

This Week At St. Andrew's

Prayers for the Pastor

By the time you read this, Linda and I will be in my home state of Alabama visiting my brother and sister-in-law, Mike and Carol and my sister Faye. It was October 2018 when my sister Amber died that we last visited with my siblings.

Within these last four years Faye has lost the 2nd of her three sons to an early death and Faye's husband died shortly after the death of their son. Faye suffered a debilitating stroke that left her bedridden in her home and is under Hospice care. While my brother has become skilled at FaceTime video calls with the three of us, in no way do those calls measure the excitement of finally being together in person.

Linda and I will then travel to Columbus, Ohio for our granddaughter, Stella's first birthday and her baptism on Sunday, 20th While we look forward to our family visits, we are wary of the risk factors of travel and being around so many people in an area of the country that takes COVID risks lightly. I return facing cataract surgery on Tuesday, November 29 and would hate for this surgery to be cancelled because of a COVID outbreak.

My vacation began on Sunday, November 13 and will continue until our return home on Thursday, November 24. If you have pastoral needs or concerns during this time, please call your elder or Rev. Wayne Stretch, our Interim Moderator who led worship on Sunday, November 13 and will moderate Session on Tuesday, November 15. Ruth McCowan will lead worship on Sunday, November 20.

Please pray for safe travel, good health and a wonderful reunion with Mike and Faye and for the joy of celebrating Stella's first birthday and baptism and Malachi's fourth birthday soon after we leave them this time.

Rich Blessings to all.

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BUILDING COMMUNITY TOGETHER

SOLD OUT!

LUNCHEON & TEA WITH ENTERTAINMENT BY BALLETT VICTORIA AND A COMMUNITY MARKET TO FOLLOW. ADVANCED TICKETS REQUIRED.

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NOV. 15TH 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

SAT 2:00 PM

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THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC

15 DECEMBER
12:00 - 1:15 PM

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF TRUMPET, PIANO, HARP, FLUTE, CAROL SINGING, AND ORGAN MUSIC!

ENTRANCE BY DONATION

EVERYONE WELCOME

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ON THE CORNER OF DOUGLAS AND BROUGHTON
PARKING AT LIBRARY PARKADE
DOUGLAS DOORS OPEN AT 11:30AM
ACCESSIBILITY ENTRANCE ON BROUGHTON

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November is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

“Love means seeking the best for others and is the mark of a Christian... love speaks the truth tempered with kindness... it is the way of seeing others as God sees them” (Living Faith 8.3.2, 8.2.3).

Families and intimate relationships should be places of love and care. Yet, this is not always the case. There is no room for abuse or violence in love. No one is called to live with violence. One-quarter of violence reported to police involves a family member as perpetrator. This is a fraction of the number of people who experience domestic violence, a crime that is frequently underreported. Domestic violence is a reality for many people in congregations, but it is rarely spoken about in our prayers, sermons and studies.

If you have experienced abuse, know that it is not your fault. Nothing excuses violence or abuse. Help and support are available.

If you need support, or you are worried about someone you know and do not feel comfortable reaching out to someone at church, here are some other resources:

- Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868
- Hope for Wellness, for Indigenous people in crisis: 1-855-242-3310
- Trans Lifeline provides peer support for trans people: 1-877-330-6366
- Crisis Services Canada: 1-833-456-4566
- Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse provides regional helplines: cnpea.ca/en/what-is-elder-abuse/get-help

You can help support those facing domestic violence by:

- Learning more about domestic violence and its signs—see the church’s Social Action Hub for more information at presbyterian.ca/justice/social-action.
- Learning what supports exist locally so appropriate referrals can be made
- Ensuring you are familiar with the church’s Leading with Care policy
- Supporting local shelters and agencies assisting those who face domestic violence

Abuse is never okay.



Be amazed. Be inspired.

We Are One! 2022

An outstanding live show for HUMAN SOLIDARITY DAY
and the INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

2:00 p.m. Sat. Dec. 3rd, 2022
First Metropolitan United Church, Victoria

ALVIN "TOES" LAW  Internationally acclaimed motivational speaker, musician and author	ERIC HARPER  Emmy Award winning composer and virtuoso flamenco guitarist
MIGUELITO VALDES  Legendary Cuban jazz trumpet player	MC: ED BAIN (CHEK TV, "Q" FM) REACH!  Celebrating diversity and inclusion through the performing arts

PLUS: Diverse-City Singers / Karen Lee White / Eryn Sharpe / Shan-e-Punjab Dancers

TICKETS just \$20 in advance on Eventbrite:
<https://we-are-one-2022.eventbrite.ca>
or call 250-889-0871 or 250-882-4339

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Share the Joy of Christmas



St. Andrew's Share the Joy of Christmas 2022 campaign is off to a great start! This past week enough money was donated to provide 2 Christmas hampers for those who are having a hard time making ends meet in Greater Victoria.

Christmas is meant to be a joyful and celebratory season. Unfortunately, for those who are already struggling financially, Christmas can be stressful. When you donate to St. Andrew's Share the Joy, you are making Christmas brighter for families, couples and singles in need. Hampers are filled with all the Christmas fixings and parents can choose a new toy for their children.

Please help us bring joy and comfort this holiday season. Our goal for 2022 is 15 hampers...each one costs \$170, enough for a family of 4. Donate what you can afford through your church envelopes or follow the instructions under the Donate tab on St. Andrew's website, standrewsvictoria.ca.

For more information, call Debra Verwey at 250-383-1009

HELP FEED HUNGRY FAMILIES IN VICTORIA

SHARE THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS

A DONATION OF \$170 PROVIDES A CHRISTMAS HAMPER FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR!



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Sing Christmas Carols with us and CBC for "OUR PLACE"



Join us at OUR PLACE starting now to practise Christmas carols for the CBC presentation of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" on Dec. 9th, 2022. (A live, public show featuring CBC personalities - to raise funds for care the Our Place Society provides for the homeless.)

Weekly singing sessions are FREE and are 12:15-1:00 p.m., Tuesdays in the Multi-Purpose Spiritual Care Room, upstairs in the Our Place Community Centre (919 Pandora Ave).

No previous performing experience required, but regular participation is needed if you decide to be in the show.

For more information email: westcoastreach@gmail.com
tel. 250-882-4339, or just come
and try a session!



THE VICTORIA SCOTTISH
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The
**Cantie Yule
Concert**


TICKETS \$10 AT THE DOOR

*Join us for an cheerful afternoon of familiar carols,
traditional Gaelic tunes, and Scottish Christmas music!
Light refreshments to follow. Masks are encouraged.*

TIME	DATE	LOCATION
Doors at 2:00 pm Concert at 2:30 pm	Sunday December 4th	Trinity Presbyterian 2964 Tillicum Rd

PLEASE EMAIL TO RESERVE YOUR TICKETS
vicgaelicchoir@gmail.com




**SEASONAL
CLASSICS**



CELLISTS FROM THE UVIC STUDIO OF PAM HIGHBAUGH-ALONI AND THE LEAD CELLIST IN THE LAFAYETTE QUARTET WILL PERFORM CLASSICAL AND SEASONAL SELECTIONS. CELLISTS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY UVIC SCHOOL OF MUSIC PIANISTS.

December 11 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Douglas Street Entrance Main
Broughton Street Accessibility Entrance
Parking at Library Parkade
Doors at 1:30pm / Concert at 2:00pm
Donation Boxes

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE
 PHONE: 778-587-1227
 EMAIL: OFFICE@STANDREWSVICTORIA.CA

Bulletin Board

Building Community Together Event is SOLD OUT: 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. 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 SOLD OUT for this year.

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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.

Seasonal Classics: Cellists from the UVIC Studio of Pam Highbaugh-Aloni and the lead cellist in the Lafayette Quartet will perform classical and seasonal selections. Cellists will be accompanied by UVIC School of Music pianists. December 11 at 2:00pm at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Douglas Street entrance.

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