

# This Week At St. Andrew's

## Potpourri of the Pastor

**Visiting homebound members...** a recent visit to one of the couples who have not been physically able to attend since pre-COVID...are not internet savvy...but receive the weekly package of St. Andrew's worship materials, newsletters and the warm greeting of an elder at the door. Our visit this time included communion which was their first time to celebrate communion in years. We stressed, "The church is more than a building, and our sharing of this Holy Sacrament is today a gathering of two or three in God's Name." It was a sacred moment!

**Collaborative Conversations ...** mark your calendars. Thursday, August 10 at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Gather with Knox, Trinity, Knox-Sooke, Chinese and St. Andrew's members for pizza, salad, and conversation. Renew acquaintances. Meet other Presbyterians you may not have previously met! Also Sunday, August 27. Pulpit swap by clergy followed by picnic at the Gorge – Esquimalt Park following worship! Details to come but for now, please mark these dates.

**Transitional Ministry Education...** this year as I did last year...I am a part of the teaching team for The Art of Transitional Ministry at Zephyr Presbyterian Retreat Center on South Lake Tahoe.  
<https://zephyrpoint.org/programs/transitional-ministry>. Transitional Ministry education will provide 30 hours of education from July 16-21 for 38 ministers interested in adapting to the change that is happening all around us – whether it is in our churches, communities or the wider world. The question is not "will change come?" but instead, "How will we respond to the changes that confront us?" The Art of Transitional Ministry provides models and methods to hone skills as leaders through transitions. I am enriched to be part of this teaching format and week of educational enrichment.

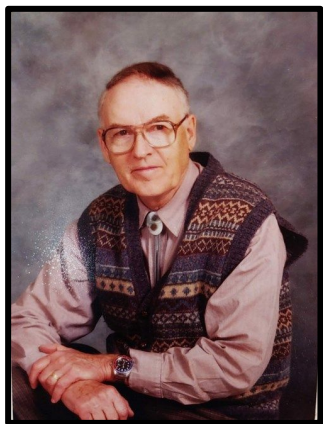
Finally, recently I was sent a blessing by Saint Francis de Sales (1567-1622, Roman Catholic bishop of Geneva; who died of a stroke)

*Do not look forward in fear to the changes in life;  
rather, look to them with full hope that as they arise,  
God, whose very own you are,  
will lead you safely through all things;  
and when you cannot stand it,  
God will carry you in His arms.*

*Do not fear what may happen tomorrow;  
the same understanding Father who cares for  
you today will take care of you then and every day.*

*He will either shield you from suffering  
or will give you unfailing strength to bear it.  
Be at peace,  
and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.*

Rich Blessings, Pastor Mitch



In Memory of  
Donald Barwise

1930-2023

(No service is scheduled at this time.)



A Celebration of Life for  
David Sills

1934-2023

Monday July 24 at 2:00 PM

Six Mile Pub

494 Island Hwy

Victoria, BC, Canada



**SUMMER  
SOCIAL**

EVERYONE WELCOME!

**THURSDAYS  
2:00 TO 4:00 PM**

ICE TEA SERVED IN THE LANEWAY

Drop by anytime to meet new  
people & visit with friends!

EVERYONE WELCOME!

**PICNIC IN  
THE PARK**

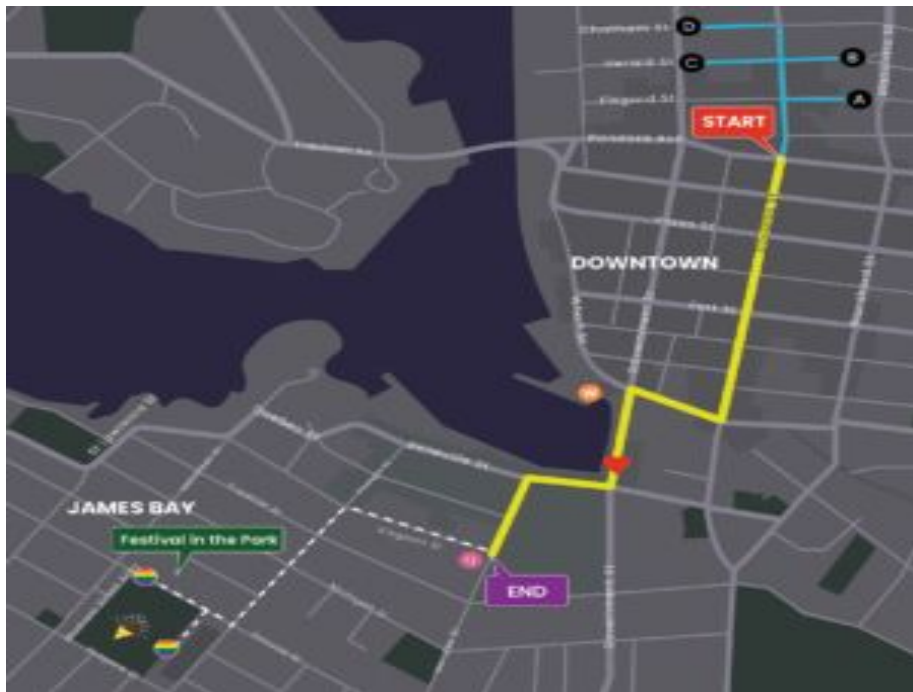
Join members of Knox, Trinity, and St. Andrew's  
Presbyterian Church for an afternoon of visiting  
with old friends and making new ones!



**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!



## Pride Parade Road Closures

Please be aware that Victoria Pride Parade, this Sunday on July 9th, will affect traffic in and around St. Andrew's church. Plan ahead for parking and give yourself lots of time to get downtown!

- Road closures at 7AM at Douglas and Bay Street to allow for set up.
- Be aware that rolling closures of many streets along the route will take place.
- During this time there will be no parking on both sides of Herald St. and Fisgard St in certain areas.
- The parade begins at 11AM and ends at 1PM.
- Rolling opening of parade route on Douglas Street: Parade 1pm at Douglas and Bay southbound until all roads are open
- Please expect multiple road closures between 7AM and 1PM on Douglas Street.

For more information about this parade, as well as other Pride events, please visit [here](#).

*Ryan Qu, Kiara Hosie & Lauren Debeljak*

# CATHEDRAL TUNES

JULY 15 | 2PM

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

ADMISSION BY DONATION

BALLET VICTORIA PRESENTS

# TEA FOR TUTU

*Ballet Rocks!*

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
OCTOBER	OCTOBER	OCTOBER

**2:00 PM AT 680 COURTNEY ST.**

TO RESERVE YOUR FREE TICKETS  
CALL: 250-380-6063  
EMAIL: TEA4TUTU@BALLETVICTORIA.CA

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN  
**EVENTS CALENDAR**

<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. Entrance by donation.
<b>LECTURE ROOM RENOVATION MEETING</b>	<b>July 26</b> Wednesday 10:00 am	Held in the Sunday School room upstairs in the Kirk Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend!
<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>DUO CORVI &amp; FRIENDS</b>	<b>September 29</b> Friday 7:30 - 9:00 pm	The Early Music Society presents Duo Corvi & Friends at St. Andrew's; return of the international award-winning ensemble, Duo Corvi, with Occitan and Galician music from the 13th Century.
<b>TEA FOR TUTU</b>	<b>October 17 - 19</b> T/W/TH 2:00 PM	Highlights of 'Ballet Rocks' and light refreshments in the Kirk Hall. Reserve your free tickets by calling 250-380-6063 or emailing <a href="mailto:tea4tutu@balletvictoria.ca">tea4tutu@balletvictoria.ca</a>
<b>SUNDAY CLASSICS SERIES</b>	<b>October 29</b> Sunday 2:00 pm	Details to be announced. Admittance by donation. Everyone welcome!
<b>SUNDAY CLASSICS SERIES</b>	<b>November 5</b> Sunday 2:00 pm	Details to be announced. Admittance by donation. Everyone welcome!

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.