

# This Week At St. Andrew's

## Share the Joy of Christmas 2022

Every year St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church has a Share the Joy of Christmas campaign with the goal of making the holiday season brighter for those who have difficulty making ends meet in our community. In 2021, we decided to fund Christmas hampers for needy persons in Greater Victoria. The local charity, Mustard Seed Street Church, using its contacts with local food distributors, puts hampers together, that will feed a family of 4. Each hamper, full of a variety of food, including a turkey or grocery gift card, fresh produce, milk, eggs, bakery items, treats, and cereal, also contains a few special gifts for each child in the family that receives the basket. Adults are blessed with a few goodies like warm stockings, chocolates and a new toque along with the food. This way we try to touch each person's heart with the joy, peace and hope of the season.

The Mission and Outreach Committee wants to encourage all the members and adherents of St. Andrew's to consider donating money to the Share the Joy of Christmas fundraiser. The need has never been greater. Our goal this year is to fund 15 food hampers. Each hamper costs \$170, up from \$147 last year. The increased cost of food and gasoline is responsible for the change in price. With the end of pandemic related income supports like CERB and the rapid rate of inflation, many persons and families in Greater Victoria are scrambling to put food on their tables. Please remember those in this situation when you make your plans for Christmas donations this year.

There are many ways that you can donate money to Share the Joy:

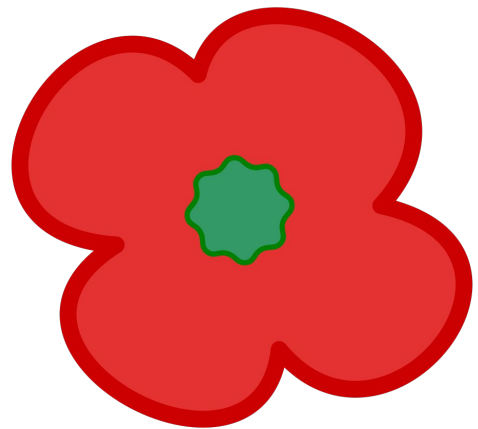
Go to St. Andrew's-Victoria website: [standrewsvictoria.ca](http://standrewsvictoria.ca), and click the Donate tab at the top of the page. There are instructions there to help you donate by various ways such as an e-transfer, church envelopes, by credit card or sending a cheque by mail. Indicate that your donation is for Share the Joy of Christmas 2022.

If you have any questions about our Share the Joy of Christmas campaign, please call Debra Verwey at 250-383-1009.

### KIM FAMILY UPDATE

The Kim family who lives in Seoul, South Korea, is all safe and well after we all heard about the disaster one week ago when there were so many fatalities and injuries during Halloween night.

Several people from our church have enquired as to their safety. The Kim family and all their friends are fine... no one went to that event.



## Lest We Forget.



Hope and Belonging



Pacific Centre  
Family Services Association

# Coldest Night of the Year 2023

SAVE THE DATES:

**WALKATHON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25**  
REGISTRATION BEGINS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

The Coldest Night of the Year is a winterrific family-friendly walk to raise money for local charities serving people experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness. This year, Our Place Society and Pacific Centre Family Services Association are hosting in-person events.

Sign up a team, promote the walk, donate and step up for your neighbours in need. for more info. call 250-940-5064 or go to our website.

[www.ourplacesociety.com](http://www.ourplacesociety.com)

CBC Radio & Our Place present  
A dramatic reading of Charles Dickens' Classic Tale

# A Christmas Carol

Friday, Dec. 9, 2022  
7:00pm Live Event  
First Met United Church  
932 Balmoral Rd, Victoria

Tickets: \$15.00 individual  
\$35.00 family  
\$15.00 virtual link

Feel the Christmas Spirit and give back  
in service to our community

Buy tickets: [ourplacesociety.com/christmascarol](http://ourplacesociety.com/christmascarol)

Featuring CBC Personalities & Special Guests, including:

				
Bob McDonald	Gregor Craigie	Liz McArthur	Rohit Joseph	Kathryn Marlow

We are excited to announce that Jack Knox of the Times Colonist and Joe Perkins of CHEK TV will be our guest celebrity readers!  
Also featuring the music of the West Coast Reach Choir

All proceeds to benefit Our Place Society



## Bulletin Board

**CD Madness Sale:** A sale of used music cds as a fundraiser for the Early Music Society, held in the Lecture Room on November 12 from 11:00am - 5:00pm.

**Building Community Together Event:** St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church has partnered with Ballet Victoria on a Building Community Together community event on Nov 19 at the church's Kirk Hall. The event includes a tea luncheon and a ballet performance, along with a market with books and preserves. There are two sittings at 11:30 a.m (SOLD OUT). and 2:00 p.m. The entrance to the Kirk Hall at 680 Courtney St. There is a passenger drop-off space outside and parking nearby at the Broughton Street parkade. 735 Broughton St. Tickets are \$15. Advance reservations are required by phoning St. Andrews church office at 778-587-1227 or [office@standrewsvictoria.ca](mailto:office@standrewsvictoria.ca). Leave a message and the church administrator will return your call. For more information, go to [standrewsvictoria.ca/buildingcommunitytogether](http://standrewsvictoria.ca/buildingcommunitytogether)

**The Gift of Christmas Music:** December 15th, Douglas street doors open at 11:30am, concert from 12 - 1:15 pm. Join us for an afternoon listening to piano, trumpet, violin, flute, organ, and carol singing! Entrance by donation - everyone is welcome! For more information call 778-587-1227.

**In the Salon of Mme Brillon Concert:** The Early Music Society presents In the Salon of Mme Brillon at St. Andrew's Church on January 7th at 8:00 pm. For tickets go to [earlymusicsocietyoftheislands.ca](http://earlymusicsocietyoftheislands.ca)

**Robbie Burns Tea:** Join the Victoria Scottish Gaelic Choir on January 22nd at the Kirk Hall for the return of St. Andrew's Burns Tea - further details to be announced soon!