

This Week At St. Andrew's

Pastoral Potpourri

There are excellent articles and descriptions elsewhere in TWASA which details the Lenten Reader, Ash Wednesday on February 22 and the Asset Mapping Exercise on Sunday, February 19. Please read of those opportunities and consider how you will be involved in each! But to stress again:

Lenten Bible Study begins on Thursday, February 22 and continues each Thursday through March 30.

Our focus revolves around a movie from 2000 called Chocolat and the book Christ and the Chocolaterie by Hilary Brand but our foundation will be upon a biblical focus surrounding the themes raised in the movie and book.

The study will be a collaborative effort of Trinity, Knox and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Churches and will be conducted at Knox Presbyterian, 2964 Richmond Road from 3:00 – 4:30 PM.

Who will be attending and participating? It will be helpful to know so that our space and resources are adequate and ready. Please call the office and let us know that you will be attending and/or need a book dedicated to the study.

If you are interested in this topic and participating in a Lenten study to frame your Lenten experience but cannot attend in person or on Thursdays at the time allotted for this study, please call and let us know of this interest so that we may explore other options.

Lent is coming. How will you engage in a Holy Lent during 2023?

Prayerfully,
Mitch

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS

Your coffee hour team enjoys the fellowship we all share each Sunday after Worship. We are looking to get a second team of volunteers for coffee hour. Each team would be responsible for coffee every other week. Dorothy Reimer has offered to lead this second team. We have 2 commitments and need 3 more to form a team. Perhaps you would be willing to set up cups and snacks before church, or prepare the coffee and tea, help to serve or clean up at the end. It's definitely a fun way to participate in the life of St. Andrew's! For more information chat with any of us at coffee hour or contact Dorothy Reimer @ 250-592-5051 or the church office @ 250-384-5734.

MUSIC NOTES

The postlude this Sunday is "Fiat Lux" by Theodore Dubois. The translation is "Let there be light". I love the way the music starts softly and gradually increases in volume as I pull more stops on the organ. This is wonderful musical representation of the light of Jesus gradually growing to a glorious illumination. I hope you enjoy it.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church acknowledges and thanks the Lekwungen People – WSÁNEĆ, Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations – on whose traditional land we meet and worship.

Take a Risk!

In this past Sunday's sermon, Mitch asked, "What does our worship lead us to do?"

So what do you do during worship or during the week to strengthen your personal relationship with God and one another?

How does your faith "show up" in the regular routines or surprise you during the week?

I realize that sharing our own story can be scary. And yet, sharing gives us an opportunity to think deeply about your own connections with grace and love. Your experience is uniquely your own, however, we reveal our similarities and bridge differences when we are open with one another.

I read that anything we do is prayer if we are consenting to God's presence and action in our lives. This is true when I cook a meal in gratitude or look out in wonder at God's provisions for me in this day.

Each of you experience moments that are prayerful reminders of God's presence; sometimes in the midst of difficult circumstances and often in the middle of our daily routines. Each of us both struggle and find joy as we attempt to know God.

We invite YOU to share those moments in any way that you choose: a description, an example, a story, poem, (handwritten or typed) or photograph that can be included in our daily guide for the season of Lent.

Send to Linda Coggin or drop your submission by the Church office by February 19, 2023.

lindacoggin@gmail.com
250-880-0932

WE NEED YOUR IDEAS!

God has blessed St Andrew's richly, in more ways than we realize. How might we put those riches to use for God? This is your time to come forward with your ideas. Come and join us.

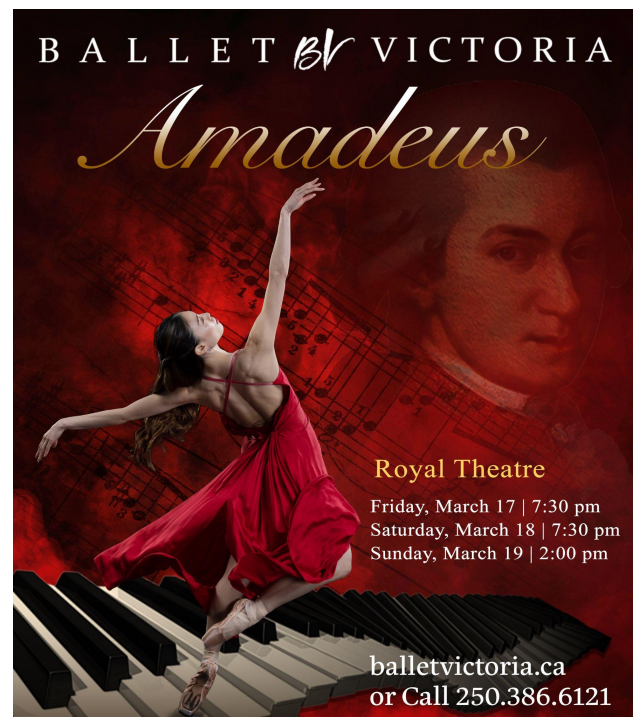
When: Sunday 19 February

Where: Lecture room

Lunch: a light lunch will be provided for participants. Please sign up in one of the following ways:

- Sign up sheet in the Kirk Hall on by Sunday, February 12
- call the office by Thursday, 9 February
- Email session.clerk@standrewsvictoria.ca by Sunday, February 12.

Not able to attend this session? Please contact us (as above) and we will try to schedule another time or a Zoom session.



In the Light of a New Constellation

By now most of us are familiar with Jan Richardson, one of Reverend Coggin's favourite devotional authors. Each year she offers a Women's Christmas Retreat rooted in the Irish custom of celebrating Epiphany as Women's Christmas; women took Epiphany as an occasion to celebrate together at the end of the holidays.

Women's Christmas offers an opportunity to pause and step back from whatever has kept us busy and hurried in the past weeks or months. As the Christmas season ends, this is an occasion both to celebrate with friends and to spend time in reflection before diving into what this new year will hold. This year's retreat is entitled, In the Light of a New Constellation. Within its pages is an invitation to rest, to reflect, and to contemplate where we are in our unfolding paths. It asks questions about our own journey.

This year we will "retreat" in our own homes, and come together to share our experience. Are you interested? Go to

<https://sanctuaryofwomen.com/WomensChristmasRetreat2023.pdf>

TODAY, Tuesday February 7th at 7:00 pm we will meet via Zoom and discuss and reflect on the retreat. Stay tuned for more details. Any questions email Sabine at steetzel@telus.net

Join Zoom Meeting

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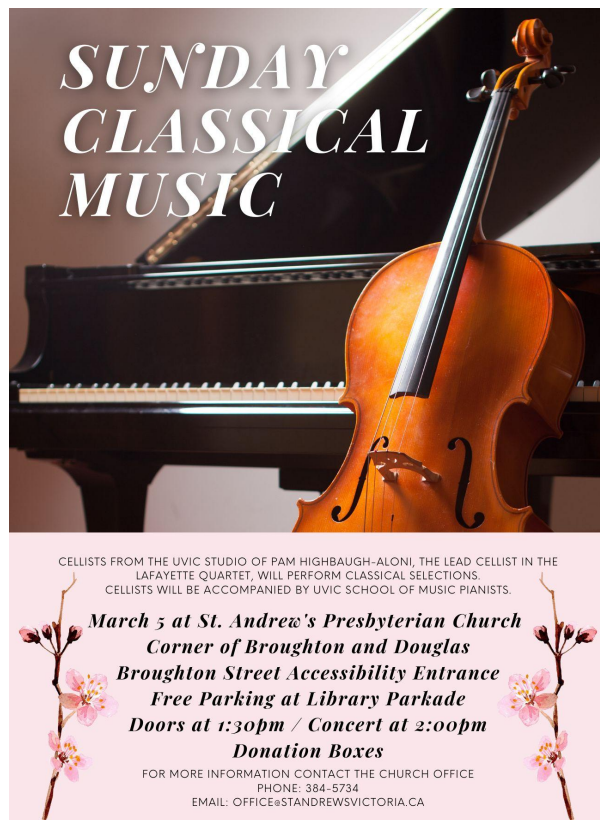
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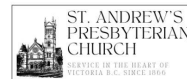
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KNOX CAFÉ
SONGS OF LOVE AND REGRET
Thursday, Feb 9, 7pm
Knox Presbyterian Church
2964 Richmond Road
Admission \$10
includes: beverage, snack,
and music
The Café Trio
STEVE STURGESS - guitar and vocal
RYAN TANDY - bass
MIKE SAMPSON - guitar
Donations also accepted to support humanitarian work of PWS+D



**SUNDAY
CLASSICAL
MUSIC**
CELLISTS FROM THE UVIC STUDIO OF PAM HIGHBAUGH-ALONI, THE LEAD CELLIST IN THE LAFAYETTE QUARTET, WILL PERFORM CLASSICAL SELECTIONS.
CELLISTS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY UVIC SCHOOL OF MUSIC PIANISTS.
March 5 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Corner of Broughton and Douglas
Broughton Street Accessibility Entrance
Free Parking at Library Parkade
Doors at 1:30pm / Concert at 2:00pm
Donation Boxes
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE
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St. Andrew's Calendar

OPEN CHURCH	Wednesdays 12 - 1 pm	Weekly in the Sanctuary.
MEDITATION HOUR	Wednesdays 4:30 - 5:30 pm	Weekly in the Sanctuary.
THURSDAY SOCIAL	Thursdays 2 - 4 pm	Weekly on Thursday in the Lecture Room. Drop by for coffee or tea, or just pop in for a few minutes to say hello. All are welcome!
STRING QUARTET CONCERT	February 18 Saturday 7:30 pm	Presented by the Early Music Society. Featuring the Consone Quartet!
ASSET MAPPING MEETING	February 19 Sunday	After coffee hour, explore the riches of St Andrew's; the people (you!), the skills, the resources, our connections in the community and our buildings (and everything in and about them). Participate in this opportunity for brainstorming, sharing ideas and creating plans for immediate action. Call the church office to register or sign up in Kirk Hall on Sunday.
ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE	February 22 Wednesday 12:00 pm	Begin your Lenten season with this brief service of music and meditation at St. Andrews. The service will include musical reflections provided by Christine Purvis and the Ash Wednesday liturgy will be conducted by Rev. Mitch Coggin. The service will conclude at 12:30 with the imposition of ashes.
MARCH LINK DEADLINE	February 26 Sunday	Send your contributions to thelink@shaw.ca .
LENTEN BIBLE STUDY	February 23 to March 30 Weekly on Thursdays 3 - 4:30 pm	Based on the movie 'Chocolat', and the book, 'Christ and the Chocolaterie': A Lent Course Paperback by Hilary Brand. Co-sponsored, led and taught by Rev. Cathy Victor, Rev. Laura Kavanagh, Rev. Mitch Coggin. Held at Knox Presbyterian Church at 2964 Richmond Rd. Purchase the book via Amazon Kindle version for \$4.27! Call the church office to let us know that you are coming.
THE MCDADES CONCERT	February 24 Friday 7:30 pm	Presented by Beacon Ridge Productions. The McDades' Celtic-rooted music fuses the spontaneity of jazz improvisation and infectious global rhythms.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	February 26 Sunday	St Andrew's Annual Meeting immediately following worship. Please set aside time to participate in this important meeting.