This Week At St. Andrew's

Parable of the Pastor

Rev. Mitch Coggin is away this week. Rev. Dr. Harold McNabb will serve as visiting preacher on Sunday, March 12th. Mitch will be returning on Monday, March 13th.



The choir anthem this week is "Shalom, Pacem, Peace" by Ruth Elaine Schram.

The melody is from "By the Waters of Babylon" often sung as a round. The words Shalom and Pacem both mean peace. Amanda Steinemann is playing violin. She sings alto in the choir and married Jorge, our bass choral scholar, last summer.

The prelude and musical reflection are both by the German composer Paul Fey from his Lenten Collection. The Prelude is based on the Gregorian chant "Look down on us O Lord"



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.

Requesting Nomination of Elders

A number of Elders have retired over the past couple of years. It is important that we plan for succession; so that when Elders retire, resign or take a leave of absence we have Elders prepared to move into leadership roles as they become vacant.

The Session is inviting members of the congregation to prayerfully consider who they might nominate to be an Elder, and to submit nominations for consideration.

An Elder must be a professing member of the congregation and must be "an example to the believers in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity" (1 Timothy 4:12).

Submissions to be made in writing, addressed to Clerk of Session and delivered to the church office, or submitted by email to session.clerk@standrewsvictoria.ca

Submissions must be received no later than Sunday March 26, 2023

Only nominees who received two or more nominations will be considered

Rev Coggin and an elder will meet with nominees to determine suitability, discuss with them the role of elders and enquire whether they are willing to be ordained as an elder.

The names of all those deemed suitable and willing to serve are placed on the ballot and presented to the congregation.

For more details of the roles and responsibilities of an elder, please refer to Articles 105 through 134 in the Book of Forms, downloadable at https://presbyterian.ca/gao/

Even if you do not know anyone to nominate, please pray for this important process that is essential if we are to grow the leadership within our congregation. Pray for wisdom for the session in the nomination process and pray for those who are nominated; that God will prepare them to accept the call to eldership.

If you have any questions about the election of elders, please speak with an elder or Pastor Mitch.



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?

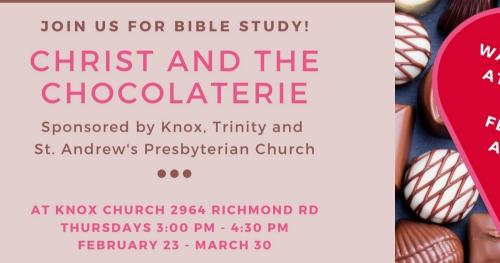
We invite you to join the online study (via Zoom). Rev Cathy Victor, Rev Laura Kavanagh and Pastor Mitch Coggin will, in turn, participate in the Zoom sessions

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 (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)



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

movie directed by Lasse Hallström.

Based on 'Chocolat', the 1999 novel by Joanne Harris, and 2000



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!

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.

Welcome to Coffee Team #2

Thank you to the new volunteers who have offered to form a second coffee team. Coffee Team # 2 will start this coming Sunday, March 12th, and will alternate with Coffee Team # 1.

Additional help is always appreciated, if you are able.

We are grateful for those who have served on Coffee Team # 1 for one full year.

Church Calendar

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.
ZOOM LENTEN BIBLE STUDY	March 6 to April 3 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! For online readers, you can join the zoom meeting here
TEA FOR TUTU	March 7 & 8 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.
SUNDAY CLASSICAL MUSIC	April 2 Sunday 2 - 4:00 pm	Entrance by donation. Strings students from the classes of the Lafayette String Quartet at the University of Victoria will present a concert of beloved works for violin, viola and cello.
CALIFORNIA CHOIR CONCERT	April 16 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.
CONCERT OF THE BIRDS	April 23 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.
SPRING CONCERT	April 27 Thursday 12:00 pm	Entrance by Donation. Presented by St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Music Program in the Sanctuary. Featuring two flutes and the organ. Music Bach, Pachelbel, Berloiz and more.