

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

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A RELENTLESS CYCLE OF CONFLICT

As Palestine and Israel are mired in violence and suffering because of the longstanding absence of justice, prolonged political conflict and disregard for human rights, The Presbyterian Church in Canada (PCC) stands in solidarity with all the people of the region, who are enduring the devastating consequences of continued violence and strife. With the church leaders in the area, the PCC condemns all acts that target civilians, regardless of nationality, ethnicity, or faith.

As churches call for an end to violence and military activities threatening Palestinian and Israeli civilians, this year's recipient of the PCC's Cutting Edge of Mission Award, **Parents Circle Family Forum** (PCFF), expressed its "deepest and heartfelt condemnation of the ongoing violence" in Israel-Palestine. The PCFF writes that the "relentless cycle of conflict has inflicted immeasurable pain and suffering on innocent lives. It is a time of great sorrow, knowing that countless families now bear the burden of emptiness in their hearts and the heavy weight of grief due to the tragic loss of their loved ones."

For more information and additional statements from church leaders please go to the PCC website [here](#).

People within The Presbyterian Church in Canada are asked to pray for those directly affected and threatened and to pray for an end to violence and a just peace in the land of Christ's birth.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Pastor Mitch will return from his medical leave on Sunday Nov. 5th. The Congregation may seek pastoral care during Pastor Mitch's leave by contacting:

- The Church Office
 - M/T/Th 9:30am to 2:30pm
 - 250-384-5734
 - office@standrewsvictoria.ca
- Interim Moderator Rev. Wayne Stretch
 - 250-592-4079
 - waynestretch@telus.net
- An Elder





FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION: WITNESSING A SHATTERED WORLD

On behalf of the Victoria Shoah Project, you are invited to attend the annual remembrance of Kristallnacht (Night of Broken Glass) on Thursday, November 9, 7 p.m. at Congregation Emanu-El, 1461 Blanshard Street. This is organized by a diverse collective of Shoah (Holocaust) survivors, descendants, educators and caring individuals whose main focus is to continue finding innovative, informative and inspiring ways to honour, commemorate and educate about the Shoah.

We will be remembering what took place on the evening of November 9, 1938. On this night, Jews were targeted solely for being Jewish, with planned attacks on Jewish-owned businesses, buildings and synagogues in Germany and Austria while authorities did nothing to stop the assault. The name Kristallnacht refers to the pieces of broken glass covering the streets but represents the broken lives forever changed by this tragedy. Kristallnacht was only a hint of greater harm to come. The history of this night reminds us of how quickly lives can be shattered.

Please join us to remember the past and pledge to take action for a better future where we will respect and protect our neighbours, not remain indifferent in the face of any injustice against any person or group and work towards building bridges that lead to unity and shalom (peace).

<https://www.victoriashoahproject.ca/>

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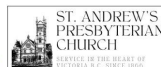
SUNDAY CLASSICAL MUSIC

FEATURED PERFORMERS

- The Vaughan String Quartet
- Graduate Student Quartet at the Uvic School of Music

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924 DOUGLAS STREET
ACCESSIBILITY ENTRANCE ON BROUGHTON
FREE PARKING AT LIBRARY PARKADE

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Connie Kaldor

3-TIME JUNO AWARD WINNER!



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023

Singer-songwriter, entertainer, TV personality, and women's music pioneer CONNIE KALDOR is celebrating 45 years in show business this year with her brand new album, her 18th recording, titled 'KEEP GOING'!
conniekaldor.com

OPENER: INDIE-FOLK SINGER ALEKSI CAMPAGNE

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
(CORNER OF DOUGLAS & BROUGHTON STREET) 7:30 PM • DOORS 6:45 PM

Tickets \$35 + GST advance available at:
Munro's Books, the Royal & McPherson Box Office and Eventbrite.ca • \$45 at the door
More information at beaconridgeproductions.com or call 250-812-7978



SOCIAL ACTION SPOTLIGHT

Anti-Black Racism in Canada – ongoing impacts of colonization. Canada's colonial history continues to shape the present, with harmful impacts on the lives today of many marginalized people and groups. One area where a history of colonization and its ongoing effects continue to do harm is through colonialism's ingrained anti-Black racism, fostered through Canada's historical involvement in the trans-Atlantic slave trade and continued through discrimination and systemic racism against Black people in Canada.

Today, systemic anti-Black racism manifests as barriers in employment, housing, education, immigration and health care. Increasing numbers of police-reported hate crimes target Black people. According to Statistics Canada, the 318 incidents in 2020 is a 92% increase over the previous year. We know as well from news reports and statistical analysis that Black people are disproportionately represented in the use of force in encounters with police, including fatalities. The impacts of racism affect even the environment one lives in: Black, Indigenous and other People of Colour are disproportionately at risk of exposure to toxic pollutants and the health conditions they can cause, a phenomenon known as environmental racism.

The lived experiences of injustice and racism adversely affect mental, physical and emotional health, and social and spiritual wellbeing. But it doesn't have to be this way. Discrimination that is built into the pillars of society can be countered by intentionally working to dismantle these harm-causing systems, while prioritizing trauma-informed approaches informed by the lived experiences of racialized people.

What can you do? Learn about the intersection and impacts of colonization and racism. Use the PCC's Racism and Hate in Canada study guide online [HERE](#). Write your MP, encouraging the government to develop a strategy to address environmental racism in Canada. A template is available [HERE](#). Unpack the concept of white superiority and privilege. Use the ecumenical resource "Cracking Open White Identity Towards Transformation" online [HERE](#).



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UVIC music ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VICTORIA FOUNDATION



The Early Music Society of the Islands Presents

**LA
CIGALE**

La Grazia Delle Donne

Music of the Italian Baroque by women and the men who encouraged them.

NOV. 18
7:30 - 9:00 PM

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924 DOUGLAS STREET

Website: earlymusicsocietyoftheislands.ca
Phone: 250 882 5058
Email: boxoffice@emsivictoria.ca

ST. ANDREW'S CALENDAR

OPEN CHURCH WED. AT 1:00 PM

MEDITATION HOUR WED. AT 4:30 PM

WORSHIP SERVICE SUN. AT 10:30 AM

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 4:00 pm	Presented by St. Andrew's Music Outreach, The Victoria Foundation, and Uvic Music. Free admission, donations accepted. Everyone welcome!
LINK DEADLINE	October 29 Sunday	Please send your submission for next month's newsletter to theLink@shaw.ca .
BALLET ROCKS NOVEMBER PERFORMANCE	November 3 - 5 Friday 7:30 pm Sat/Sun 2:00 pm	Ballet Victoria presents 'Ballet Rocks' on the Kirk Hall Stage. Music has rocked the ages and seamlessly to fill this program with unbridled energy, choreography, and drama. Go HERE for tickets.
CONNIE KALDOR IN CONCERT	November 4 Saturday 7:30 pm	Beacon Ridge Productions presents Connie Kaldor one of Canada's finest songwriters. Connie has won a Western Literature award.
SUNDAY CLASSICAL MUSIC SERIES	November 5 Sunday 4:00 pm	Presented by St. Andrew's Music Outreach, The Victoria Foundation, and Uvic Music. Free admission, donations accepted. Everyone welcome!
KIRK HALL CHRISTMAS	November 18 Saturday 2:00 pm	Enjoy a performance by Ballet Victoria and tea & biscuits served by St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Reserve your tickets by contacting the church office!
LA CIGALE	November 18 Saturday 7:30 pm	The Early Music Society presents La Cigale, performing music of the Renaissance and Baroque eras on period instruments.
SUNDAY CLASSICAL MUSIC SERIES	November 19 Sunday 4:00 pm	Presented by St. Andrew's Music Outreach, The Victoria Foundation, and Uvic Music. Free admission, donations accepted. Everyone welcome!

SOLD OUT

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.