



THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

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How to Connect Your Congregation in 2025

As a PWS&D Champion, there are so many ways to encourage your congregation to respond to need through PWS&D in 2025. Here's a list of just a few!

Hold a PWS&D Sunday Service: PWS&D Sunday, a time to pause and reflect on the work the church is doing through PWS&D, is February 2, 2025. [Order resources](#) to bring visibility to PWS&D's work on this day, and encourage your minister to make use of the [PWS&D Sunday resource](#).

Host a Shrove Tuesday Fundraiser: Pancake fundraisers are a favorite in many congregations, and Champions across Canada love to do them! In Saskatoon, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church was back in person this year, after maintaining momentum through virtual Shrove Tuesday pancake suppers where they distributed bags with pancake mix and fixings, as well as PWS&D and Lenten information, and shared virtual entertainment, for the last few years. In 2024, with 70 people live and in person, they raised over \$655 for the work of PWS&D!

Join the Guatemala Learning Tour: In May 2025, PWS&D will be taking a learning tour to Guatemala, and you can be part of it! Get a real sense of the work that our church is doing to support Indigenous communities in Guatemala, and return home equipped to share about the work of PWS&D and PCC partners, including the Francisco Coll School, Fraternidad de Presbiterales Mayas, AMMID (Maya-Mam Association for Research and Development) and CEDEPCA (Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America). Learn more and apply for the learning tour [here](#).

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Week at a Glance

Open Church: Sanctuary
Wednesdays at 12:00 - 1:30 pm

Meditation Hour: Sanctuary
Wednesdays at 4:00 - 5:30 pm

Activity Group: Gathering Room
Thursdays at 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Worship Service: Sanctuary
Sundays at 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Congregational Annual Budget Meeting: Sanctuary
Sunday, January 26 at 12:00 pm

Worship Service

Lectionary Readings: Psalm 19, Nehemiah 8:1-10, Luke 4:14-21

Prelude: "How brightly shines the morning star" by Dietrich Buxtehude (part 1)

Choral Anthem: "I want to walk as a child of the light" arranged by Erik Dewar and Dan Forrest

Musical Reflection: Quem Pastores "He whom shepherds once came praising, come, your hearts and voices raising" by Healey Willan

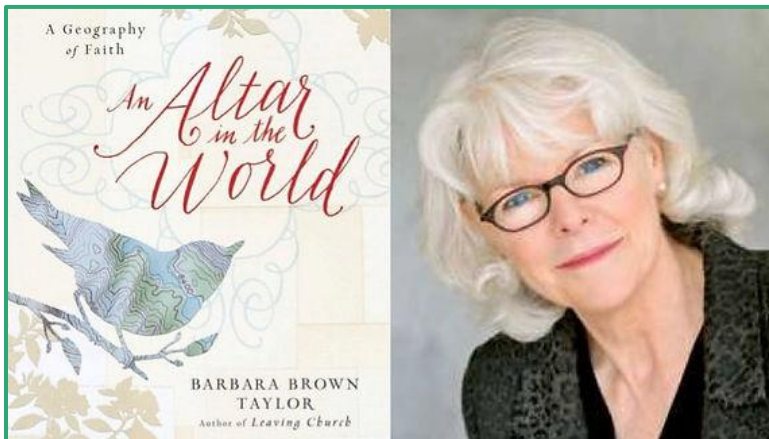
Postlude: "O for a thousand tongues to sing" by Healey Willan

Raise Support through the Journey for Hope:
Do you know about the Journey for Hope, a fundraiser that happens every fall? It's a great opportunity to make a difference alongside other PCC congregations Canada-wide. This year, eleven teams raised just short of \$30,000 for the work of PWS&D. Read about the impactful 2024 event at [WeRespond.ca/supporters-join-Journey-for-Hope](https://www.werespond.ca/supporters-join-journey-for-hope), and consider starting your own team near you!

Invite Your Congregation to Pray and Advocate:
An important part of championing for the work of PWS&D is inviting your congregation to bring the needs of people around the world to God in prayer, and sharing with them opportunities to advocate to local leaders. Many Champions print and share the monthly Champions Pray guide so that others in their congregations can also offer up the requests. By attending Champions Pray, which happens online the first Wednesday of each month, you can also stay up to date on opportunities to advocate.

There are so many ways to make a difference, and being a PWS&D Champion is a great one. If you'd like to represent your congregation as the Champion, visit [WeRespond.ca/Be-A-Champion](https://www.werespond.ca/Be-A-Champion) to learn more and sign up.

- By Stephanie Chunoo



Book Discussion

At 982 Linkleas Ave every Wednesday
January 15 - February 4 from **3:00 - 4:30 pm**
A book study about 'An Altar in the World' by Barbara Brown Taylor. In-person and Zoom meeting options available. Hosted by Linda Coggin. Please sign up with Linda at lindacoggin@gmail.com or 250-880-0932.



2025 Vancouver Island Presbytery Summer Camps

(A program of the Presbyterian Church in Canada)

Location and Dates:

Little Qualicum Falls Provincial Park June 9th-13th

Goldstream Provincial Park July 3rd-7th

Rathrevor Provincial Park August 11th-18th

For Enquiry Contact: Camp VIP
registrar jermareng@outlook.com

Camp Website <https://vipresbytery.net>

WARM TOES



**WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING
DONATIONS OF SOCKS!**

**DONATION BIN LOCATED IN
THE GATHERING ROOM.**

*Donations will be delivered to The Mustard
Seed at the end of each month.*

Thank you for your donation!





Tea for Tutu: Carmina Burana

The songs of Carmina Burana, based on medieval poems by monks in the 11th through 13th centuries, illustrate the cyclical nature of fate, and rhythms of human experience. Designed around the shifting tides of fortune, the ballet unfolds in three acts, mirroring the themes of Carl Orff's evocative cantata: *The Wheel of Fortuna*, *In Taberna*, and *Court of Love*.

Carl Orff's epic score, live music, and the emotionally charged voices of the Victoria Choral Society under the baton of Brian Wismath drive one of Destrooper's masterpiece. Don't miss this riveting performance inspired by timeless medieval songs where love and passion make the world go round.

The performance includes:

- An introduction to the Ballet Victoria dancers
- The story of the work to be performed
- A 45-minute dance performance
- The opportunity for seniors, parents, and young children to enjoy the friendly, intimate atmosphere of BV Theatre
- Tea, coffee, and cookies offered while mingling with the dancers after the show

The venue is fully wheelchair accessible with easy drop-off and pick up beside the entrance!

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church's Kirk Hall
Tue/Wed/Thu, March 11, 12, 13 at 2:00 pm

To reserve your free seats email
tea4tutu@balletvictoria.ca or call 250-380-6063

WASHCLOTHS FOR HOPE

I am collecting handmade washcloths in support of Soap for Hope, a local charity that provides access to hygiene products and linens for vulnerable people.

Soap for Hope distributes washcloths all year long. They pair them with repurposed organic soap for our Seniors Program and special projects.

Washcloths should be:

- Knitted or sewn
- Made of 100% cotton material like flannel, yarn, etc.
- 9 x 9 inches in size

You can drop your washcloths off in the donation box in The Gathering Room. I will deliver the donations to their warehouse at the end of every month.

With many thanks,

Shannon Cummings



BLANKETS FOR BUNNIES



I am organizing a collection in support of Amy's Bunny Barn, who I foster rabbits for. They are always in need of blankets!

Donated blankets should be:

- New or gently used
- Made of fleece material
- 50 x 60 inches in size

You can drop your blankets off in the between 9:00 am - 3:00 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Thursdays.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian
Church's Kirk Hall
680 Courtney Street
Victoria BC

With many thanks,

Shannon Cummings &
"Peanut" the Foster Rabbit



Community Events Calendar

Community Dinner

Knox Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 9

Gather to prepare a meal (Super Soups + Heart-shaped Biscuits with jam;) and eat together. Please [email](#) Laura to sign up so we can plan to have plenty of food.

Huehuetenango

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church's Sanctuary

Saturday, February 15 at 7:30 pm

Tenor Jonatan Alverado and Ariel Abramovich on vihuela explore a 16th Century Guatemalan manuscript, reflecting early colonial musical influences in South America. For more info and tickets please go [HERE](#).

Beyond Neoclassical

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church's Sanctuary

Saturday, February 22 at 7:00 pm

An amazing musical journey beyond space and time with internationally acclaimed cellist, composer and multilingual vocalist Ian Maksin! For more info and tickets please go [HERE](#).

Coldest Night

Saturday, February 22 from 4 - 7 pm

The popular walkathon campaign will return to Victoria [Downtown](#) and [Westshore](#). For more info and to sign up, please follow those links!

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Sunday, March 16

Gather to prepare a meal (Baked Potatoes with toppings + Rainbow Rice Krispie Treats.) and eat together. Please [email](#) Laura to sign up so we can plan to have plenty of food.

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Congregational Annual Budget Meeting

Sunday, January 26 at 12:00 pm

The purpose of this meeting is to approve the budget for 2025. There are copies of the Budget available for review.

The Link - February Deadline

Sunday, January 26

Please send your submission to theLink@shaw.ca.

Guitar Recital

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church's Sanctuary

Sunday, February 9 at 2:00 pm

Featuring guitar students from the class of Simon Fairintosh, Music Performance Instructor at the University of Victoria. Donations are appreciated and support both St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church's music outreach program and young emerging musicians!

Session Meeting - Hybrid

Monday, February 17 at 7:00 pm

Farewell Lunch

Sunday, February 23 at 12:00 pm

Everyone is invited to a light lunch following worship service to say thank you and goodbye to Mitch and Linda Coggin. More details to follow...

The Link - March Deadline

Sunday, February 23

Please send your submission to theLink@shaw.ca.

Congregational Annual General Meeting

Sunday, March 9 at 12:00 pm

The Link - May Deadline

Sunday, March 30

Please send your submission to theLink@shaw.ca