

August 2, 2022



Parable of the Pastor

"The kingdom of heaven is like" is often the way Jesus would begin his stories. Today my story begins the same way. The kingdom is like a church office with Officers, Administrators, Counters, Musicians, Volunteers and Clergy. Together they found their rhythm as they moved through the week preparing for worship, funerals, weddings, special events, committee meetings, community groups and gatherings.

Years passed. Roles and persons changed, yet the constant for 12 faithful years was Whitney whose long-tenured service to St. Andrew's ends this week. She has served St. Andrew's faithfully, has guided the ship between staff changes, through conflict and COVID.

Speaking of COVID, the world closed its doors and so did St. Andrew's. Except St. Andrew's has never closed in spite of COVID.

February 2020, one month before the pandemic, This Week at St. Andrew's (TWASA) was created. A weekly newsletter had been on the horizon for years. What if we created a weekly newsletter with a Pastor's paragraph, the music director's inspirational moment of her work, news from the Presbytery, the Presbyterian Church and our sister churches on the Island? We could list the lectionary Bible readings for the upcoming Sunday, recipes, and community announcements. But we lacked a sufficient email list of our members to be able to accomplish such a monumental task. The problem was solved when Whitney was able to obtain over 140 email addresses of St. Andrew's family and friends who requested being added to the weekly mailing of TWASA. The first such successful weekly communication in St. Andrew's history!!

A month later, COVID hit full force and the pandemic closed the doors of St. Andrews from March 2020-July 2021. Together we were able to submit audio and video clips of music, scripture, sermon, etc. all to be creatively joined, edited, and digitally mixed to create a weekly worship service which could be viewed as a reminder that St. Andrew's continued to worship together. This worship creation mixed and edited by Whitney enabled us to worship regularly during the months outside our building.

Following a return to in-person worship, Whitney has continued to provide weekly TWASA, print bulletins for in-person and copies of sermon and worship materials for weekly distribution to the homebound. The crowning work were the digital bulletins sent to person's emails to reduce printing 100 bulletins each week and reduce our environmental footprint. Also, Whitney has continued to edit scripture selections recorded weekly by various individuals and a digital prayer and greeting by myself in the form of a companion video to help prepare each of you for Sunday worship.

Thanks to Whitney for her creative genius, for 12 years of faithful service and for being a colleague in difficult and confusing times when every church struggled to keep up with unprecedented change and challenge over these 2+ years. Godspeed to Whitney in her new work. Thanks to her for her resourceful and imaginative creativity and for being a friend and colleague in ministry. Continued prayers for the new chapters ahead for you! Congratulations. With rich blessings... Mitch

Message From the Clerk of Session

Sadly, we must say 'thank you' and 'goodbye' to Whitney who, after 12 years is leaving her position as Church Administrator at St Andrew's to move on to the next stage in her career.

We wish to express great gratitude to Whitney for her continued commitment to St Andrew's. Whitney has been a valuable member of the St Andrew's team, a friendly and welcoming presence in the church office and always willing to help with a myriad of tasks. Whitney's graphic and video skills have been a valuable contribution to the online worship materials that are shared weekly.

We congratulate Whitney on her new appointment and are pleased to know that it is not really goodbye; Whitney is an elder at Trinity, one of our sister churches in the city and our paths are sure to cross in the future.

Session decided to hire a temporary Church Administrator; this will give time to review the role and take time to find the right person for the position. Shannon Cummings has been interviewed and offered the position. Shannon will train with Whitney this week and start in the position on Monday 8 August. Shannon will work all her hours from the church office.

Office hours: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9.30 – 2.30pm.

(Phone: 250 384 5734)

Goodbye Whitney and Welcome Shannon

Try This: Cherry Salad

- 1/2 lb cherries, pitted and sliced
 - arugula (about four hand-fulls), washed
 - 1/2 cup cooked quinoa or brown rice, cooled
 - 1/4 crumbled goat cheese
 - two celery stalks, washed and sliced
 - 1/4 cup slivered almonds or pitted pistachios, chopped
- Loosely combine on a medium sized platter and add salt and pepper to taste. Dress with a mixture of:
- 1/4 cup olive oil
 - 2 tbs balsamic vinegar
 - 2tbs Dijon mustard
 - 2 tbs honey



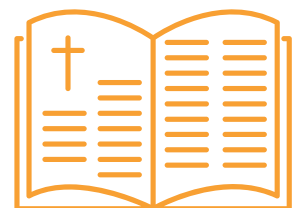
Jack and Terry DeZeeu have sent a card to the congregation with thanks for prayers. Find the card on the bulletin board at the doors to the kirk hall.

Remember to drop in and join your St. Andrew's friends in the Laneway on Thursday at 2:00 pm for refreshments and visiting!



Read From Your Bible This Week

- Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
- Psalm 50:1-8
- Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
- Luke 12:32-40



Best Coast Big Band

AUGUST 6TH 3PM

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SUPPORTING UKRAINE
THROUGH PWS&D

Trinity Presbyterian Church will host a concert on Saturday afternoon with Best Coast Big Band. Admission is by donation with all proceeds going to PWS&D to support humanitarian efforts in Ukraine.