

# THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

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## PARABLE OF THE PASTOR

Sunday, September 3 (Long weekend!), I am considering a sermon called "God in the Margins." Our teacher for the day is none other than Moses whose story we begin when he was hiding out from the Law. He was tending his father-in-law's sheep in a remote place when God spoke to him in from an unusual place.

We received an email this week from someone looking to connect with a Presbyterian minister to preform hers and her fiancé's upcoming wedding. I replied that I would be willing to speak to her at her convenience and offered times when that might be possible, even days weeks ahead. She replied almost immediately indicating that the wedding would be best if it occurred before 1:00 PM...the same day...and it was already 10:30 AM! I asked her to call my number on the email but did not hear from her again. I wonder how God may have been speaking to me (to us) through the desperation of those who may be living within strict timelines and life has been reduced to deadlines?

I met someone Sunday at Worship in the Park that was a member of another congregation. She asked me about my upcoming surgery and told me that she would be praying for me. I don't recall having met her previously, but she knew what I was facing. She asked the date for my procedure, and I believed her when she indicated that she would pray for me on this day and following. I wonder how God nudges us through our interactions with those we do not know well and reminds us that indeed God sees and knows us like God knows the hairs on our head.

Last week I received an email from a colleague in Minnesota prayerful for those affected by the wildfires in British Columbia. She provided a video of a Mennonite choir singing:

*We are not alone. We are not alone.*

*We are not alone. God is with us.*

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They sang the song in rounds and by the end, I was convinced. We are not alone; God is with us. I wonder if through the prayers offered during the incredible devastation of wildfires throughout North America, somehow in some way, do we believe that we are never alone, and that God is indeed with us.

It took a burning bush and for God to tell Moses who was speaking but perhaps by the end of the conversation, Moses was convinced. God is in our margins as well. Does not God speak to us through strangers perhaps asking and telling us amazing truths? Do we dare trust that for ourselves? Where have you seen God in the margins of your life! Peace and blessings to all.

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JOIN ST. ANDREW'S

# CHURCH CHOIR!

REHEARSALS:  
THURSDAYS AT 7:15 PM

Rehearsals begin the first week of September

Contact Christine Purvis at [music@standrewsvictoria.ca](mailto:music@standrewsvictoria.ca)



## MUSIC NOTES

Do you love to sing and never joined the choir?

Are you new to St Andrew's and would like to meet new people and sing with us?

In September our choir is back from summer break!

Rehearsals start the first Thursday in September at 7:15 pm.

If you are interested, please contact Christine Purvis at [music@standrewsvictoria.ca](mailto:music@standrewsvictoria.ca).

- Christine

# 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](http://WWW.PRESBYTERIAN.CA)

DO YOU LOVE TO SING?

THE ENSEMBLE LAUDE CHORAL SOCIETY PRESENTS

# LUMINA

*Treble Youth Choir*

AN INNOVATIVE NEW CHOIR FOR SOPRANO/ALTO  
SINGERS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 15-24

DIRECTED BY

Christina Banman & Dr. Elizabeth MacIsaac

SING | GROW | CONNECT



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[ENSEMBLELAUDE.ORG/LUMINA-TREBLE-YOUTH-CHOIR](http://ENSEMBLELAUDE.ORG/LUMINA-TREBLE-YOUTH-CHOIR)  
OR BY EMAILING [LUMINA@ENSEMBLELAUDE.ORG](mailto:LUMINA@ENSEMBLELAUDE.ORG)





# TOGETHER IN MOTION

WE'RE FUNDRAISING FOR THE JOURNEY FOR HOPE

**JOIN US:**  
SATURDAY  
30 SEPTEMBER, 2023

**DONATE NOW:**  
<https://presbyterian.ca/pwsd/together-in-motion>

WALK, BIKE, DONATE, OR CHEERLEAD!

LAURA KAVANAUGH ----- lt Knox@telus.net  
RUTH MCGOWAN ----- pzooom@shaw.ca

## A JOURNEY FOR HOPE

On September 30, we're fundraising in the [Journey for Hope](#) in support of PWS&D's food security projects. With climate issues, conflict and inflation continuing to impact people around the world, food insecurity is at alarmingly high levels, and PWS&D is working to address that.

Join or support or cheerlead our very own Victoria Team. For more information on joining, contact [Laura Kavanaugh](#) or [Ruth McGowan](#). Go [here](#) to donate.

By taking part in the Journey, we're supporting a charity that is bringing hope to those in need – will you join us? You can walk 5k or cycle about 50k. What fun we'll have together!

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](mailto:TEA4TUTU@BALLETVICTORIA.CA)

**29**  
OCTOBER  
2:00PM

ADMISSION  
BY  
DONATION

## SUNDAY CLASSICAL MUSIC

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

**CONTACT FOR MORE INFO**  
250-384-5734  
[OFFICE@STANDREWSVICTORIA.CA](mailto:OFFICE@STANDREWSVICTORIA.CA)





# 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

<b>RENOVATION MEETING</b>	<b>September 6</b> 10 - 12pm	In the Lecture Room. Everyone is welcome to attend!
<b>RECONCILIATION WORKSHOP</b>	<b>September 7</b> Wednesday 3:00 pm PST	Presbyters, elders and church members are invited to attend a free zoom workshop about trauma and reconciliation. Register <a href="#">here</a> .
<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>JOURNEY FOR HOPE</b>	<b>September 30</b> Saturday	Join, support or cheerlead our very own Victoria Team, 'Together in Motion'! For more information on joining, contact <a href="#">Laura Kavanaugh</a> or <a href="#">Ruth McGowan</a> . You can walk 5k or cycle about 50k. Go <a href="#">here</a> to donate.
<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>HALLOWE'EN CONCERT</b>	<b>October 28</b> Saturday 2:00 pm	The Royal Canadian College of Organists brings you a spooky performance just in time for Hallowe'en!
<b>SUNDAY CLASSICAL MUSIC SERIES</b>	<b>October 29</b> Sunday 2:00 pm	Presented by St. Andrew's Music Outreach, The Victoria Foundation, and Uvic Music. Free admission, donations accepted. Everyone welcome!
<b>CONNIE KALDOR IN CONCERT</b>	<b>November 4</b> Saturday 7:30 pm	Beacon Ridge Productions presents Connie Kaldor one of Canada's finest songwriters. Connie is from Saskatchewan, has toured around the world, won Junos, is a member of the Order of Canada, and has won a Western Literature award.

*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.*