

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S



ISSUE # 312

May 28, 2026

Open Church: Sanctuary

Wednesdays at 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Meditation Hour: Sanctuary

Wednesdays at 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

The Globe & Faith: The Gathering Room

Wednesdays at 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Activity Group: The Gathering Room

Thursdays at 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Worship Service: Sanctuary

Sundays at 10:30 am - 12:00 pm



From the Pulpit

The sermon for Trinity Sunday is entitled “*The Hunger for God.*” This sermon reflects on Jesus’ call to “make disciples,” showing that discipleship is not about pressure, fear, or coercion. Through personal story and biblical teaching, it invites us to consider a more faithful way of sharing Christ—through love, grace, welcome, and patient teaching. It reminds us that faith grows when people are given room to respond freely, and that the church is called to help people deepen their understanding of God and grow in following Jesus.

- Rev. Wes Denyer

Announcements

THE GLOBE & FAITH: Are you interested in how current events and our Christian faith interact? Bring your thoughts and current events to the Rev. Wes Denyer’s new weekly discussion group! We will meet every Wednesday in The Gathering Room from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. Simple refreshments provided but special treats are always appreciated! Regular attendance is not required - everyone is welcome!. For more information, please contact the Rev. Wes at wesdenyer@gmail.com.


ACTIVITY GROUP SUMMER SESSIONS: During June, July and August the Activity Group will continue to have “drop in” sessions on Thursday mornings. We have two summer projects we’re working on: the Laneway Garden and the Jewelry & Jumble Sale. We’ve finished planting lots of vegetables that will be donated to James Bay’s New Horizons food security programs. If you would like to help with the garden we would welcome your assistance. We are also collecting and pricing items left over from previous programs and events at St. Andrew’s for the jumble sale in September. Many hands make light work so please consider dropping in to help.

THE LINK: Contribute to St. Andrew’s monthly newsletter! **June’s** deadline for submissions is **Sunday, May 31st**. To contact the editor or make submissions please email: thelink@standrewsvictoria.ca.





CELEBRATION OF LIFE: It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of [Stewart Black](#), who was an active member of St. Andrew's for many years. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, June 13th 1:30 pm at Saanich Presbyterian Church in North Saanich, with Rev Irwin Cunningham officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations are invited to [Canadian Cancer Society](#) or [Cowichan Hospice](#).

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Please note there will be a Congregational Meeting immediately after service on Sunday, June 14.


 **PRESBYTERY MEETING:** on Tuesday, June 23 at 10 am in the Sanctuary and The Gathering Room of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.





 **QUARTET FEST WEST:** Presented by St. Andrew's Music Outreach program on July 5th in the Sanctuary at 2 PM. Donations are appreciated, and support our music program, and our musicians! Quartet Fest West is one of the finest chamber music programs in North America! This concert features several participants from this year's festival.

 **JEWELRY & JUMBLE SALE:** Stop by the Gathering Room on September 18 & 19 for St. Andrew's jewelry and jumble sale! All proceeds go towards supplies for the laneway garden. More information will be available soon!

Community Events

 **AROUND THE TABLE:** Join 'Inclusive Christians' at 5 pm Wednesdays at the UVic Multifaith Centre for a simple ecumenical communion service that includes scripture, prayer, song, contemplation and conversation. Worship is followed by a modest, free meal provided by local congregations. This special time together is hosted by Anglican, Lutheran, Presbyterian and United Spiritual Care Providers. Everyone is welcome. Please contact the Rev. Laura Kavanagh at laurakavanagh@uvic.ca for more information or to donate a meal in the fall or winter term.

 **OUT OF THE BLUE:** Presented by the Storytellers of Canada and Victoria Storytellers Guild. Join us for a celebration of story on June 5 at 7:30 PM at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. For more information and tickets please go [HERE](#).

 **BLUE JEAN JACKET DAY:** on June 6 and raises awareness about missing and murdered Indigenous men and boys. It is meant to serve as a counterpart to Red Dress Day, which takes place on May 5. You can show solidarity and remembrance by wearing a blue jean jacket or denim shirt on this day.

Strawberry Tea & Bazaar

Strawberry shortcake and tea/coffee - \$8 (cash only)

Treasures

White Elephant

Books

Jewellery

Arts & crafts

Plants

Baking

Silent Auction

Saturday, June 20, 2026
1:00-4:00 pm


Knox Presbyterian Church
2964 Richmond Road
(between Lansdowne & Taylor Street)

In support of the
Victoria Cat Rescue Corps Society

Contact:
victoriacatrescue@gmail.com
www.victoriacatrescue.com

Victoria Cat Rescue Corps Society is a charitable organization run by volunteers. All donations go toward spay, neuter and medical costs for the animals we assist.

CAT RESCUE

 **THE BEST COAST BIG BAND:** Trinity Presbyterian's very own Bob Wicks is part of The Best Coast Big Band - check out their performance at The Coda (formerly Herman's Jazz Club) on June 23 at 6pm. Listen to classic big band tunes, pop songs and everything in between. Get tickets [HERE](#).

 **VIP SUMMER CAMP 2026:** A program of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. This year's locations and dates are as follows: Little Qualicum Falls Provincial Park (June 8-12), Rath Trevor Provincial Park (July 25 - 30), and Rath Trevor Provincial Park (July 30 - August 3). For more information go to our [website](#) or contact the registrar at jermareng@gmail.com.

Prayer Partnership

Thursday, May 28 We thank God for generous gifts of time, talent and treasure—freely given with grateful hearts to serve God and bless others.

Friday, May 29 We pray for the youth, young adults, and youth leaders who have registered for the Collective 2026 gathering. May they experience travelling blessings and renewed faith while gathered from August 12-15, 2026.

Saturday, May 30 Loving God, we pray for all who are searching for work and ask that you will grant them hope, strength, and open doors to meaningful opportunities.

Sunday, May 31 (Trinity Sunday) Creator, Christ and Spirit, Almighty God of beauty and truth, we praise you for the glory and mystery of the eternal Trinity, and for the example to pray and work in and for unity in your world.

Monday, June 1 (National Indigenous History Month begins) We give thanks for the diverse cultures, spiritual traditions, governance and land stewardship systems, languages and histories of the hundreds of Indigenous nations across Canada.

Tuesday, June 2 We give thanks for the ministry of the Rev. Jeffrey Murray, Moderator of the 2025 General Assembly, as he nears the end of his time in this role.

Wednesday, June 3 We pray for ruling elders and other laypersons who are discovering, developing and using their gifts for ministry and service in the church.

Thursday, June 4 We pray for the congregation of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Thornbury, Ontario, as they participate in the PCC's New Beginnings Renewal Program. May they discern God's guidance with clarity, courage, and hope for the future.

Friday, June 5 (World Environment Day) We pray for the health of biodiverse ecosystems and the flourishing of all life on Earth, our shared planetary home.



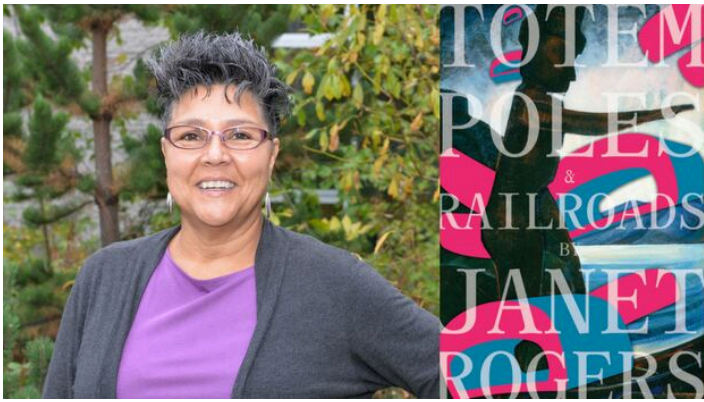
Mission Moment

Ruth Chatelera and Ndindase Jere, ordained ministers of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) in Malawi, are in the first cohort of women in the MTh (Master's in Contextual Theology) program at Zomba Theological University (ZTU). Recently, they successfully defended their dissertations. This four-year program is intended to raise women scholars. Presently, The Rev. Dr. Gertrude Kapuma is ZTU's only female regular faculty member. Your gifts to Presbyterians Sharing provide full support for 10 women in the program and are building up women leaders in Malawi.

A graphic titled "VICTORIA PRIDE 2026" with a list of events. The events are: July 1 Memorial Drag Ball Game (purple bar), July 4 Pride in the Word (yellow bar), July 8 Big Gay Dog Walk (pink bar), July 12 Victoria Pride Parade (green bar), and July 12 Victoria Pride Festival (orange bar). At the bottom, it says "Save the Date!". There are decorative swirls in pink and blue.

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South Vancouver Island Indigenous Authors

June is Indigenous History Month, and June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day. It is an opportunity to celebrate and learn more about the diverse cultures, traditions, governing systems, histories, spiritualities, and gifts of First Nations, Inuit and Métis people.

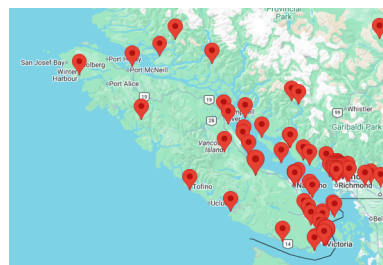
The best way to learn is directly from Indigenous people. This June, try reading some books by local Indigenous authors:

- 'Totem Poles & Railroads' by Janet Rogers.
- 'There is my People Sleeping' by Sarain Stump.
- 'Little Hunger' by Philip Kevin Paul
- 'Tilly: a Story of Hope and Resilience' by Monique Gray-Smith.
- 'Aboriginal Justice and the Charter: Realizing a Culturally Sensitive Interpretation of Legal Rights' by David Millward.
- 'Recovering Canada: The Resurgence of Indigenous Law' by John Borrows.
- 'Picking Up the Pieces: Residential School Memories and the Making of the Witness Blanket' by Carey Newman.
- 'A Season in Chezgh'un' by Darrel J. McLeod.

- 'History & Folklore of the Cowichan Indians' by Martha Douglas Harris.
- 'Let Right Be Done: Aboriginal Title, the Calder Case, and the Future of Indigenous Rights' by Diane Heather Raven.
- 'Indigenous Peoples' Health in Canada: Beyond the Social' by Charlotte Reading.
- 'It's All About the Land: Collected Talks and Interviews on Indigenous Resurgence' Gerald Taiaiake Alfred.
- 'What Was Said to Me: The Life of Sti'tum'atul'wut, a Cowichan Woman' by Ruby Peter Sti'tum'atul'wut's.
- 'Luschiim's Plants: Traditional Indigenous Foods, Materials and Medicines' by Luschiim Arvid Charlie.
- 'Legends and Teachings of Xeel's, the Creator' by Ellen White.
- 'Ghandl: Nine Visits to the Mythworld' by Walter McGregor.
- 'Knitting Stories: Personal Essays and Nine Coast Salish-inspired Knitting Patterns' by Sylvia Olsen.

Centering Indigenous voices and experiences, honouring Indigenous identity and resilience contributes to building up a society that actively addresses anti-Indigenous racism, and where all people may flourish.

Learn more about ministries with Indigenous people [here](#). Learn more about the church's work for Indigenous justice and healing and reconciliation [here](#).



There are many more Indigenous authors on the island and throughout BC - check out [this map](#) and website for more information!