains the right to edit all submissions for brevity and clarity,
to remove or not include submissions.*

Thank you!