

# This Week At St. Andrew's

## A Child Shall Lead

This is Stella Grace Yochum on the day following her first birthday and on the day of her baptism.

During his baptismal vow, Pastor Bill placed his hand on Stella's head, called her by name and said, "Child of the Covenant." He alluded to the fact that even before her birth, God knew and claimed her. She belongs to God and her baptism seals her identity as a child of God.

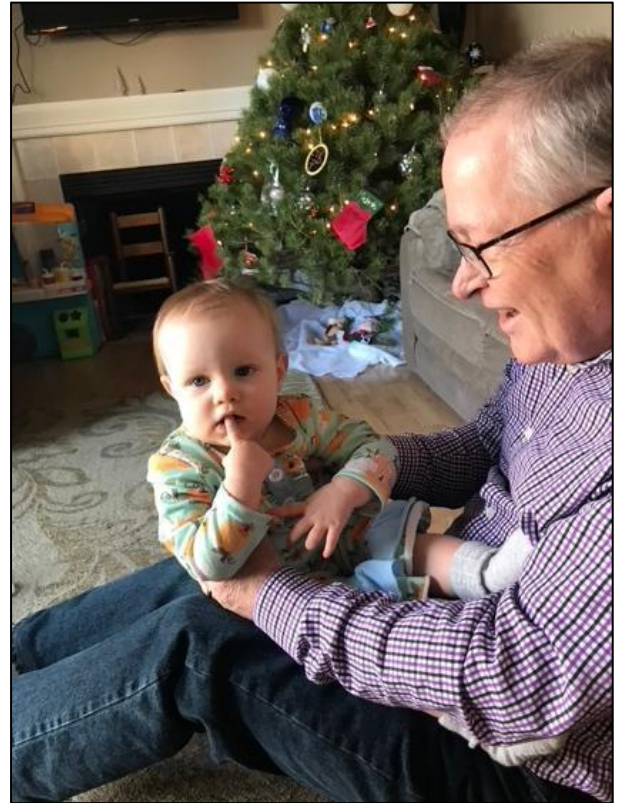
Sunday is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent in which we will read from Isaiah 11, *"<sup>6</sup>The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."*

Obviously, Isaiah foretells a time yet to come. Seriously, can you imagine the wolf living with a lamb, the kid and the leopard moving in together and the cow and the bear sharing a meal not consisting of beef! In the midst of these amazing promises is yet another, *"and a little child shall lead them."* Among this unusual scenario, almost as an afterthought that a child will lead them.

Theologians know that the child who will lead speaks of Christ who would come as a baby to lead the world not by force of power but by love. Advent continues our wait for the assurance that Christ indeed will lead us beyond our comfort zones, and beyond the norms that define how we relate to one another.

And I cannot help but think of Stella following her baptism, prayerfully, that even as a child she will lead us all, beginning with the Yochum's and the Coggins to a deeper walk with Christ.

Prayerfully, Mitch



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# Share the Joy of Christmas

With the donations that were received on Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, we now have enough funds to cover the cost of 12 Christmas hampers for needy families in Victoria. We are very near our 2022 goal of 15 hampers and it would be so great if we surpassed that number!

Just a quick reminder, every year the folks at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church donate money to the Share the Joy of Christmas campaign with the goal of making the holiday season brighter and more hopeful for persons who are struggling financially in the Greater Victoria area. We pass along the donations that we receive to the Mustard Seed Street Church who run a food bank and have the connections to really stretch the money to fill Christmas baskets with nutritious food and small gifts for needy families who live near us. This year each Christmas hamper which feeds four persons costs \$170. If we can fund 15 hampers, we will be helping 60 persons have a brighter Christmas.

In this month's Link, I have written an article about how our minister, the Reverend Mitch Coggin, is turning his hobby of making wooden pens and pencils into a way to support our Share the Joy campaign. Be sure to read all about it.

To help with this good cause, donate through your church envelopes or use the **Donate** tab on the church website: [standrewsvictoria.ca](http://standrewsvictoria.ca). Be sure to indicate that the donations are for Share the Joy of Christmas.

For more information about Share the Joy of Christmas 2022, contact Debra Verwey at 250-383-1009.

## What Are We Waiting For?

The Rev. Dr. Bob Faris, Moderator of the 2022 General Assembly, has teamed up with Anglican, Evangelical Lutheran and United Church leaders to prepare What Are We Waiting For?—an ecumenical Advent program.

Every Monday during Advent, the national church leaders will release an ecumenical Advent meditation that reflects on the Advent themes of hope, peace, joy and love, and addresses the challenges that Canadian churches face today. In addition, a live discussion with one of the participating church leaders will take place every Thursday during Advent via Zoom. All are invited to join. For more information go to: <https://presbyterian.ca/2022/11/08/ecumenical-advent/>

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# SHARE THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS

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



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Signs of the Times  
God's Love Includes Everyone

Finding the Good Path  
The Cost of Discipleship

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EVERY THURSDAY DURING ADVENT, listen to a live discussion on each week's Advent theme and ask questions during the online Zoom conversation.

To receive the meeting link and email reminders, visit [Advent2022.ca](http://Advent2022.ca)






# 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

Be amazed. Be inspired.

# We Are One! 2022

An outstanding live show for HUMAN SOLIDARITY DAY  
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**2:00 p.m. Sat. Dec. 3rd, 2022**  
**First Metropolitan United Church, Victoria**

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## THE VICTORIA SCOTTISH GAELIC CHOIR PRESENTS

# 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](mailto:vicgaelicchoir@gmail.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






# Share God's Love of Giving on Tuesday the 29th!

Join millions of people participating in Giving Tuesday on November 29 and make a difference in your community and the world. Donate to a PCC ministry close to your heart and help:

- Feed families in the wake of conflict or disaster
- Nurture faith development
- Help communities access clean, safe drinking water
- Support ministry with Indigenous people

... and much more!

Share God's love with people in Canada and worldwide, and make a statement about what is important to you.

You don't have to wait until November 29—donate today!

<https://presbyterian.ca/donate/giving-tuesday/>



## Bulletin Board

**Open Church & Meditation Hour:** Starting this week on Wednesdays, Open Church is from 12 - 1 pm and Meditation is from 4:30 - 5:30 pm.

**Tea for Tutu:** A free 45-minute performance. Enjoy a preview of the upcoming ballet performance. December 7th, 8th, and 9th from 2 - 4 pm. Reservations required. Contact [tea4tutu@balletvictoria.ca](mailto:tea4tutu@balletvictoria.ca)

**Share the Joy of Christmas:** 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](http://standrewsvictoria.ca).

**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](http://earlymusicsocietyoftheislands.ca)

**The Rabbie Burns Tea:** Join us for an afternoon celebrating the Great Bard with tea and Scottish entertainment. St. Andrew's Kirk Hall, January 22 2023, door at 2:00, entrance by donation. Limited seating - please RSVP with the church office!