# This Week At St. Andrew's

## **History Corner**

The congregation was founded in 1862 by Irish-born Rev. John Hall. Their first church building opened in November 1863 on the corner of Blanshard Street and Pandora Street. The earlier ministers of the church played an important role in spreading Presbyterianism throughout Vancouver Island and the interior of the province.

As the congregation grew in size, owing to Victoria's sizeable Scottish population, the cornerstone for the present church was laid on March 7, 1889. The church was designed in the Scottish baronial style by architect Leonard Buttress Trimen. It was dedicated on January 12, 1890. The church was one of the first in North America to be constructed with electric lights.

The church has had many prominent congregants including Premier John Robson, whose funeral was held in the church, and industrialist Robert Dunsmuir.

In 1925, St. Andrew's voted to remain Presbyterian when two-thirds of the denomination split to form the United Church of Canada. In 1979, the church received heritage designation from the City of Victoria.

If you are interested in a tour of the building, stop by on Wednesdays for Open Church from 12 - 1 pm. If you are curious about an aspect of the church's history, or have an interesting historical story to tell, please contact the office to have your question/story featured here!



In Loving Memory of



Margaret Nancy Lydia Sidaway

December 18, 1923 - May 4, 2023

#### **Music Notes**

This Sunday is Alberta Brown's last Sunday with us. She was a member of the Victoria Symphony this year and has sung in our choir since September.

Alberta played flute in many services including on Christmas morning. Her father Stephen Brown, who is a Canadian composer and member of the Canadian Music Centre, wrote 4 pieces for Christine and Alberta which were wonderful additions to our worship.

We are sorry to see her go but wish her well in her career wherever that may take her. Please thank her on Sunday.

The choir is singing "May the love of the Lord" with handbells this Sunday. We will sing it in english and also in mandarin! This is the english translation:

May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.

May God' love dwell in you, throughout

every day.

May God's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.

- Christine Purvis

## Camp VIP



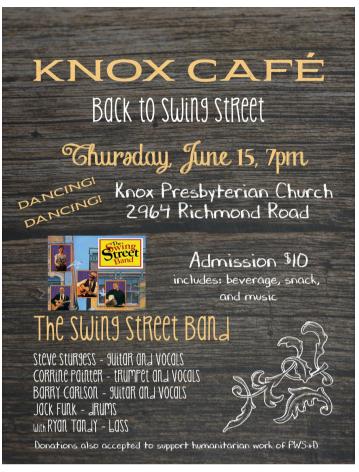
Vancouver Island Presbytery (VIP) is a ministry whose mission is sharing the Gospel with children, youth and adults in camps. Staff and volunteers from our communities support this initiative since 1975. There are three camps this year, St. Andrew's will be hosting the one at French Beach Provincial Park. Come have fun with us, we will be studying, praying and playing!

Go to <a href="https://standrewsvictoria.ca/camp-vip/">https://standrewsvictoria.ca/camp-vip/</a> to register now.

Little Qualicum Falls Provincial Park June 5-9, 2023 Pay for your own site + \$25 fee

French Beach
July 6-10, 2023
\$140 or \$40 a night

Rathtrevor Provincial Park July 31-August 7, 2023 \$250 or \$40 a night





### Thank You

Congratulations St.Andrew's we did it.
Many people, many hours, many trips from
Hall to Lecture Room, up and down stairs,
carrying many boxes, treats made, tea and
coffee brewed but the best part was
opening our doors and welcoming more
than 300 people to our church. Some we
knew, but many we met for the first time.

Thank you to all who participated in big, and small, ways we couldn't have done it without your help.

Approximately \$3000 was raised over the two days (final count will be announced soon) and that will go towards the renovation of the Lecture Room.

In the next few months you'll hear more about the renovations and have opportunities to share your ideas. We'll look forward to many more times to welcome old, and new, friends to St.Andrew's.

On behalf of the Spring Market Planning Committee, and Property Committee - Thank You!

### **CHURCH CALENDAR**

JUNE LINK DEADLINE	May 28 Sunday	Send your contributions to thelink@shaw.ca.
CAMP VIP	June 5 to 9	At Little Qualicum Falls. Registered for this event on our web page.
KNOX CAFE	<b>June 15</b> 7:00 pm	Come dance to 'Back to Swing Street' At Knox Church. Admission is \$10 at the door.
RCCO CONCERT	<b>July 1</b> Saturday 12:00 - 2:00 pm	Details to be announced.
FEST WEST CONCERT	July 2 Sunday 2:00 - 3:00 pm	Strings students from western Canada will attend Fest West a 2 week in service program at UVIC. The downtown final performance is in the Sanctuary featuring solos, duets, and quartets. Everyone welcome.
CAMP VIP	July 6 to 10	At French Beach. Registered for this event on our web page.
NEW ZEALAND STRING QUARTET	<b>July 31</b> Monday 4:00 - 9:00 pm	Details to be announced.
CAMP VIP	July 31 to August 2	At Rathtrevor Provincial Park. Registered for this event on our web page.

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.