

This Week At St. Andrew's

Share the Joy of Christmas

With the latest donations received on Sunday, December 3rd there is enough money in the Share the Joy of Christmas 2022 account to fund 17 Christmas hampers for needy families in Greater Victoria area. We have now surpassed our goal of 15 baskets for this year by 2! Thank you, St. Andrew's!

In case you missed earlier explanations, 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.

In this month's Link, I have written an article about how our minister, the Reverend Mitch Coggin, had donated 6 of his handmade pens and pencils (what Mitch does in his rare spare time) to Share the Joy. Three of these items have been purchased with all the funds going toward the hampers.

You too can donate through your church envelopes or use the **Donate** tab on the church website: 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.



8th Annual!

A Balm In Gilead Band Christmas Concert

Songs and stories to celebrate the birth of Jesus

Wednesday, December 14, 7pm

**Knox Presbyterian Church
2964 Richmond Road**

A Balm In Gilead Band
 Steve Sturgess - guitar and vocal
 Corrine Painter - trumpet and vocal
 Ryan Tandy - bass
 Carolyn Hoekstra - piano
 Miles Fuller - drums
 Jonnie Bridgman - sax
 Elwyn Tomlinson - vocal
 Brian Titus - vocal
 Laura Kavanagh - angel




Proceeds to support Presbyterian World Service and Development Admission by donation

A Balm in Gilead Band takes the more than 800 songs in The Presbyterian Book of Praise (1997) and arranges them in contemporary styles. This approach retains the substance of the traditional hymns but gives them a modern flair.






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.

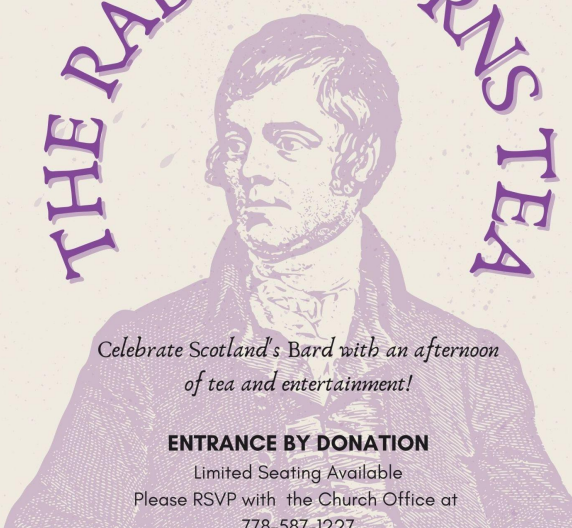
December 11 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
 Douglas Street Entrance Main
 Broughton Street Accessibility Entrance
 Parking at Library Parkade
 Doors at 1:30pm / Concert at 2:00pm
 Donation Boxes

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

 VICTORIA FOUNDATION  ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  UVIC music

THE VICTORIA SCOTTISH GAELIC CHOIR & ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENTS

THE RABBIE BURNS TEA



Celebrate Scotland's Bard with an afternoon of tea and entertainment!

ENTRANCE BY DONATION
 Limited Seating Available
 Please RSVP with the Church Office at 778-587-1227

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023 AT 2:00PM
 ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 KIRK HALL | 680 COURTNEY STREET ENTRANCE

Free Christmas Dinners

Bay Street Armory Dinner

SATURDAY Dec 10

12:00 to 3:00 pm

Must pick up FREE tickets until Dec 6
from The Mustard Seed at 625 Queens.
715 Bay St.
250-953-1575

Pancake Breakfast

SUNDAY Dec 11

9:00 to 11:00 am

With crafts & entertainment.
Oaklands Community Association
#1-2827 Belmont Ave.
250-370-9101

Downtown Christmas Dinner

WEDNESDAY Dec 14

4:30 to 6:00 pm

Downtown Community Center
755 Pandora St.
250-383-0076

Turkey Dinner & Gifts

THURSDAY Dec 15

2:00 to 6:00 pm

Ages 13 to 19, back-alley entrance.
Alliance Club Youth Empowerment Society
533 Yates St.
250-383-3514

Seniors Holiday Turkey Dinner

SUNDAY Dec 18

5:00 to 8:00 pm

Oaklands Community Association
#1-2827 Belmont Ave.
250-370-9101

Gordy Dodd's Annual Christmas Dinner

TUESDAY Dec 20

5:00 to 6:30 pm

Our Place at 919 Pandora
250-388-7112.

Christmas Lunch at Our Place

WEDNESDAY Dec 21

12:00 to 1:00 pm

191 Pandora Ave.
250-388-7112

Turkey Lunch

FRIDAY Dec 23

12:00pm

Free socks, groceries and toiletries
Rainbow Kitchen
500 Admirals St.
250-384-2069

9-10 Club Soup Kitchen

FRIDAY Dec 23

8:30 to 10:00 am

740 View St.
778-440-7687

Annual Christmas Dinner To Go

SUNDAY Dec 25

12:00 to 2:00 pm

St Andrews Kirk Hall
680 Courtney St.
250-384-5734



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/>



Signs of the Times
God's Love Includes Everyone

Finding the Good Path
The Cost of Discipleship

What are we waiting for?

EVERY MONDAY DURING ADVENT, church leaders of The Anglican Church of Canada, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, The Presbyterian Church in Canada and The United Church of Canada will release an ecumenical Advent meditation reflecting on the four themes of hope, peace, joy and love, and addressing challenges facing Canadian churches.

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

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.

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.

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

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!