

# This Week At St. Andrew's

## Parable of the Pastor



Please join in praying for the new Moderator of the General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The 2023 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada took place from Sunday June 4 to Wednesday June 7, and was held in-person at St. Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The in-person gathering provided an opportunity for the church to consider matters affecting the ministry and mission of our denomination.

The Rev. Mary Fontaine was elected and installed as the 2023 General Assembly Moderator. Mary is Nehiyaw (Cree) from Mistawasis Nehiywak, Saskatchewan, where she grew up attending the Mistawasis Presbyterian Church with her family. The Founding Director of Hummingbird Ministries (2005), an Indigenous-led healing and reconciliation ministry, Mary discerns the Spirit at work in Indigenous wisdom and spirituality and sees how this can enhance the church she loves and grew up in. Through healing circles and the performing arts, Hummingbird educates the public and raises the profile of Indigenous people, especially Indigenous children.

The moderator's role includes overseeing the General Assembly national meeting in June. The moderator guides discussion of topics like new congregations, mission work, and helping struggling congregations. The year is full of travel and visiting with congregations across the country.

Mary has a B.A. in Native Studies from the University of Alberta (1995) and an M.Div. from the Vancouver School of Theology (2003). She was on the Executive Committee of the World Communion of Reformed Churches (2010-2017). She convenes the National Indigenous Ministries Council of The Presbyterian Church in Canada and serves on the Special Committee re Listening, Confession and Associations.

Working in relationship-building and care of the earth, Mary hopes that as in the Indigenous vision one day, the nations will gather beneath the tree of peace and learn to love and live in harmony with one another.

Our colleague and Commissioner to GA, Rev. Laura Kavanagh, Knox Presbyterian reports that the entire assembly sang in Cree. "A moving experience with many driven to tears," reports Laura. Our mission, in a world burdened with anxiety and apprehension, is to provide a place of sanctuary, tranquility and renewal in the name of the One who said, "I will give you rest."

Our prayers support our new Moderator, the work of our General Assembly and the work and ministry of each Presbyterian congregation in Canada.

Prayerfully,

Mitch



# National Indigenous Peoples Day 2023

Wednesday, June 21, 2023 @ 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Royal Roads University

Come and celebrate with us!

- Canoe Landing Protocol and Canoe Challenge
- Experience Indigenous artists and musicians
- Participate in field games – for kids of all ages
- Join a craft table and make something to take home
- Take a guided nature walk
- Food trucks will be on-site to purchase lunch
- Shop and visit with our Indigenous vendors



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## EXPLORE SONGHEES

June 21, at 3:30 pm

## National Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration

All are welcome to enjoy a celebration at the Lower Causeway and Victoria Inner Harbour

With special seating for Elders



## JOIN US FOR NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

VNFC Garden  
231 Regina Ave.  
Victoria, B.C

June 21st @ 10 am - 3:30 pm

The Garden will be open & hosting

- 1 Smudging
- 2 Demonstrations
- 3 Tea blend making
- 4 and Plant Give Aways

Lunch included with gluten & dairy free options!



## National Indigenous Peoples Day

FREE SWIM

Wed, June 21

7-8pm

@ Panorama Recreation Centre



#NIPD2023

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Royal BC Museum

INDIGENOUS ARTIST MARKET

June 21st  
675 Belleville Street  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.





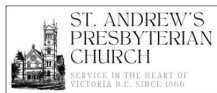


# ***FEST WEST*** WESTERN STRING STUDENTS ***CONCERT***

STRING STUDENTS FROM ACROSS WESTERN CANADA, INCLUDING LOCAL UVIC STUDENTS, WILL PERFORM SOLOS, DUETS, QUARTETS IN A FINAL PERFORMANCE AS PART OF FEST WEST!

**July 2 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: 250-384-5734  
EMAIL: OFFICE@STANDREWSVICTORIA.CA




***Ryan Qu, Kiara Hosie & Lauren Debeljak***

# **CATHEDRAL TUNES**

**JULY 15 | 2PM**

**ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,  
680 COURTNEY ST.**

**ADMISSION BY DONATION**

## A Celebration of Life



**Betty Cowper**

1923 - 2023

*Saturday, June 24 at 2:00 PM*  
*St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church*  
*Victoria, British Columbia*

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

# **PICNIC IN THE PARK**

Join members of Knox, Trinity, and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church for an afternoon of visiting with old friends and making new ones!



**SUNDAY AUGUST 27 2023**  
**WORSHIP AT REGULAR TIMES**  
**PICNIC AT 11:45-1:45PM**

**ESQUIMALT/GORGE PARK, KINSMEN PAVILION**  
**(ENTRANCE OFF TILlicum ROAD)**

Please bring your own picnic lunch, items to share, place settings, and chairs!

# CHURCH CALENDAR

<b>LECTURE HALL PLANNING MEETING</b>	<b>June 21</b> Wednesday 10 am - 12pm	Discuss the Lecture Hall renovations happening fall. All are welcome to attend. Email the office with comments if you are unable to attend.
<b>SERVICE FOR BETTY COWPER</b>	<b>June 24</b> Saturday 2 - 4 pm	Celebrate the life of Betty Cowper with friends and family. A reception will follow.
<b>FEST WEST CONCERT</b>	<b>July 2</b> Sunday 2:00 - 3:00 pm	Strings students from across western Canada will perform solos, duets, and quartets at St. Andrew's. Admittance by donation. Everyone welcome.
<b>CATHEDRAL TUNES</b>	<b>July 15</b> Saturday 7:00 pm	The Royal Canadian College of Organists brings you the talents of Ryan Qu, Kiara Hosie, and Lauren Debeljak at St. Andrew's church. Entrance by donation.
<b>NEW ZEALAND STRING QUARTET CONCERT</b>	<b>July 31</b> Monday 7:00 - 9:00 pm	The New Zealand String Quartet will be playing works by Haydn, Cresswell, Shostakovich, and Schubert at St. Andrew's as part of their North American tour. More details to follow.
<b>PICNIC IN THE PARK</b>	<b>August 27</b> Sunday 11:45 - 1:45 pm	Picnic in the Park with our friends from Knox and Trinity churches at Esquimalt Gorge Park. Please bring your own picnic lunch, items to share, place settings, and chairs!
<b>EARLY MUSIC SOCIETY CONCERT</b>	<b>September 29</b> Friday	Details to be announced.
<b>SUNDAY CLASSICS CONCERT</b>	<b>October 29</b> Sunday 1:30 pm	Details to be announced.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church acknowledges and thanks the **ləkwəŋən** People – **WSÁNEĆ**, Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations – on whose traditional land we meet and worship.