

# This Week At St. Andrew's

## Parable of the Pastor

Transitions. This was the concept that brought me to Victoria in the first place. Transition marks the context of my ministry for these last 12 years. It frames our experiences over these last three years. St. Andrew's continues to face the challenge and the opportunity of transition as this week we bid adieu to our Office Administrator, Shannon Cummings!

Shannon has displayed a "can do" attitude with St. Andrew's members and visitors alike! She has tackled projects and created a vast amount of weekly communication from our office in the way of print material, email, worship materials, and posters for upcoming events. Shannon has been an efficient, enthusiastic, and friendly persona in the church office. Christine, Grant, and I have appreciated Shannon's support in our different roles.

Shannon last day is Wednesday, March 1 as she leaves to become the office administrator of Tula Massage and Yoga in Broadmead Village! Mackenzie has arrived to begin her two-day shadowing opportunity with Shannon before taking the administrator chair on Thursday, May 2.

Mackenzie will be working 8.30 – 1.30, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to avoid a working alone situation.

Shannon, thank you for what you have brought to each of us during these last several months. Godspeed in your new work!

With thanks...  
Mitch

## Music Notes

Sunday March 5th is a communion service and we will sing "Come share the Lord" sometimes called "We gather here". This song was written in 1984 by Brian Jeffrey Leech. We sang it in a communion service last year. Here is a link to a tube recording for you to enjoy.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GFNIPEG\\_ZOY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GFNIPEG_ZOY)

Occasionally I leave the organ out on a verse of a hymn. I hope you will keep singing and let the choir lead you during those verses.

**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.**

# AGM Summary

## **Brief Summary of Annual Meeting to Inform those voting on motions remotely.**

Note: Complete minutes will be presented at the 2023 Annual Meetings

**Nomination of secretary** : Session is grateful that Jerry Verwey has agreed to assume the important role of Session Clerk, effective the February 21. Recognizing that Jerry Verwey has responsibility for the AV system to include those online in the Annual Meeting, Colina Titus offered to take minutes of the meeting.

**MOTION 1**: It was moved and seconded that Colina Titus be nominated as Secretary for the meeting.

**Explanation of process for Annual meeting and subsequent voting**: An outline of process was circulated.

**MOTION 2**: It was moved and seconded that the process for participation and voting be approved as presented.

## **Review and approval of the minutes of '2021 Annual Meeting and 2022 Budget Meeting'**

**MOTION 3** : It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the '2021 Annual Meeting and 2022 Budget Meeting', be accepted as presented in the Annual Report 2022.

**Review and approval of minutes from Congregational Meeting July 10, 2022** : to a) confirm the names of the Trustees and b) approve the Declaration of Trust document. This was required due to a change to the Land Transfer Act.

**MOTION 4**: It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the 'July 10, 2022 Congregational Meeting' be accepted as presented in the Annual Report 2022.

**Review and approval of committee reports as presented in the Annual Report**: emailed, mailed and posted on the website. Includes reports from 30 church group/activities.

**MOTION 5**: It was moved and seconded that the reports presented in the Annual Report be approved.

## **Approval of Trustees**

**MOTION 6**: The congregation of St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Victoria affirms the appointment of the following persons as Trustees for the congregation:

Arthur Marcellus, David McLean, Dirk Ryneveld, Jack Reimer and Moira Bernard

## Upgrade and refurbishment of the Lecture room for St

**Andrew's use:** A proposed upgrade of the lecture room to become a multi-purpose meeting room: coffee time, meetings etc. Recommendation presented that the congregation agrees to spend \$20,000 from the following funds.

- \$8,500 from the Kirk Hall accessibility fund
- \$10,000 from the Marion Patterson fund
- \$1,500 from the earnings from the Spring Market and Tea.

This is to reclaim the Lecture room for St Andrew's use; Ballet Victoria no longer rents this space.

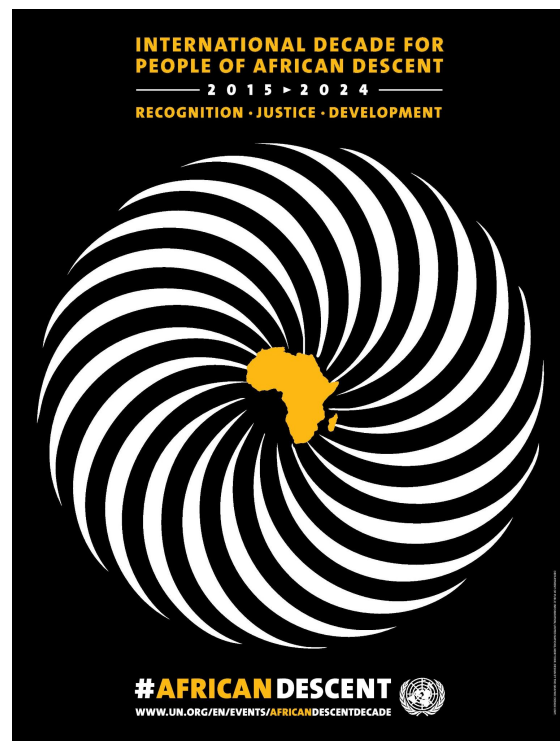
The Marion Patterson Fund is a legacy designated for 'physical improvement of the facilities'.

**MOTION 7:** It was moved that a total of \$20,000 (see above) be used for refurbishment of the Lecture Hall for St Andrew's use:

## Notice of request for nomination of additional Elders

- A number of Elders have retired over the past couple of years. It is important to plan for succession; so that when Elders retire, resign or take a leave of absence we have Elders prepared to take over their responsibilities. Please see the March issue of the LINK for details of how to nominate an elder.

**VOTING :** If you were not present in the sanctuary for the meeting on Sunday 26 February, we encourage to submit your votes to approve each of the 7 motions: by phone to the church office 250 384 5734 or by email to [session.clerk@standrewsvictoria.ca](mailto:session.clerk@standrewsvictoria.ca) Deadline for votes is Friday March 10.



# Spring Market

It's time for a Spring Market so mark your calendars. May 12th 11 - 4 and May 13th 10 - 4 in the Lecture Room there will be jewelry, crafts, attic treasures and a silent auction. Lunch will be for sale in the Hall. A planning group has been working hard to organize the market but we'll need lots of help. If you can spare a couple of hours on either day speak to one of the planning group:

Dawn McLean - Jewelry

Jean Watt - Attic Treasures/Crafts

David McLean - Silent Auction

Sheelagh Garson - Lunch

Dave Garson - Monitoring/Security

You can also call the church office and one of the planning committee will be in touch! The money raised from our Spring Market will be used for a special project and you'll hear more about that in the coming weeks.

## Online Lenten Bible Study

Not able to attend the sessions at Knox?

We invite you to join the online study (via Zoom). Rev Cathy Victor, Rev Laura Kavanagh and Pastor Mitch Coggin will, in turn, participate in the Zoom sessions

When: Mondays @ 7pm: February 27, March 6, 13, 20 and 27, April 3

A Zoom link for all 6 sessions will be provided.

What you need to do:

- Watch the movie 'Chocolat' (available free on Prime, copy in GVP library)
- Read the study book: 'Christ and the Chocolaterie' by Hilary Brand (eBook available on Amazon \$4.25)
- RSVP to Colina [session.clerk@standrewsvicoria.ca](mailto:session.clerk@standrewsvicoria.ca) (with any questions, and to let us know you will 'be there')
- BYOC ('Bring your own chocolate' to enjoy at the introductory session on 27 February)



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# SPRING MARKET

SILENT AUCTION!

PROCEEDS TOWARDS LECTURE HALL RENOVATIONS!

**MAY 12 FRIDAY 11- 4 PM**

**MAY 13 SATURDAY 10 - 4 PM**

CURIOSITIES FOR SALE	REFRESHMENTS FOR SALE
JEWELRY	COFFEE AND TEA
HANDICRAFTS	MUFFINS AND BARS
ATTIC TREASURES	SOUP AND A BUN

 **BROUGHTON STREET ENTRANCE AT THE LECTURE HALL** 



JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY!

## CHRIST AND THE CHOCOLATERIE

Sponsored by Knox, Trinity and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church



**AT KNOX CHURCH 2964 RICHMOND RD  
THURSDAYS 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM  
FEBRUARY 23 - MARCH 30**

Purchase 'Christ and the Chocolaterie' by Hilary Brand in paperback or Kindle, or call the office to order a copy.

Based on 'Chocolat', the 1999 novel by Joanne Harris, and 2000 movie directed by Lasse Hallström.



# Support for Pakistan and Syria-Turkiye

After the devastating earthquake in Syria-Turkiye Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) along with their partners in the ACT Alliance are on the ground and have begun to assist those affected by the disaster. The need is so great in Syria-Turkiye as well as in Pakistan.

You can donate via your church envelopes or directly on the Presbyterian Church of Canada website at <https://presbyterian.ca/donate/donate-to-pwsd>.

On the website you can indicate that your donation goes to where monies are needed most or to Pakistan relief or Syria-Turkiye relief. The phone number to donate is 1-800-619-7301.


Each and every donation to Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) truly makes a difference in the lives of others.

## Coffee Hour

Your coffee hour team enjoys the fellowship we all share each Sunday after Worship. Thank you to those who have already volunteered to join a second team.

Each team would be responsible for coffee every other week. If you are interested in volunteering your assistance is most appreciated.

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.



**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  
PHONE: 384-5734  
EMAIL: OFFICE@STANDREWSVICTORIA.CA



## THURSDAY SOCIAL

ALL ARE WELCOME!

**2:00 TO 4:00 PM**

Drop by the Lecture Hall  
Tea and Coffee Served

**A TIME TO MEET NEW PEOPLE  
AND VISIT WITH FRIENDS!**

# Church Calendar

<b>LENTEN BIBLE STUDY</b>	<b>February 23 to March 30</b> 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.
<b>SUNDAY CLASSICAL MUSIC</b>	<b>March 5</b> Sunday 2 - 4:00 pm	Entrance by donation. 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.
<b>ZOOM LENTEN BIBLE STUDY</b>	<b>March 6 to April 3</b> Weekly on Mondays 7:00 pm	An online Zoom class for those unable to attend the 'Christ and the Chocolaterie' bible study in person. Call or email the church office to let us know that you would like to sign up!
<b>SUNDAY CLASSICAL MUSIC</b>	<b>March 6</b> Sunday 2- 4 pm	Entrance by donation. 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.
<b>TEA FOR TUTU</b>	<b>March 7 &amp; 8</b> Tuesday & Wednesday 2:00 pm	Join Ballet Victoria In the Kirk Hall for afternoon tea and entertainment! See what Ballet Victoria is working on and meet the dancers. Call to reserve a free seat at 250-380-6063.
<b>CALIFORNIA CHOIR CONCERT</b>	<b>April 16</b> Sunday 12:00 pm	The choir is visiting Victoria and will be performing at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Sunday, April 16th, at 1:00pm in the Sanctuary, after regular service is held.
<b>CONCERT OF THE BIRDS</b>	<b>April 23</b> Sunday 7:30 pm	Presented by The Early Music Society. Composers have long been inspired by the beauties of birdsong, among them Caix d'Hervlois, Couperin, Rameau and Purcell. Performing on recorders, flageolets, flutes with viola da gamba and theorbo one of France's leading early music ensembles brings to life this charming music.