THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

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DISABILITY PRIDE MONTH

During the month of July, we've been celebrating Disability Pride Month. What started in the United States in 1990, (commemorate the passing of the landmark Americans with Disabilities Act,) has become a global movement of empowerment and visibility for thse with disabilities.

In Canada, although the month is not yet recognized by the Canadian government, disability community members and advocates have taken the opportunity to speak out about the barriers they face in our society, and how they have found creative solutions to overcome them- or what they need from their fellow Canadians to do so.

Disabilities may be visible, like someone with a wheelchair, or with a service animal, but they can be invisible as well, like the one in five Canadians who will experience mental illness, or the hundreds of thousands of Canadians with chronic fatigue syndrome.

According to the World Health Organization, disability refers to the interaction between individuals with a health condition. This definition rightly puts the responsibility on society to accommodate those with differing abilities, recognizing the unique skills, experiences and opportunities those with disabilities have to make our society more vibrant.

The St. Andrew's community includes many people with disabilities. We make accommodations for those with hearing and mobility challenges at every service and event we host. Can you think of any ways to make St. Andrew's more accessible for those with disabilities?







RECONCILIATION WORKSHOP

Presbyters, elders and church members are invited to attend this free zoom workshop:

Trauma, Intergenerational Trauma and Becoming Trauma Informed for Truth, Healing and Reconciliation.

It will be held on September 7th, from 3:00 to 4:30 pm Pacific Time. To register for the workshop and to receive the zoom link please click here.

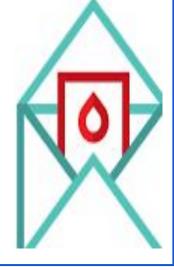






Will you donate blood this summer?







CHAIRS FOR ZIMBABWE

Twenty one colorful, small, wooden chairs, no longer needed for our Sunday School, will find a new home at a preschool, in Zimbabwe.

As a follow up to the donations made from our Spring Market, the chairs, and a table, were transported to Compassionate Resource Warehouse who will pack and send them to Zimbabwe. Along with the furniture, a selection of books for young readers and also craft supplies was added to the shipment.

We are excited to see that these chairs, books and craft supplies, used by children here in Victoria, will now be put to good use by children in Zimbabwe.

Calling all Greater Victoria Law Firms!

Show your community some love by sponsoring a meal at Our Place

August is Legal Month at Our Place. We're inviting you to show support for our community & participate in a great team building activity

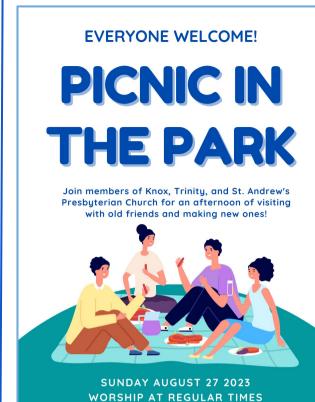
SPONSOR AND SERVE A MEAL

- Breakfast \$575
- Lunch \$675
- Dinner \$825



Your team can help feed hundreds of people!

Contact Melissa for more details melissam@ourplacesociety.com



PICNIC AT 11:45-1:45PM
ESQUIMALT/GORGE PARK, KINSMEN PAVILION

(ENTRANCE OFF TILLICUM ROAD)
Please bring your own picnic lunch, items to

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ST. ANDREW'S CALENDAR

OPEN CHURCH WED. AT 1:00 PM

MEDITATION HOUR WED. AT 4:30 PM

SUMMER SOCIAL THU. AT 2:00 PM

WORSHIP SERVICE SUN. AT 10:30 AM

CATHEDRAL TUNES	July 15 THIS 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.
RENOVATION MEETING	July 26 Wednesday 10:00 am	Held in the Sunday School room upstairs in the Kirk Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend!
NEW ZEALAND STRING QUARTET CONCERT	July 31 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.
PICNIC IN THE PARK	August 27 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!
RECONCILIATION WORKSHOP	September 7 Wednesday 3:00 - 4:00 pm	Presbyters, elders and church members are invited to attend a free zoom workshop about reconciliation. Register here.
DUO CORVI & FRIENDS	September 29 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.
TEA FOR TUTU	October 17 - 19 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 tea4tutu@balletvictoria.ca
SUNDAY CLASSICS SERIES	October 29 Sunday 2:00 pm	Details to be announced. Admittance by donation. Everyone welcome!

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church acknowledges and thanks the $l \ni k^w \ni \eta \ni n$ People – $W_S \land NEC$, Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations – on whose traditional land we meet and worship.