



February 8, 2022

This Week at St. Andrew's



Parable of the Pastor

In Oscar Wilde's children's story, *The Remarkable Rocket*, the rocket and the frog were talking about conversation...

"Conversation, indeed!" said the Rocket. "You have talked the whole time yourself. That is not conversation."

"Somebody must listen," answered the Frog, "and I like to do all the talking myself. It saves time and prevents arguments."

Over the past several days I am hearing a growing impatience for conversation. We miss the connection of sharing a good conversation with one another. The rocket and the frog underscored one of the drawbacks to effective conversation. That is when someone wants to dominate the conversation by doing all the talking.

We know the deficits inherent in our lack of conversations of late. It is difficult to converse wearing a mask! Catching up on Douglas Street after worship is just not the same as the way we once conversed over a table by sharing a cup of tea or coffee. There are so many that we have not seen for so long; we miss them!!! I am so tired of Zoom calls that seem to have become the norm for most of our conversations of late!!!

The above "explanations" describe in detail our conversation deficit. The fact is; when conversations wane, it becomes difficult if not impossible to maintain community.

We need to restore a community atmosphere at St. Andrew's. We need to revive our conversations. Although many are indeed sick of Zoom conversations, for now they are a place to begin. I would like to propose a tea and coffee conversation later this week!!

Saturday, February 12 at 10:00 AM via the Zoom link below, bring your tea and coffee. This will be an opportunity to see and hear from one another. Stop in just for a short while if that is all the time you can spare. We need a place to begin, and I would like to propose this as the first of many opportunities to rebuild community through the gift of conversation.



Join us Saturday, February 12

10:00 AM (PST)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87036612736>

Meeting ID: 870 3661 2736

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I look forward to seeing you Saturday (and Sunday for worship at 10:30 AM)

The church office is open again on Wednesdays and Thursdays



1 Corinthians 13:
Love is patient,
love is kind.



PCC Letter to the Prime Minister

A GST of 8% could decimate poverty in Canada. The Presbyterian church in Canada has written to the Government of Canada to express support for a Guaranteed Livable Income for Canadians.

Rev. Allen Aicken, retired Presbyterian minister writes:
People in the church are understandably concerned about the future. While we probably have a future, we can't yet see it. It's not only we who are shifting sands, but so, too, is everything in the world in which we live and work. For what are church and world yearning? We all have many prayers, of course, but there is one that many of us express daily, while others can lose sight of it because it doesn't touch them directly—some people and families don't have enough money to live on. Poverty and the cluster of pain that clings to it affect too many. The most basic level of our needs is subsistence: a roof over our heads, food to eat, inclusion within our community, and, at least, a modest dose of Sabbath, whereby people can take time off from work to enjoy leisure and relationships with each other. We all need at least this much. Could we deny it to the lowest economic echelons of society?

Learn more about the PCC support for a a GLI by [clicking here](#).

Lenten Book

Stories—those we tell about our lives and those we hear about other's lives—are another way for us to listen to and learn about God.

In that spirit, we invite you to share a story and scripture that have shaped your life of faith. The experience might be something you do regularly like taking a walk or gardening or a life changing circumstance that has taught you about God's presence or provision in our everyday lives. We will compile the stories into a booklet of daily inspiration for people of St. Andrews to use during the Lenten Season.

The format for your contribution will include:

- Scripture: Book/chapter/verse(s)
- Brief story or experience that connects to the scripture OR explains why this scripture has meaning for you. Original poems or artwork are another option rather than a "story."
- 1-2 sentence prayer

Suggested length for the submission is ½ to 1 typed page.

If you have a question or need assistance in ANY way please contact Linda Coggin by email lindacoggin@gmail.com or phone 250-880-0932.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR CONTRIBUTION BY February 15, 2022.

Reservations for Sunday

We are still asking for congregants to register for attendance at the Sunday service. We know that many have stopped pre-registering. However, as more people attend (and we get closer to reaching our capacity of 70 attendees) we need your help to let us know if you'll be there in-person on Sunday. Please help us to prepare for worship by [clicking here](#) for the form to register for Sunday.

Read From Your Bible This Week

- Jeremiah 17:5–10
- Psalm 1
- 1 Corinthians 15:12–20
- Luke 6:17–26

