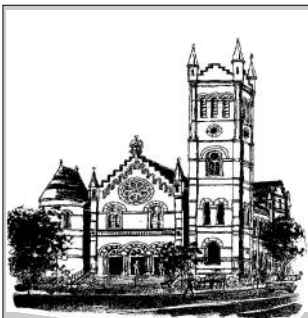


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St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church



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Victoria, BC



Lent. The very word may leave you perplexed. What is Lent and why is it important? Generally we know it as the season leading to Easter. We may remember that it begins on the Sunday following Transfiguration when Jesus' appearance was changed to become a dazzling light, signifying to His disciples that He was indeed, the Messiah. Hopefully we remember the beginning of Lent is marked by Ash Wednesday during which we are "marked" by an ashen cross on our foreheads. Perhaps you may think that Ash Wednesday, Lent and the entire experience sounds a bit "Catholic" and best left to those who use these days to give up meat, or cola, or chocolate in an act of self-sacrifice. Perhaps it is time to re-examine the significance that Lent has in our preparation for Easter.

Lent is to Easter what Advent is to Christmas. Advent is an important season to prepare for more than gift buying, carols, and the Christmas pageant. Advent symbolizes the season of preparation as we wait again for the coming of Jesus into our lives and world. Celebrating Christmas without Advent means that we have skipped the most critical preparation for Christmas there can be. So it is with Lent. The forty days between Ash Wednesday and Good Friday/Holy Saturday provide us an opportunity to prepare our hearts, our minds, bodies and spirits for the significance to experience an Easter celebration. Celebration is empty unless and until we walk the lonely and dark road that Jesus walked in preparation for his own death. Easter is empty unless we travel the entire length of our own pain, struggles, and sin so that Easter morning will truly make the personal impact that in spite of our suffering, nothing can separate us from God's love made most alive in the words, "He is not here. He is risen."

Lent began on Ash Wednesday with the smudging of ashes on our forehead and having the words spoken, "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." Strange words that are most often spoken at a funeral. Perhaps not. Ash Wednesday begins for us a funeral of sorts as we willingly enter a season that in many ways marks the death of the things in our lives that are covered, hidden and for which we may be ashamed. Many people use Lent to "give up" or fast from certain pleasures or luxuries that we may choose to do without during the Lenten season. Chocolate, cola, meat, television, etc. are common "sacrifices" many give up. This practice may indeed be an intentional fast from an item(s) that we consider a luxury. Giving up something tangible may not be enough if we do not also choose to use Lent as a period of examination of conscience, of life and of practice. We must choose to willingly enter Lent as an opportunity to pray, meditate, and ask of ourselves the difficult questions that will shine a light on the dark corners of our mind and heart that have been hidden away.

Several opportunities for a deeper Lenten focus will be provided over the coming weeks between now and Easter celebration on April 12. Our **Lenten Bible Study** on Mondays in March from 2:00-3:30pm focus on praying and reading scripture that can aid our own private spiritual discipline and practices. We will use an ancient practice of *lectio divina*, which actually ruminates on scripture by listening closely to not only the words read but the words that God reveals to our hearts. A labyrinth will allow us to learn to meditate more intently on our prayers and upon scripture.

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Message from Session

Rev. Vincent Tan opened the meeting with prayer, reminding us that God will never fail or abandon us. He shared the verse from Habakkuk 3:18: "Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Saviour."

Elders had a brief discussion about the members nominated for eldership. It was agreed that the next step is for the nominees to be invited to meet individually with the Clerk of Session and Rev. Coggin for discussion about what is involved in being an elder, and to assist them in making their decision. We continue to ask for your prayers, that God will prepare the hearts of those he is calling to eldership at this time.

Session is working to improve the communication between committees and the congregation at large. It is important that we keep our members' roll up to date, and records, so that we are able to communicate with people in a timely manner. The vagaries of technology appear to have caused some mistakes on the roll. Please bear with us as we seek to update and correct our lists. Plans are underway with a volunteer who will assist with the creation of a roll that will be kept updated in the church office.

We continue to be very aware that this is a time of transition; there is much important work to be done. As a congregation we continue to consider the question "Who are we?" followed by "What is our vision for the next five and ten years?" As we wait and work together to seek answers to these questions, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." **Philippians 4:6.**

Colina Titus,
on behalf of Session

In Loving Memory



Isabel (Molly) Campbell



Friendship Club

We have been able to arrange a -
Seniors Breakfast and Tour
at the **Parliament Buildings**
on **Tuesday, March 31.**

This will take place from 8:45-11:30 a.m. We are required to meet at 8:45 and will be guided to the Parliamentary Dining Room for a light breakfast, a guided Walking Tour of the Legislative Building, and a Gallery Session for the Legislative Assembly. We can take 25 people on this tour. Cost is \$15.00 per person for Breakfast, Tour and Gallery Session. To reserve your spot, payment must be received (to Dorothy) during the first two weeks of March.

This is an early start to the day but for those who wish to take part in this interesting morning, please speak to me during the first two weeks of March. We will need payment ahead of time.

Dorothy Reimer
The Friendship Club

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Lent is here and offers us these days of examination. The question is not, "What are you giving up for Lent." Instead, the question is, "Will you use these days of examination to prepare for Easter in a way that can truly allow us to experience the miracle in those words, "He is not here. He is risen. He is risen indeed!"

Lenten Blessings,
Mitch

St. Andrew's Recital Series - Spring 2020

We start our new 2020 recital series in March, on a new day and at new time (**Saturdays** from **1-2 pm**) but our objectives remains the same: to offer aspiring performers a friendly and central venue in which to hone their skills; to contribute to the cultural life of the city; to practice good stewardship of our attractive space, with its lively acoustics and well-suited to small concerts; and to welcome people into our church. Our relationship with the University of Victoria continues to grow, and we are fortunate to have so many talented young people expressing an interest in participating: the first six recitals will be performed by local undergraduate and graduate students from their School of Music!

Recitals for the first six months are below, and details will be posted on the church calendar closer to the time of each performance:

March 14	Jorge Carrizales (piano)
TBA	Ekaterina (two brass quintets; date and time to be confirmed)
April 4	Emily Morse (flute, voice) with Christine Purvis (piano)
May 2	Cleo Yong (violin) in collaboration with Michelle Hoskin (piano), Jorge Carrizales (piano) & Amanda Steinemann (viola)
June 6	Dunàmis String Quartet (Serena Jack and friends)
July 4	Jinyeong Cho (piano)
August 1	Sentir de América (Martín Perez, Maribel Flores & friends, voice, guitar, instrumental)
August 7	Tilikum Community Choir (Portland, Oregon)

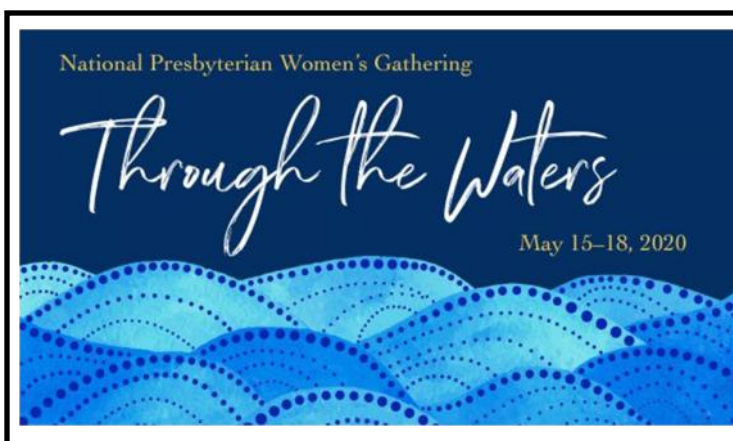
Some of the performers will be familiar to you: Jorge Carrizales, Emily Morse, Martín Perez and Maribel Flores sing in the choir and have also performed in services and recitals; and Cleo Yong and Serena Jack have played at Christmas Carol Sing-alongs and during worship.

Finally, Jorge and Emily are in the last stages of their Master of Music degrees in performance at UVic. Performing a graduating recital is a requirement of their degree, and we also invite and encourage you to attend and support them in this important step in their professional development. (There is no admission charge; both are in the Philip T. Young Recital Hall at the University of Victoria.)

Wed. **March 11**, 12:00-1:30 pm **Emily Morse** (flute; <https://www.emilymorsemusic.com/>)

Mon. **March 23**, 8:00-9:30 pm **Jorge Carrizales** (piano; <https://jefcarrizales.wixsite.com/jepiano>)

Recital Team



National Presbyterian Women's Gathering May 15-18, 2020

This year's event, *Through the Waters*, will be held in Richmond Hill, Ontario, May 15-18. The **registration deadline** is March 31, 2020. For more information, see womensgathering.ca on the web.

***Happenings* at The Friendship Club**

Open to all adults in the church and community, as a social get-together.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming events:

Tuesday, March 31 - Seniors Breakfast and Tour: (8:45am-11:30am). Light breakfast in the Parliamentary dining room, a guided walking tour of the Legislative Building and a gallery session while the Legislature is in session. We can take 25 people on this tour. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Get your tickets this month!

Future Events in 2020:

Spring - Soup and Stories: a lunch time program which will combine with our Lenten Bible Study series.

July - Meet at Government House, tour the Museum and enjoy Coffee in the unique Rudi's Coffee Shop.

September Guest Pharmacist, Norma McLeod, will speak about "The Role of a Pharmacist and Your Health". Many useful health tips and information will be offered.

October - "Peruvian Adventures: Digging for Gold" by Sandra Blitz.

October - "Movie Madness" Afternoon with Nancy and Bill Duke.

December - Christmas Buffet Luncheon at the Cordova Bay Golf Club.

All above programs are subject to Kirk Hall availability and guest speakers. Many are still in the planning stages. Each month's Link will give more details about each program. Your ideas or help for Future Happenings are welcome.

Sincerely,
Dorothy Reimer

New Member Class - Pastor Mitch

For everyone interested in becoming a member of St. Andrew's, new member information classes will be held on the following dates:

Sunday, March 8 from 9:45am – 10:15am

or

Sunday, March 15 during Coffee Hour after worship
- bring your questions and join the conversation.

Mission & Outreach

The war in Syria, which began in 2011 as a peaceful protest, has devastated the middle Eastern country. After years of brutal violence, more than half of Syria's population is in crisis. The continuing, brutal violence has forced over 5 million fearful residents to flee in search of safety.

In total, out of a population of 22 million, over half - around 13.5 million people, are in need of immediate humanitarian assistance. The UN Refugee Agency calls the situation in Syria a "colossal human tragedy".

PWS&D is responding to this crisis through the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the ACT Church Alliance, to ensure that parents are able to feed their families. Children often go to bed hungry - having had only one meal to eat all day. Food vouchers received through the project means that parents are able to purchase enough food to feed and support their children, instilling hope for the future and helping them regain self-esteem and confidence.

Besides the food baskets, other essential non-food items include: housing, education, livelihoods and trauma counselling to refugees who fled to Jordan and Lebanon.

Everyone deserves to be safe. Everyone deserves to be protected. Thanks to your generous donations last month, St. Andrew's raised over \$1,700 that will lead to critical, life-saving assistance for Syrian refugees in Lebanon and Jordan and Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.

Thank you for your generosity and your continued prayers for those enduring displacement and trauma because of war.

Dr. Aminul Islam's presentation on the Rohingya refugees

Dr. Aminul Islam spoke during worship on Sunday Feb. 16 about the million Rohingya people who fled Myanmar and are now homeless, citizen-less, and in refugee camps in Bangladesh. Originally from Bangladesh, Dr. Islam worked in two registered Rohingya camps in 1993 while working for a local non-profit organization jointly with the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR). He gave a brief history of the refugee crisis, and a personal eyewitness account of their pain and need. The details he shared with us are similar to those in the February Link article on the Rohingya – but statistics are dry compared to heart-felt words, such as in this poem that he shared with us:

Yes I am a Rohingya
Yes I am from Myanmar
But I too am Human

Somewhere I am persecuted,
Somewhere I am tortured.
Somewhere I am killed,
Somewhere I am kidnapped.

Yes I am a Rohingya
Somewhere I am restricted,
Somewhere my rights are denied.
Somewhere I am discriminated,
Somewhere my rights are delayed.

Somewhere I am crossing a border,
Somewhere I am pushed back.
Somewhere I am a meal of the sea.
Somewhere I am smuggled.

Yes I am a Rohingya
Somewhere I am trapped in a camp,
Somewhere I don't have daily food.
Somewhere I may have a place to stay,
Somewhere I am displaced.

Somewhere I wither in detention,
Somewhere I grow up in restrictions.
Somewhere I am banned from school,
Somewhere I am jailed without reason.

Yes I am a Rohingya
Somewhere I do rag picking,
Somewhere I am starving.
Somewhere I am a child labor,
Somewhere I am a forced labor.

Somewhere I don't have a roof,
Somewhere I don't have a bed.
Somewhere my kids are naked,
Somewhere I sleep without a blanket.

Heart Broken
by Ali Johar

Yes I am a Rohingya
Somewhere I am raped,
Somewhere I am a sex slave.

Somewhere I am prostituted,
Somewhere I do survival sex.

Somewhere I lost my wife,
Somewhere I am a single mother.
Somewhere I lost my family,
Somewhere they all are killed.

Yes I am a Rohingya
Some think I am stateless.
Some say I am a refugee,
Some say I am a foreigner,
Some can realize the real me.

Somewhere I am called Kalar,
Somewhere I am called Bangali.
Some say I am an Arab,
But I am none of them.

Yes I am a Rohingya.
Somewhere I have to hide my Identity,
Somewhere it's looted.
Somewhere I may get a citizenship,
Somewhere I am accultured.

Somewhere I cannot have a profession,
Somewhere college for me is banned.
Somewhere I am in a cage,
Somewhere I am simply helpless.

Yes I am a Rohingya
Yes I am from Myanmar
I too am a Human
I too am part of this world.
I too wanna have a life just like you.
Don't wipe me out
In a genocide...

We thank Dr. Islam, his wife and son for joining us. It is perhaps a "first" for us, to welcome a leader of the local Muslim community to address us during worship – and we look forward to where God may lead us in getting to know them better. Meanwhile, funds are still being accepted to help us meet this year's goal for refugee aid through Presbyterian World Service and Development.

Report on Family Day 2020 - Games at St Andrew's

More than 40 people, of all ages, joined together on "Family Day" – February 17 – to enjoy both team and individual fun. A variety of games were tried – milk bottle curling, pickleball, cribbage, snakes and ladders, crokinole, building gears, connect four and many more.

Competition was "fierce" at times but all in good fun and cheering was heard for all those playing. Much thanks to Moira, and her assistant Roger, for coordinating the curling "bonspiel".

Coffee, tea, juice, and water were available and in addition, muffins and cookies thanks to Dorothy and Jean's donations.

The games started at 9:30am and finished up about 2:30pm and in between events we were able to keep our energy up by purchasing individual pizzas and treats.

The day finished with prizes and trophies being given to the leading participants and an agreement by all that we should soon have another games day.

We will look at further opportunities for games but in the meantime watch the bulletins and The Link for more chances to give pickleball a try. Don't forget also, that the Chinese Presbyterian Church has invited St. Andrew's to join them, in our hall, on the first Saturday evening of each month, for family games – open to all ages.

The money - \$74.00 - brought in from our sales on the 17th will go to St Andrew's PWS&D February initiative.

Sheelagh Garson



Learning and discussing the finer points of Cribbage.



Althea



Alaric



Tobar



Moirra



Laura



Roger



Peter & Lucy



Peter

Report of Presbytery Meeting January 28, 2020

This was an early morning trip to Parksville for Mitch and me and a full agenda for our day-long meeting with the presbytery reps from across the Island.

There were several highlights:

Mitch was congratulated on completing his required course work to be a fully participating member of Vancouver Island Presbytery.

Cathy Victor who has worshipped with us, and also led our worship on many occasions, has announced that she has decided to retire as a Presbyterian minister.

The presbytery was reminded that there is an opportunity to apply for "Regional Resourcing Grants". In the next few weeks, our Session and our committees will be looking at whether there are opportunities to apply for grant funding for any of our initiatives. Deadline for these applications is coming up quickly – April 1, 2020.

The minister from **St. Andrew's Duncan** has answered a call to a church in Ontario so St. Andrew's Duncan has begun the process of discerning their path forward, guided by God.

Trinity, Victoria, with the help of grant money through Presbytery, will be evaluating their building and future plans so that they can meet the needs of the present congregation and assess how to meet future needs.

Knox church Sooke is doing well and is already receiving interest in filling the vacancy left there when Gordon Kouwenburg retired.

Many of you will remember that when Jenn Geddes was with us at St. Andrew's she was active at UVic. working with the chaplaincy program. **Laura Kavanagh** is now working with that program and enjoying a different outreach initiative.

Presbytery is sponsoring a **Music Camp**, taking place in Nanaimo, April 24 & 25. This is open to all congregants, all ages, and hopefully some from Victoria will take advantage of this opportunity. More info will be available in the next few weeks so look for posters/further announcements on how you can participate.

Many of you will know our Presbytery, along with others across Canada, was to vote on several

questions given to us by the General Assembly. Our Presbytery subsequently voted and the results of our votes are as follows:

The first question was in regard to allowing elders to be elected for specific terms – that question passed.

The second question was in regard to marriage and that also passed.

The last question referred to ordaining of ministers and elders and that failed.

Our results have now been sent in and will join with the votes from other Presbyteries. We will wait for that information which will then go forward to the General Assembly in June for further discussion and decisions.

This has been, and continues to be for the foreseeable future, an unclear path we are on. As we on Vancouver Island, and across the country, move further into this process, God's guidance will be essential if we are to see His path ahead.

Respectfully submitted

Sheelagh Garson

St. Andrew's Elder Rep to Presbytery



New grandparents, **Cathy and Bruce**, are proud to present their grandson:

Elliott Lochlan

who was born in early February.

Elliott is healthy and adored by his family.

Victoria Reconciliation Dialogues

These meetings and conversations organized by the City of Victoria provide opportunities for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people to come together to share their ideas and stories. We will explore how we as a community can make the culture, history and modern reality of local Indigenous Peoples become present and apparent throughout the city, and understood and valued in people's everyday lives.

Rev. Coggin attended Dialogue #3 and shared his enthusiasm with the Mission and Outreach Committee. These Dialogues provide a rare opportunity for St. Andrew's members to learn more about our local First Nations. The popularity of the events has grown, so much so that a new and larger venue was required – they are free, but book early for a ticket! Full information and archived recordings of past Dialogues are available on the city web site: <https://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/city/witness-reconciliation-program/victoria-reconciliation-dialogues.html>

Past Dialogues included:

#1: Lekwungen Knowledge and the Land. Introduction to reconciliation by drawing on the guidance of Lekwungen Elders and members about the land on which we live.

#2: The UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the City. Overview of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, known as UNDRIP, and how it relates to our work and everyday lives, and to the work of the City.

#3: Newcomers to Canada and Reconciliation. What reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples means to newcomers to Canada.

Up-coming Dialogues will include:

Dialogue #4: Sir John A. Macdonald in Conversation

Performance by the Lekwungen Traditional Dancers, followed by a theatrical presentation to introduce the complex life and work of Sir John A. Macdonald. The

conversation will help inform Council's decision-making regarding the statue of Sir John A. Macdonald.

Monday, March 2, 2020, 6:00 - 8:30 pm,

Victoria Conference Centre, 720 Douglas Street

Dialogue #5: Community Response to the Victoria Urban Reconciliation Dialogues Event

A discussion about Reconciliation: debriefing and reflection on the event.

Monday, May 4, 2020, 6:00 - 8:30 pm, Victoria Conference Centre, 720 Douglas Street

Dialogue #6: Our Shared Future

Youth-led final conversation, with discussion about a shared future from the perspective of Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth, including identifying community-generated, collaborative reconciliation activities in which residents and the City of Victoria might engage in the future.

Monday, July 6, 2020, 6:00 - 8:30 pm, Crystal Garden, 713 Douglas Street

Mission & Outreach Committee



We celebrate with Sandy and Glenn - new Canadian citizens!

Valentine's Party

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The Friendship Club hosted a Valentine's Party on Saturday, February 15th for 45 persons: lunch followed by a speaker and a musical concert in St. Andrew's sanctuary. The Kirk Hall was beautifully decorated with a Valentine theme and eight tables were decked out in pink and red. The many preparations included appointing a "host" who welcomed those seated at their table and helped with serving tea and coffee. The delicious lunch was served buffet-style.

The guest speaker, Major (Retired) Marie Ryan Roberts gave an interesting talk about how, as a young girl from Cape Breton, she joined Cadets and went on to have a 30-year career with the Canadian Armed Forces. She told of her postings as a Canadian

Exchange Officer with the United States Military and being deployed as a Logistics Officer in areas of the world that included northwest Asia, the Middle East, Europe, continental United States and Hawaii. Through it all, she viewed difficulties and obstacles as opportunities to be challenged and to grow and to learn. Marie organized a display of memorabilia of her career: medals, flags, photos, certificates and much more covering six tables. St. Andrew's is fortunate to have Marie as a member of our congregation as well as one of the friendly faces in our choir each Sunday.

The time went all too quickly and the next part of the program was a concert (in the Sanctuary) provided by **Sentir de America**, a quartet that included Martín Perez, Maribel Flores, Brian Titus and Gary Vanderhoeven. This group of musicians charmed us with a variety of love songs, either *a cappella* or accompanied by Martín on the guitar. Spanish love songs and early Renaissance madrigals were followed by more modern tunes from the 1960's including the Beatles "When I'm 64" with the words rearranged and sung by Brian. For the final selection, Maribel gave a touching rendition of "I Know I Will Never Find Another You". What a wonderful treat we enjoyed!



There was a fairly large group in the sanctuary for the concert as we had opened the church doors and invited the community to enjoy the concert. Valentine shaped shortbread cookies were handed out after the concert and the musicians were all congratulated for their beautiful concert.

Special mention must be made of our great appreciation of Martín and Maribel who walked through our doors just one year ago. They joined our choir within a week and have been a blessing to our congregation ever since. Both have shared their musical gifts, weekly as singers in the choir, and frequently by performing in concerts at our church, either on their own or with other groups that they have formed.

Individual thank you's have been sent to all those who helped to make this afternoon so special. An afternoon such as this cannot be done without the help from many people which all adds up to a large combined effort, so again, my sincere thank you to all who helped and supported this effort to provide an afternoon of love and enjoyment for all who attended.

Dorothy Reimer
The Friendship Club



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These are the **numbers** that were presented at the AGM on Sunday, February 23 by Colina Titus and Sabine Teetzel.

Each Sunday morning it takes **35** volunteers to make everything happen:

6 people to do coffee	2 Sunday school teachers
1 Sunday school helper	2 volunteers in the nursery
5 ushers	17 choir members
1 person to read the scriptures	1 operator of the sound system

It takes **5** to keep us financially correct (for our auditors) throughout the week:

1 Treasurer	2 Counters
1 Envelope Secretary	1 writer of cheques

There are **9** committees essential to ensure programming, maintenance of buildings and to promote all aspects of congregational life

Property Committee	Worship Committee
Mission and Outreach	Christian Education
Congregational Life	Finance Committee
Administration Committee	Personnel Committee
All Committee Committee	

There are **13** elders on the session

42 people give regularly (very regularly!) to the church through PAR (pre-authorized remittance) Do you want to add yourself to the list?

63 people that give regularly using envelopes (way more work for the Finance team than PAR).

The LINK has **3** editors. But, without contributions from the congregation there would be no LINK. Do you have something to write about?

The minimum number of people required to put on a church lunch or events is **10**. There are at least 3 each year. There is planning, shopping, food prep, decorating, table set up, serving and clean up.

Each month we need about **30** people to serve at least 150 breakfasts.
 - set up team on Friday - cooking team - serving team - clean-up team

To host Open Church we need **4** people. Without volunteers, visitors would be left standing at the door and knocking

2 volunteers are required for meditation hour

To host monthly recitals in the church we need 6 volunteers to co-ordinate, advertise

4 people are needed to help the minister lead a monthly worship service at Oak Bay Lodge.

The Thrift Store is run weekly by 5 volunteers

How many Presbyterians Does it take to ??????

Run a Bazaar

Host the Christmas Carol Sing

Host the Burns Supper

Host Friendship Club events

St. Andrew's is housed in 2 Large buildings. Like in our own homes, there are many tasks that are never finished, Volunteers are constantly required for a variety of tasks

On average there are 120 pairs of hands here on a Sunday morning. We are 'our church family'. Will you lend your hand? Stand up and be counted! Be a valued statistic in our church family and help make things happen. We need you. Talk to an elder and see how you can help. And while you help- you will be making new friends.

To the many of you that are already counted in our statistics: a big *"Thank You"* from the church family of St Andrew's.



“No Elbows on the Table: Life together as the Body of Christ.”

Invitation to **new or current elders.**

We are organizing a group to attend: Join **Professor Ross Lockhart** from St. Andrew's Hall, Vancouver for a fun and interactive workshop on **Saturday, March 14th (9:30 am till noon)** at **St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Duncan.** The morning will be spent exploring the basics of Presbyterian Polity. Ideally designed for Elders of congregations, members of the Board of Managers or those interested in leadership. All are welcome. Free lunch provided following the seminar.

St. Andrew's Children's Page

Bible Verse of the Month:

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. Matt. 4:1

The Temptation of Christ



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WORLD	KINGDOMS	BREAD	DESERT	SPLENDOR
DEVIL	FASTING	SATAN	TEMPLE	JESUS

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church - March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Choir 9:25 Worship 10:30 Communion	Lenten Bible Study 2-3:30pm	Thrift Shop 10am	Out of the Rain KH Pandora Choir 7pm	Open Church 11-1 Meditation Hour 4-5:30		Presbyterian Gym Night 4:30-6:30
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Choir 9:25 New Member Class 9:45-10:15 Worship 10:30	Lenten Bible Study 2-3:30pm	Aboriginal Coalition to end Homelessness Lunch - KH	Out of the Rain KH Pandora Choir 7pm	Open Church 11-1 Meditation Hour 4-5:30 Choir 7:00-8:30	Breakfast Set-up Kirk Hall	Breakfast for People in Need Spring Recital 1pm-2pm
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Choir 9:25 Worship 10:30 New Member Class at Coffee Hour	Lenten Bible Study 2-3:30pm	Thrift Shop 10am Session 7pm	Out of the Rain Pandora Choir 7pm	Open Church 11-1 Meditation Hour 4-5:30		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Choir 9:25 Worship 10:30 Worship-Oak Bay Lodge 2pm	Lenten Bible Study 2-3:30pm		Out of the Rain Pandora Choir 7pm	Open Church 11-1 Meditation Hour 4-5:30 Choir 7:00-8:30		
29	30	31	April 1	April 2	April 3	April 4
Choir 9:25 Worship 10:30	Lenten Bible Study 2-3:30pm	Seniors' Breakfast and Legislative Bldg Tour 8:45-11:30	Out of the Rain Pandora Choir 7pm	Open Church 11-1 Meditation Hour 4-5:30		Spring Recital 1pm-2pm Presbyterian Gym Night 4:30-6:30
<i>Link</i> Deadline						

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