



October 5 , 2021



## *Parable of the Pastor*

Who is God calling St. Andrew's to be in the coming year(s)?  
Who is our "neighbour"?  
and what is your idea for how St. Andrew's must care for him/her?

We had a good beginning on Sunday afternoon gathering around the Zoom call. 13 persons gathered in mid-afternoon to begin the important work of helping St. Andrew's look into the mirror. We laughed, we nodded in agreement, we clarified certain points that reminded us of what has been important in our history, and how we see St. Andrew's moving forward.

More conversations await us about what you think is important for St. Andrew's to consider – to dream and to accomplish! There should be one on one conversations with myself and others in your family, groups of friends, elder districts, etc. We can meet at church, in the park (hurry, the rain is just around the corner) or wherever you may be most comfortable.

The questions at the beginning of today's parable jump-started our conversation on Sunday. There will be a question or two in TWASA over the coming weeks. I ask that you write or copy the question and ponder it? Then after you have thought, prayed, or talked with another or two about it...call and tell me what you think. Email me your answer. I really need to hear from you as you consider and interact with each question.

What were we at St. Andrew's on the verge of discovering or accomplishing before COVID?

What have you learning individually or have we learned as a congregation during the Pandemic that you have found to be a valuable lesson?

As you consider these questions, let me hear from you? What do you think?

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Remember: Staff will be off for the day on Monday, October 11th



# Choir Rehearsals

A small group meets Saturdays at 10:30 am to practice singing with Christine.

Members must be fully vaccinated, masked and distanced. The rehearsals will only be 3/4 hour and the choir will not sing in church until it is safe to do so.

## Orange Shirt Day Display at St. Andrew's

Thanks to Sheelagh for the display and ribbons. Many visitors to the building during the week commented on this bulletin board and it led to consideration and discussion.



# Halloween Concert

The Victoria Chapter of the Royal Canadian College of Organists will hold a Halloween concert on October 30th in the St. Andrew's Sanctuary. The concert is at 3:00 pm.

Admission is by donation.

You are invited to come in costume to enjoy some spooky and impressive organ performances!



All necessary Covid protocols will be followed such as masks, distancing and checking for proof of vaccination



## Pray with Presbyterians in Canada:

Sunday, October 10 (Harvest Sunday) We pray for farmers and farm workers as they steward the soil and work to grow and harvest food.

Monday, October 11 (Thanksgiving Day) We give thanks to God for the earth and all its beauty and resources, and we pray for a more just care of the earth and its resources.

There will be no TWASA or Friday email the week of October 18th while Whitney has a week off.

If there is something you need to put in our weekly email to communicate to the congregation, it will need to go in the week before or after.

## Reservations for Sunday

[Click here](#) to fill out the reservation form for this Sunday's service.

Those who do not have a computer are welcome to call Whitney at 778-587-1227 to reserve a spot at the service. Reservations need to be made by Friday afternoon.

## Read From Your Bible This Week

- Joel 2:21-27
- Psalm 126
- 1 Timothy 2:1-7
- Matthew 6:25-33

