

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S



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July 2, 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 Study Room**

Wednesdays at 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Activity Group: The Kirk Hall

Thursdays at 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Worship Service: Sanctuary

Sundays at 10:30 am - 12:00 pm



From the Pulpit

Where do we find God when life feels uncertain, distant, or dry?


This week's sermon, "God in our Memory," explores the surprising ways God visits us—in Scripture, in sacred places, and especially in the memories that sustain our faith.

Through stories of Job, the Widow of Nain, and moments of grace that return to us when we need them most, we'll reflect on how remembering can lead us back to God.


- Rev. Wes Denyer

Announcements




 **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.



 **BBQ INVITE:** Everyone at St. Andrew's is invited to an Open House/Barbecue at Jerry and Debra Verwey's house (1328 Carnsew Street – off Moss between Fairfield and Richardson) on Sunday, July 12th from 4 to 7pm. Bring something to barbecue and a side dish to share if you want. Dessert (cake and ice cream) and beverages (soft drinks, tea, coffee, and water) will be provided. If you have a fold-up lawn chair, bring it along. If you have any questions, you can call us at 250-383-1009. RSVPs are appreciated (tjeerd@telus.net).


BALLET VICTORIA SUMMER CLASSES:

Ballet Victoria will be running their summer ballet classes from July 7 - 31 in The Gathering Room. When the room is occupied, please go around via the Sanctuary to get to the other side of the building. Thanks for your cooperation!


 **LANEWAY GARDEN UPDATE:** The Activity Group is pleased to report tomatoes and a cucumber have already been produced this season in the Laneway Vegetable Garden. Blessed by wonderful sunshine, and faithful watering, all the plants are thriving and we look forward to many more vegetables to be shared.


JEWELRY & JUMBLE SALE UPDATE:

Behind the scenes, work continues to prepare the many items collected for the sale. There is a huge variety of items! If you are able to volunteer at the sale, (September 18th & 19th from 11 am - 3 pm on both days,) please speak to Sheelagh Garson, or the church office. We appreciate all your help!


 **UVIC SUMMER ORCHESTRA:** Presented by St. Andrew's Music Outreach program on September 6th in the Sanctuary at 2 PM. Donations are appreciated, and support our music program, and our musicians! More information will follow.




 **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!

 **HYMN FESTIVAL:** Presented by St. Andrew's Music Outreach program on September 27th in the Sanctuary at 2 PM. Donations are appreciated, and go towards the purchase of a new piano! More information will follow.


Community Events

 **VICTORIA PRIDE 2026:** Several Pride events are taking place across Victoria during the month of July, culminating with the Pride Parade on July 12! Check out the full schedule of events [HERE!](#)

 **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.



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

 **SING THE NORTH:** World-leading choral recording artists, soprano Andrea Haines and countertenor and conductor Danile Taylor invite you to enjoy a unique performance by Sing the North's Consort Project's choristers on Sunday, August 2 at 7:30 pm. More information and tickets are available [HERE](#).

Prayer Partnership

Thursday, July 2 We pray for staff and campers at Presbyterian Music Camp in Goderich, ON, as they learn and grow together in faith in a Christian camping community.

Friday, July 3 We pray for leaders in the Presbyterian-Reformed Church in Cuba as they minister among people suffering increasing daily hardships due to dire shortages of food, medicine, gas and electricity.

Saturday, July 4 We pray for participants who recently completed the online course, "Becoming Intercultural". May they feel supported and more equipped in their ministry within their diversifying congregations.

Sunday, July 5 We pray for camp staff and campers as they prepare for another season of fun and faith formation.

Monday, July 6 We pray for Mihye Park, Housing Manager of St. Andrew's Hall, who cares for students and provides hospitality. Mihye runs a Friday evening knitting group that welcomes undergraduates to develop a new skill and form deep relationships grounded in Christian love.

Tuesday, July 7 As 2SLGBTQI+ communities gather for Pride celebrations this summer, we give thanks for the organizers who plan these opportunities for advocacy, connection and fun.

Wednesday, July 8 We pray for those faithfully serving in rural and remote ministry settings and ask God to bless their tireless work amid isolation, great distances, and unique challenges.

Thursday, July 9 We pray for staff and campers at Camp Kintail in Goderich, ON, as they learn and grow together in faith in a Christian camping community.

Friday, July 10 We pray for our partners in Cuba, that God will keep guiding them and giving them strength despite the hardships they are enduring.



Mission Moment

At 16, Ahmad Reza carries heavy responsibilities. Living in Bamyán, Afghanistan, he was orphaned by the loss of both parents, becoming the main support for his family. He cares for his two younger brothers and lives with his sister's family, who also face extreme poverty. The winter months are particularly difficult as food becomes scarce. Overwhelmed by grief and financial pressure, Reza was forced to leave school. He now works as an apprentice at a garage to gain skills for his family's future. Relief came when Reza's family received three months of cash assistance through a winter cash-for-food program supported by PWS&D. "For the first time in months, the constant worry about our next meal has eased," he said. Reza hopes his training will soon allow him to support his family fully.

VICTORIA PRIDE 2026

July 1	Memorial Drag Ball Game
July 4	Pride in the Word
July 8	Big Gay Dog Walk
July 12	Victoria Pride Parade
July 12	Victoria Pride Festival
	Save the Date!



Venezuela Earthquake Response

On June 24, 2026, two powerful earthquakes struck north-central Venezuela. Strong shaking was felt across the country, as well as in neighboring Colombia and parts of the Caribbean. The Government of Venezuela has declared a State of Emergency.

The situation remains fluid, with ongoing aftershocks increasing risks to affected populations and complicating response efforts. Residential and commercial buildings have collapsed, along with considerable damage to critical infrastructure including roads and public facilities. There are severe disruptions to electricity and telecommunications across the country.

Reports indicate that the number of fatalities and those in need is expected to rise, especially as many heavily affected areas remain difficult to access.

Donations are urgently needed. PWS&D is able to respond through the ACT Alliance, which has members operational in Venezuela. Immediate needs assessments are taking place with plans to respond as soon as possible.

Donations made between June 25 and July 14 are eligible for matching by the Government of Canada.

Make a donation by clicking [here](#), calling our office at 1-800-619-7301, or through your congregation by marking your donation “PWS&D Venezuela earthquake response.”

National Center for Truth and Reconciliation Recognizes Contributions by Three Denominations

Vivian Ketchum, who is a Survivor of the Cecelia Jeffrey Residential School, operated by the PCC, accompanied the Rev. Victor Kim, Principal Clerk of the General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada (PCC), to a gifting ceremony hosted by the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR) on June 18, 2026.



Vivian Ketchum, who is a survivor of the Cecelia Jeffrey Residential School, which was run by the PCC, with the Rev. Victor Kim, Principal Clerk of the General Assembly of the PCC.

Florence Painter, who is a residential school survivor, and Stephanie Scott, the Executive Director of the NCTR, presented the PCC with a bronze eagle feather.

The ceremony was in recognition of the contributions made by the PCC, the Anglican Church of Canada, and the United Church of Canada toward the construction of the NCTR's permanent home on the grounds of the University of Manitoba.