

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

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PARABLE OF THE PASTOR

Summer Reading – for several weeks, I have been reading through the Peter May detective series, Enzo McLeod. This has not abated the reading necessary to prepare to teach Transitional Ministry Education. *Interim Ministry in Action*, *Who is Our Church*; *Imagining Congregational Identity and Taking Your Church to the Next Level*; *What Got You Here Won't Get You There* are all basic texts in our educational process.

But there are the books, bought some time ago that are still sitting on my shelf, waiting to be read. *Tempered Resilience: How Leaders Are Formed in the Crucible of Change* and *Quietly Courageous; Leading the Church in a Changing World*. So many excellent reads. So little time! Where to begin.

How do you decide what is next on your reading list? How far ahead was your purchase of desired texts from when those texts are actually read? Please tell me that you are as far behind as I am and that my hunger for purchasing new texts is not an outlandish addiction.

I recently read a blog by Jennifer L. Holberg, English professor at Calvin College, the co-director of the Calvin Center for Faith and Writing, and the founding co-editor of the Duke University Press journal *Pedagogy: Critical Approaches to Teaching Literature, Language, Composition and Culture*. It details the premise for her new book, *Nourishing Narratives; the Power of Story to Shape Our Faith*.

Jennifer writes, “*We make sense of our world, pattern our lives, and reflect on what is ultimately significant through language and the words that compose our stories. But how does this relate to the narrative of the Bible and the story that God is writing through history? it’s good work for us to carefully examine the multifaceted stories of all of our lives and learn to notice the infinite richness of the story of the Word made flesh.*”

Thank you. You have convinced me to add *Nourishing Narratives* to my waiting library! I will keep you posted and hope you will as well regarding your “waiting to read” shelf.

Rich Blessings,
Mitch



MUSIC DIRECTOR AWAY

I will be on holiday from August 7 - 27th.

Ryan Qu will be at the organ console August 13th and 20th, Jorge Carrizales will be at the piano on August 27th, The choral scholars will continue to lead the singing.

Thank you,
Christine Purvis

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed from Friday, August 11 to Sunday, August 27th. I will be away visiting family on my summer holidays.

If you have any questions or concerns that I can help you with before I leave, please contact me as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, there will be no issues of TWASA, weekly emails, or service bulletins, during this time. Please refer to the church website for your events calendar and other information.

I will not be answering the office phone or email while I am away. Please contact the session clerk or the minister for any inquiries during this time.

Cheers,
Shannon Cummings

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!

TRUTH HEALING & RECONCILIATION WORKSHOP

07 SEPTEMBER

3:00 PM PACIFIC TIME



Presbyterian Church in Canada is inviting Presbyters, elders and church members to attend a Zoom workshop about trauma, Intergenerational trauma and becoming Trauma informed in the context of Truth, Healing and Reconciliation.

REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.PRESBYTERIAN.CA

SOCIAL ACTION SPOTLIGHT

SYSTEMIC ECONOMIC INEQUALITY

Poverty in Canada and across the globe continues to seriously impact the lives and well-being of many.

According to Statistics Canada's most recent data, 7.4% of Canadians lived in poverty in 2021, which was up from 6.4% in 2020. The causes of poverty are complex, but a major factor is systemic economic inequality. Economic inequality is easy to spot, given the growing gap between people with wealth and people experiencing poverty. Speaking about systemic economic inequality names that there are social and economic structures creating and contributing to that growing gap.

Not everyone starts at the same economic baseline. Racism, misogyny, homophobia, transphobia, ableism and other social ills erect barriers to economic security. Add in that wealth is more easily created when you already have wealth to draw on—as economic inequality compounds generationally—and it becomes very clear that our economic systems are not set up to foster equality. Too often our narratives about poverty blame those who are struggling, rather than looking at the systems that reinforce inequality, racism and economic vulnerability.

Stop-gap measures like charity or temporary programs to help people “get back on their feet” may provide some relief but don't address the underlying structural problems. To break the cycle, structural change aimed at creating a more level economic baseline is needed.

What can you do? [Advocate](#) by writing letters, [learn more](#) by reading these resources about poverty trends, and [find out](#) if Canada is meeting its poverty reduction goals.

BALLET VICTORIA PRESENTS

TEA FOR TUTU

Ballet Rocks!

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
17	18	19
OCTOBER	OCTOBER	OCTOBER

2:00 PM AT 680 COURTNEY ST.

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

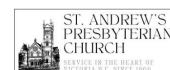
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OCTOBER
2:00 PM

FREE!
DONATIONS
ACCEPTED

SUNDAY CLASSICAL MUSIC

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
924 DOUGLAS STREET
ACCESSIBILITY ENTRANCE ON BROUGHTON
FREE PARKING AT LIBRARY PARKADE

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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

CONGREGATION GATHERING	August 10 Thursday 6:00 pm	Gather at Trinity Presbyterian Church with members of Knox, Trinity, Knox-Sooke, Chinese and St. Andrew's for lunch and conversation. All are welcome to attend this gathering.
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!
RENOVATION MEETING	September 6 10 - 12pm	In the Lecture Room. Everyone is welcome to attend!
RECONCILIATION WORKSHOP	September 7 Wednesday 3:00 pm PST	Presbyters, elders and church members are invited to attend a free zoom workshop about trauma and 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
HALLOWE'EN CONCERT	October 28 Saturday 2:00 pm	The Royal Canadian College of Organists brings you a spooky performance just in time for Hallowe'en!
SUNDAY CLASSICAL MUSIC SERIES	October 29 Sunday 2:00 pm	Presented by St. Andrew's Music Outreach, The Victoria Foundation, and Uvic Music. Free admission, donations accepted. 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.