



THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

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PARABLE OF THE PASTOR

"Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near" writes Isaiah the prophet in Isaiah 55:6.

What an appropriate invitation for Lent. Lent is a time to consider our relationship with God. These 40 days beginning on Ash Wednesday (February 14) allows us to look deeply within and consider the anxiousness that often pervades our living. Lent prepares us for Easter but not until we take seriously the opportunity of asking ourselves the powerful questions of Where and How does God fit into my life? What daily practices are not redemptive but are in fact destructive; physically, mentally, emotionally, relationally and spiritually?

Ash Wednesday begins a new opportunity to begin our Lenten preparation. Plan to attend:

Ash Wednesday Service, St. Andrew's, 12:00 Noon.

In the weeks following, consider a Lenten Study weekly with St. Andrew's and Knox participating:

Using the Lectionary scripture passages for each Sunday in Lent: We gather at Knox Presbyterian on Wednesday, February 20, 27, March 5, 12, 19 and 26. Each week we will use the ancient spiritual practice of lectio divina to listen to each of the Lenten passages for the coming Sunday. Study is from 11:30-1:00. Bring a sack lunch and engage in spiritual listening to scripture as we prepare for the Sunday's in Lent.

Praying that each of you will prayerfully consider participating in these Lenten opportunities.

Blessings

Pastor Mitch

♪ SUNDAY'S MUSIC ♪

Prelude: "All Glory be to God on High" by Friedrich Zachau & Johann Walther

Choral Anthem: "The light of the world" by Don Besig

Musical Reflection: "Our Father who art in Heaven" by Dietrich Buxtehude

Postlude: "The heavens declare the glory of the Lord" by Benedetto Marcello

The words for hymns sometimes have different tunes in other hymn books. This week we will sing "We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place" for Transfiguration Sunday". The tune in our hymn book is one we don't know. Most of the other hymn books I consulted use "Abbot's Leigh" which is what we also have used in past years. It is the tune we know from singing "God is love: come heaven, adoring" I have put the number for the tune in the bulletin for those of you who like to read the music as you sing. It might mean holding two hymn books or flipping back and forth from the music to the words.

LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS SUNDAY FEB. 11

2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

ASH WEDNESDAY FEB. 14

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 OR Isaiah 58:1-12
Psalm 51:1-17
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

SUNDAY SCHOOL

"The session is responsible for providing for the program of Christian education for persons of all ages in order that they may be confronted by the gospel, may grow in faith, participate in the life of the Christian community, and be active witnesses to Christ in the world." - Book of Forms

Will you be part of children's Christian Education at St. Andrew's? Do you feel joy for Christ and a desire to share it with children? Each week, in order to staff the Nursery and Sunday School we need a total of 6 people. Ideally, we need 2 teams of 6 so that those providing Christian Education for children do not do it every week without attending Sunday services. Sunday School and nursery will not happen if we do not have a full compliment of teachers and helpers. All that is required of you is an enthusiasm for Christ, a firm commitment of your time and attendance at a Leading with Care course and an up-to-date Police Record Check (requirements of the Presbyterian Church in Canada and our insurance). Email Sabine Teetzel at steetzel@telus.net if you are willing to be part of spreading God's word.



PWS&D SUNDAY

PWS&D has a wide variety of programs that work to help communities around the globe. We continue to pray for our global brothers and sisters who are struggling, and we pray for the tireless work of PWS&D and their partners worldwide. Humanitarian assistance is needed urgently in Afghanistan and Gaza, as well as other countries around the world. Donations can be made to PWS&D by cheque or cash in your church envelopes indicating PWS&D. Each and every dollar donated does make a world of difference.

More information can be found @ <https://presbyterian.ca/pwsd/>

Patti Jackson, Mission & Outreach

Identity: Who is God calling you to be?

Speaker The Rev. Dr. Mona Scrivens



Vancouver Island Presbyterian Women's Retreat

April 26-28th, 2024

Camp Imadene, Mesachie Lake

Early Bird Registration \$230 before March 1, 2024 (\$250 after March 2)

All registration closes March 22, 2024

For more information, please contact Meredith Reems, Retreat Registrar

meredithreems@gmail.com 250-668-3299



2024 Vancouver Island Presbytery Summer Camps

(A program of the Presbyterian Church in Canada)

Location and Dates:

Little Qualicum Falls Provincial Park June 10th-14th

Goldstream Provincial Park July 4th-8th

Rathrevor Provincial Park August 5th-12th

For Enquiry Contact: Camp VIP Communicator
andrewdmccowan@hotmail.com

Camp Website <https://vipresbytery.net>

EMAIL SECURITY

Our email address is the door many knock with the hope that we, inadvertently, let them in. Below some tips on the subject:

“Be present” when reading an email: if you do not know the sender, and something does not make sense, check with friends or family, do not reply if you do not know them; do not engage with them in any way.

Report it as spam: if after checking, the sender is unknown and suspicious, treat it as spam, until you hear otherwise (you can go to the spam folder and mark it as “Not spam” later). Until then, mark it spam. Example: Gmail

Keep your systems updated: your operating systems, web browsers, your apps in your large, medium or mobile devices should regularly be updated. Updated systems provide more protection.

Keep your inbox and contact list filtered and updated: current email apps filter your emails by default but you train your system who to open the door to. Known senders should be in the inbox, the others can live in the junk.

No system is foolproof, but, by getting familiar with these topics, updating your devices, and being mindful when engaging by email, you will have an edge.

For more ideas on cyber safety, go here <https://www.getcybersafe.gc.ca/en/resources?filter=335> for some helpful advice!

- Martin Perez, web administrator

PRESBYTERIANS READ

PRESBYTERIANS READ is an online lenten study group for the month of February. Join the facebook group here to take part: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2397226327195079>

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**PACIFIC CENTRE**
family services association



February 24, 2024

Registration begins Thursday, November 2nd.
Sign up a team, promote the walk, donate and step up
for your neighbours in need.

For more info. call 250-940-5064 or go to our website.
www.ourplacesociety.com

Linn Tonstad Associate Professor of Theology, Religion,
and Sexuality at Yale Divinity School

In Conversation with Christine Conkin on Dance and Theology



Wednesday, February 7, 2024
At the Multifaith Center, UVic
Communion Service: 5pm
Conversation with Linn: 7pm

Join the UVic Inclusive Christians
after the weekly worship service for a
conversation about theology, dance
and embodiment.

The service is led by Ruth Dantzer, spiritual care provider at UVic.
If you wish to attend the worship service, please email her at
ruthdantzer@uvic.ca.

Linn Marie Tonstad is associate professor of theology, religion,
and sexuality at Yale Divinity School, and is the author of two
books, *God and Difference: Theology, Sexuality, and the
Transformation of Finitude* (Routledge, 2016) and *Queer
Theology: Beyond Apologetics* (Cascade, 2018).



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ST. ANDREW'S CALENDAR

OPEN CHURCH WED. AT 12:00 PM

MEDITATION HOUR WED. AT 4:30 PM

WORSHIP SERVICE SUN. AT 10:30 AM

SUNDAY NIGHT DINNER	KNOX CHURCH February 11 Sunday 5:00-7:30 pm	This is an opportunity for participants from St. Andrew's, Trinity, and Knox congregations to cook and eat together with students from UVic Multifaith on the second Sunday of every month. Plan to be part of this community experience in the lovely Knox kitchen and lounge!
ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE	SANCTUARY February 14 Wednesday 12:00 pm	Come and take part in the first day of Lent with a special service that will last just half an hour!
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	SANCTUARY February 25 Sunday 12:00 pm	We will meet immediately following Worship. Please set aside time to participate in this important meeting. The Annual Report is circulated by email, will be posted on the website and paper copies will be available on Sunday.
CUORE PIANO TRIO	SANCTUARY February 27 Tuesday 2:30 pm	Presented by the St. Andrew's Music Outreach program, Cuore Piano Trio is one of the leading Polish chamber music groups of the young generation. Admission by donation and everyone is welcome!
THE LINK	DEADLINE February 25 Sunday	Please send your submission to theLink@shaw.ca .
TEA FOR TUTU	KIRK HALL March 5 - 7 2:00 pm	Ballet Victoria presents highlights of 'Dracula' followed by light refreshments. To reserve your free seat tea4tutu@balletvictoria.ca or call 250-380-6063
SUNDAY CLASSICAL MUSIC SERIES	SANCTUARY March 10 Sunday 2:00 pm	Presented by St. Andrew's Music Outreach, The Victoria Foundation, and The University of Victoria's Music Department. Everyone is welcome to enjoy an afternoon of classical music! Free parking Sundays at 745 Broughton library parkade and admission is by donation!
JOHN PRINE TRIBUTE CONCERT	SANCTUARY March 30 Saturday 7:30 pm	Presented by Beacon Ridge Productions. For more information and tickets please go to https://beaconridgeproductions.com/2023/11/in-spite-of-ourselves-john-prine-tribute/
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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.