

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's 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 <https://standrewsvictoria.ca/camp-vip/> 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

Rath Trevor Provincial Park

July 31-August 7, 2023

\$250 or \$40 a night

KNOX CAFÉ
 Back to Swing Street
 Thursday, June 15, 7pm
 DANCING! DANCING!
 Knox Presbyterian Church
 2964 Richmond Road



The Swing Street Band
 Admission \$10
 includes: beverage, snack,
 and music

Steve Sturgess - guitar and vocals
 Corrine Painter - trumpet and vocals
 Barry Carlson - guitar and vocals
 Jack Funk - drums
 with Ryan Tandy - bass

Donations also accepted to support humanitarian work of PWS+D



KMZ Classics Presents
Music of Prayer & Hope:
 Fundraising Concert for Syria & Turkey Earthquakes



Date: June 3, 2023
Time: 6:30-7:30pm
Location: First Metropolitan
 United Church - 932 Balmoral Rd,
 Victoria, BC
Admission By: Donation

Featuring:
 Maya Zidek on Piano, Vocals
 Karl Zidek on Violin, Guitar, Vocals
 Michele Sanders as MC



Scan this QR
 code to donate
 to Syria and
 Turkey!

Join us for our fundraising
 concert! We'll be performing
 classical music variations on
 violin and piano, followed by
 church hymns and also songs
 from our album "Jesus is
 Living in Our Hearts". Your
 support will make a
 difference! See you there!



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	June 15 7:00 pm	Come dance to 'Back to Swing Street' At Knox Church. Admission is \$10 at the door.
RCCO CONCERT	July 1 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	July 31 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.