

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S



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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

Cancelled on July 22nd!

Activity Group: The Kirk Hall

Thursdays at 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Worship Service: Sanctuary

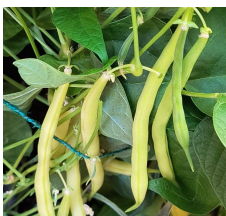
Sundays at 10:30 am - 12:00 pm



From the Pulpit

The Sunday's sermon is entitled "Worried Wheat" as we explore Jesus' parable of the weeds and the wheat. This sermon reflects on our fears, failures, and longing to know where we stand with God. Through humour, honesty, and personal story telling, we discover a hopeful reminder that God meets us not with condemnation, but with grace, love, and tender care.

- Rev. Wes Denyer



A new vegetable this year, yellow beans, is growing well in the Activity Group's laneway garden. This and other produce is soon to be delivered to James Bay New Horizons!

Announcements

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!



NEW ADMINISTRATOR: Gianna Castillo will be taking over the office from Shannon starting Monday, August 17th. Please continue to direct all inquiries to Shannon in the office until then, as they will now be working together leading up to then, to ensure a smooth transition. Additionally, please help Gianna by keeping church business limited to her office hours, (which will be announced soon,) so she can enjoy her church life to the fullest. Join me in welcoming Gianna to the office!



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: If you are able to volunteer at the Jewelry & Jumble 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 from 11 am - 3 pm 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

 **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: 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.

 **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](#).

 **JOURNEY FOR HOPE:** Team, 'Together in Motion & Song', is raising money for the Journey for Hope, which supports PWS&D's food security projects. For more information please contact our Team Captain, Patti Jackson. Members of Knox Victoria, Knox Sooke, Saanich Peninsula, Trinity, and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Churches are invited to join us for the following events:

- **Sing for Hope:** a charity hymn sing at Trinity (2964 Tillicum Rd.) on Thursday, September 17 at 7:00 pm.
- **Walk for Hope:** a charity walk at Esquimalt Gorge Park (1070 Tillicum Rd.) on Sunday, September 26 at 9:30 am.

Mission Moment

PCC mission staff, the Rev. Lora Nafziger plays a vital role supporting expatriate United Mission to Nepal (UMN) staff and their families. The UMN is a faith-based international NGO with over 500 staff. Most are Nepali. Approximately 44 are expatriate staff who work as medical professionals and advisory staff for projects. Expatriate staff currently come from 8 different countries and about 11 denominational groups. Lora helps these mission staff and their families transition to life in Nepal and then offers them ongoing spiritual care and support. Lora brings to her work as Staff Care and Counselling Adviser her background as a clinical social worker and pastor, as well as her own rich ecumenical experience. Your gifts to Presbyterians Sharing make this important work possible.



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JOURNEY FOR HOPE: TOGETHER IN MOTION & SONG

JOIN US TO HELP RAISE MONEY FOR PWS&D'S FOOD SECURITY PROJECTS. OUR GOAL FOR THIS YEAR IS TO RAISE \$2000!

SING FOR HOPE

JOIN US FOR A HYMN SING FUNDRAISER ON THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH AT 7:00 PM AT TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 2964 TILLICUM ROAD.

WALK FOR HOPE

JOIN US FOR A 5KM WALK AROUND THE PARK ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26TH AT 9:30 AM AT ESQUIMALT GORGE PARK PAVILION, 1070 TILLICUM ROAD.

CHURCH CONTACTS

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:	PATTI JACKSON
KNOX VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:	ANNE KRAUSS
TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:	RUTH MCCOWAN
KNOX SOOKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:	ELEANOR SHAMBROOK

