

This Week At St. Andrew's

Parable of the Pastor

By the end of July, we will have celebrated the lives of four of our most significant members. Three of the four were at or near the centenarian mark. Nancy, Stella, Betty and David lives were truly significant in the contributions they made to their families, to their church and to the community as a whole. They loved St. Andrew's and made an indelible imprint upon our life and work as a congregation. Each will be missed but all will never be forgotten. As their lives are celebrated, I hope you will breathe a prayer of thanksgiving for each one!

By the end of May, this Sunday to be exact, we will celebrate another life...the life of the church. Sunday is Pentecost Sunday – the Birthday of the Church. This is not the life of St. Andrew's that we draw attention to this week but the church that began in Acts 2 when 120 believers gathered from various regions and were suddenly overcome with the power of the Holy Spirit. Even though they spoke and understood different languages, they were miraculously able to understand one another perfectly. Many think that God's Spirit came upon those believers for the first time but, actually God's Spirit had been present since creation when we are told that God's moved across the waters as God formed the earth.

Pentecost is a celebration of the life of the church and reminds us that God's Spirit is the force of everything that we do. The Spirit provides the energy, the wisdom, the vision and the resources to accomplish what we will and must accomplish.

Come Sunday ready to celebrate the life of the church. Don't forget to wear red in honour of the Spirit who descended upon the early believers as tongues of fire. Whether a red blouse or scarf, when we wear red, we emphasize that Sunday is indeed a celebration that needs to be noted. Just as the lives of our four members are being celebrated, so do I hope and wish you will be present for the celebration of Pentecost on Sunday, May 28.

Blessings

Mitch

A Celebration of Life



Lorna Nelson

1931-2023

Wednesday, May 24 at 1:30 p.m
Sands Funeral Chapel
317 Goldstream Ave. Colwood, BC..

A Celebration of Life



Stella Higgins

1922 - 2023

Thursday, May 25 at 1:00 PM
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Victoria, British Columbia

KNOX CAFÉ

Back to Swing Street

Thursday, June 15, 7pm

DANCING!
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Knox Presbyterian Church
2967 Richmond Road



Admission \$10
includes: beverage, snack,
and music

The Swing Street Band

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



2023 Vancouver Island Presbytery Summer Camps

(A program of the Presbyterian Church in Canada)

Location and Dates:

Little Qualicum Falls Provincial Park June 5th-9th

French Beach Provincial Park July 6th-10th

Rathrevor Provincial Park July 31st-August 7th

For Enquiry Contact: Camp VIP Communicator
campvip@outlook.com

Camp Website <https://vipresbytery.net>

Kitchen Meeting

Hello!

You've probably noticed that in recent weeks, St Andrew's has been getting busier. Now that Covid restrictions have lifted this past year, we have been making use of the kitchen facilities for various programs and we realize a "happy kitchen" is a good thing for our church. It shows us that things are getting back to normal! New bookings are scheduled each week. Some events are organized by St.Andrew's, some by outside groups and some by a combination of organizers.

We have seen this with various programs such as weekly Sunday Coffee hour, monthly muffin making as a result of our Asset Mapping program, occasional UVIC Musical concerts and "receptions", Funerals and other intermittent events. More events are also being planned for the summer.

The kitchen often plays a role in our activities but recently we've learned that many are unsure as to what role that is. What better way to find out than meeting for coffee on **Wednesday, June 14, 10 am, in the Lecture Room** to talk about what the role of the Kitchen, (and soon an additional kitchen in the Lecture Room), should be in the coming months and how to make it easier for folks to coordinate with each other as events are planned. Active participation is key at St.Andrew's, so let's get together to talk about how we might make it better for everyone.

All are welcome! Please bring your questions and ideas. Sheelagh Garson will be here to answer questions and discuss our roles in order to keep things running smoothly. We hope you will join us for a morning of friendship, conversation and connection as we discuss a bit more planning for the continuing programs at St. Andrew's.

- Submitted by Dorothy Reimer

- Due to technical difficulties with the internet, the livestream for Sunday 21st was posted as a video and can be found [on the St. Andrew's website.](#)
- Please drop off your empty milk jugs (washed and with lids) at coffee time this Sunday. They are needed as weights for setting up the pavilion tent in the laneway.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SERVICE FOR STELLA HIGGINS	May 25 Thursday 1-4 pm	Refreshments to be served in the church hall after the service. In lieu of flowers if you wish to make a donation to a charity of your choice in Stella's name.
JUNE LINK DEADLINE	May 28 Sunday	Send your contributions to thelink@shaw.ca .
KITCHEN MEETING	June 14 Wednesday 10:00 am	Discuss what the role of the Kitchen should be in the coming months and how to make it easier for folks to coordinate with each other as events are planned.
SERVICE FOR BETTY COWPER	June 24 Saturday 2 - 4 pm	Details to be announced.
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.
NEW ZEALAND STRING QUARTET	July 31 Monday 4:00 - 9:00 pm	Details to be announced.

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.