

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

ISSUE # 266 June 10, 2025

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

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

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

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



Appeal for Wildfire Donations from Canadian Red Cross

Wildfires are common between May and September in Canada and can cause extensive damage and put lives in danger. This summer, Canadians affected by the wildfires in Manitoba and Saskatchewan are being hit hardest, and Mission and Outreach want to let you know how you can help!

The Government of Canada and Government of Manitoba will match donations to the 2025 **Manitoba Wildfires Appeal** from **May 28 - June 27, 2025**. Every dollar donated will become \$3 to support those most affected by the wildfires.

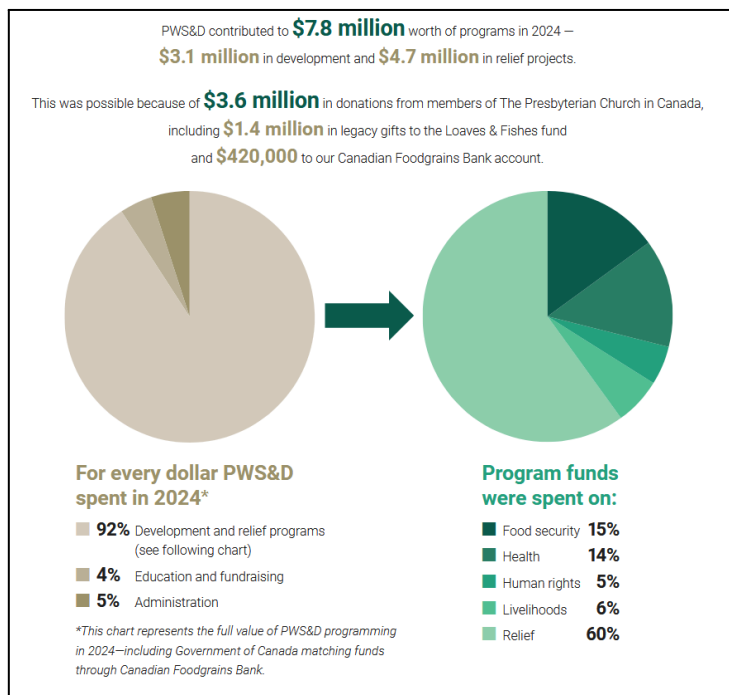
The Government of Canada will also match donations to the Canadian Red Cross 2025 **Saskatchewan Wildfires Appeal** from **May 30 - June 29, 2025**. Every dollar donated will become \$2 to support those most affected by the wildfires.

Donations will be used for assisting those with immediate and ongoing relief including financial assistance, support to evacuees and the communities hosting them, recovery and resilience efforts in response to the wildfires as well as supporting community preparedness and risk reduction for future all-hazard disaster events within Saskatchewan.

Contact the Red Cross at 1-800-418-1111 or donate on-line at www.redcross.ca.

(This is also a good reminder to prepare for a wildfire in your area now, and to have an [emergency plan](#) in place! You can learn more about preparedness on the Red Cross website.)

- Mission and Outreach Committee



PWS&D Impact Report

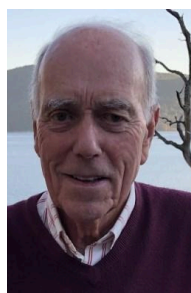
In 2024, PWS&D was able to reach out to 242,492 people in 22 countries through our development and relief programs, providing sustainable solutions to poverty and compassionate support in times of disaster and conflict. Thank you for helping make this possible! To learn more about how your support is having an impact worldwide, [download](#) a copy of the 2024 Impact Report.

Announcements

OFFICE PHONE: The office phone is experiencing some technical difficulties! Shannon is working on resolving the issue ASAP. For now, the best way to contact her is via the office email address at office@standrewsvictoria.ca



IN MEMORY: [Robert Roy Wicks](#) peacefully transitioned to be with his Lord on May 21st, 2025. Rob will be remembered for his kindness, dedication to the church, sense of humour, and for helping those in need. A memorial service will be held at **Trinity Presbyterian Church** on Saturday June 28th at 11:00am.



IN MEMORY: [Hamish Ian Fisher Simpson](#) died peacefully, surrounded by family, at Lady Minto Hospital on Salt Spring Island, May 31, 2025. He was curious, kind and patient - a gentleman, in the truest sense. A celebration of life will be held later this summer.



FUNERAL SERVICE: A funeral service for [Patricia Brown](#) will be held at **St. Andrew's** on Saturday, June 14th at 11:00 am with a reception to follow. Pat was an active member of the church until she moved to the Cridge Seniors Centre. If people feel moved to

donate to a cause close to Pat's heart, the family suggests a donation to The [Cridge Centre for the Family](#) in Victoria. Pat will be missed by so many, and will be fondly remembered for her kindness, empathy, and witty sense of humour.

COMMUNION SERVICE: A Communion service will be held at St. Andrew's this Sunday, June 15, with Rev. Laura Kavanagh.

ONE GUITAR ONE VOICE: Presented by the Victoria Jazz Society as part of [JazzFest](#) at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sanctuary on Saturday, June 21, 7:30 pm. Pierre Bensusan's originality and style makes him one of today's greatest guitarists. For more information and tickets please go [HERE](#).

QUARTET FEST WEST CONCERT: Presented by St. Andrew's Music Outreach Program at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sanctuary on Saturday, June 28 at 1:00 pm. [Quartet Fest West](#) is one of

the finest chamber music programs in North America.

CAMP VIP: This year's VIP camp dates are as follows: Goldstream July 3-7, Rathtrevor August 11 - 18. For more information go [HERE](#) or contact the Camp Registrar at jermareng@outlook.com.

Strawberry Tea & Bazaar

Saturday June 28, 2025
1.00-4.00pm

- Strawberry shortcake and tea/coffee - \$7.50
- Treasures
- White Elephant
- Books
- Jewellery
- Arts & crafts
- Plants
- Baking
- Silent Auction

Knox Presbyterian Church
2984 Richmond Road
(between Lansdowne & Taylor Street)

In support of the
Victoria Cat Rescue Corps Society
Contact
250 656 1100
victoriacatrescue@gmail.com
www.victoriacatrescue.com

The Victoria Cat Rescue Corps Society is a charitable organization run by volunteers. All donations go toward spay, neuter and medical costs for the animals we assist.

GAIA QUARTET CONCERT: Presented by St. Andrew's Music Outreach Program at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sanctuary on Saturday, July 5 at 1:00 pm. [GAIA Quartet](#) is an all-women's string quartet performing works by living composers.

PRIDE PARADE WITH INCLUSIVE CHRISTIANS: Consider joining Laura Kavanagh and students from UVic Multifaith on Sunday, July 6, as they walk in the Pride Parade. Contact [Laura Kavanagh](#) for details. We hope you join us for this joy filled celebration of the LGBTQ+ community!

PRIDE PARADE WATER STATION: Victoria's Pride Parade is on Sunday, July 6 and it will go right past St. Andrew's! We will be providing a water station for participants.

BALLET SUMMER CLASSES: Various ballet classes will run in the upstairs BV studio, The Kirk Hall, and The Gathering Room this summer from

July 7 - August 15th. Please be mindful when moving through the church, especially The Gathering Room, and try not to interrupt them!

🎵 SINGERS IN THE PARK: Voices from St. Andrew's, Knox (Victoria and Sooke), Trinity, and Chinese Presbyterian Churches are invited to take part in a combined choral performance at Worship in the Park on July 20th! We will be performing 'How Great Thou Art'. Rehearsals will take place on Sunday, July 6 and 13th at 11:30 am at Trinity Presbyterian Church. If you would like to join please contact Elise Kenedy at ekpk@live.ca. Come and enjoy praising the Lord!

🌳 WORSHIP IN THE PARK: Everyone is welcome to join members of St. Andrew's, Knox (Victoria and Sooke), Trinity, and Chinese Presbyterian Churches for an afternoon of worship, fun, food, and friends! This year it will be held on Sunday, July 20th. Worship will begin at 10:30 am at [Esquimalt Gorge Park Pavillion](#). The building is located in Esquimalt Gorge Park ([1070 Tillicum Road](#)) and can be accessed on foot via park pathways, vehicle or bike. Bike racks are available. Please bring your own picnic lunch, items to share, place settings, and chairs!

🎻 IAN MAKSIN CONCERT: Presented by Ian Maksin on September 6 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Composer and multilingual vocalist Ian Maksin has created his own unique style by blending elements of different genres and traditional music from around the globe in a new way using his cello as the main unifying force. For more information and tickets go [HERE](#).

🎸 CONNIE KALDOR IN CONCERT: Presented by Beacon Ridge Productions on September 20 at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Canadian Folk Music Icon Connie Kaldor—singer-songwriter, entertainer, TV personality, and women's music pioneer—is celebrating 45 years in show business this year with her new album, her 18th recording, titled Keep Going! For more information and tickets go [HERE](#).

👑 TREASURE TROVE CONCERT: Presented by the Early Music Society of the Islands on October 25 at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary. Victoria's local medieval ensemble 'Bourbons' will bring interpretations of songs from the Cantigas de Santa Maria to the stage, employing voice and the exotic sounds of medieval period instruments. For more information and tickets go [HERE](#).

🎵 JANE SIBERRY CD RELEASE CONCERT: Presented by Beacon Ridge Productions on November 22 at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Iconic

and enigmatic, Jane Siberry is one of music's most unique and gifted singer-songwriters. For more information and tickets go [HERE](#).

🍷 YULE CONCERT: Presented by the Early Music Society of the Islands on December 7 at 4:00pm in the Sanctuary. 'Catalina Vicens, on organetto, will join the voices of 'Trio Mediæval' for a program of Scandinavian traditional Christmas folk songs and hymns, English medieval Carols, and two contemporary works! For more information and tickets go [HERE](#).



A big "THANK YOU" to The Activity Group, who kindly donated some spare fabric so Shannon could make beds for foster rabbits at [Amy's Bunny Barn](#)!



Sheelagh and the first harvest of lettuce from the Laneway Garden! It was donated to the [James Bay Community Project](#). The Activity Group will donate it's garden's produce to local food banks and kitchens through the summer. The Activity Group meets every Thursday at 10:30 in The Gathering Room - come check the garden out!



Pride Season in Victoria

Pride Season refers to the wide range of Pride events that take place over the summer when 2SLGBTQI+ communities and allies come together to celebrate pride, show resilience, and recognize the talent and contributions within the community. In 1994, the first Pride parade was held in Victoria. Every year since, more events and people commemorate Pride in Victoria.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church is a caring and inclusive community of faith - all are welcome here! You can join Laura Kavanagh and students from UVic Multifaith in the parade, or you can hang out at St. Andrew's water station along the parade route and cheer it on. Consider checking out some of the other events as well:

YOUTH PRIDE KICK-OFF PROM: On Thursday, June 12, from 7 to 10 PM, [this fun event](#) is happening at Kwench (2031 Store Street).

MEMORIAL DRAG BALL GAME: On Tuesday, July 1 from 12 to 3 PM at Vic West Park. A [signature event of Victoria Pride!](#) Come for baseball, community picnic, laughs, and community!

PRIDE IN THE WORLD: Join us for [a night of captivating Queer Literary Readings](#) on Thursday, July 3, 2025 from 7:30 - 10:30 PM (doors at 6:30 PM) at the Victoria Conference Centre.

PRIDE PARADE: Starts at 11am on Sunday, July 6, along Fisgard & Douglas. [This large, colourful parade](#) is one of our favourite moments of the year!

FESTIVAL IN THE PARK: Join us on Sunday, July 6th, at McDonald Park in James Bay (212 Niagara St, Victoria, BC) for [an afternoon of Pride Festivities!](#) The grounds will open at 11 AM with a quieter atmosphere and all vendors open and available for those who would like to enjoy the festival with lower stimulation.

 **Happy Pride!** 



National Indigenous History Month in Victoria

June 1st marks the beginning of a month designated by Canada for all Canadians to honour the cultures and contributions of First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and all Indigenous Peoples in Canada!

June is a month-long celebration – a time for all to honour the vitality, success, and beauty of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis cultures and communities in Canada, and all Indigenous Peoples worldwide. As Indigenous Peoples, we celebrate ourselves, our families, communities, lands, and cultures daily.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church acknowledges with gratitude and respect the Lekwungen peoples on whose traditional territory our congregation engages in ministry and the [WSÁNEĆ](#), [Songhees](#) and [Esquimalt](#) peoples whose relationship with the land continues to this day.

CHANGE MAKERS GATHERING FESTIVAL: On June 14th The City of Langford invites you to Langford Station to enjoy the music, dancing, workshops, food, and market of Change Makers. More details can be found [HERE](#).

FIRST FILM FESTIVAL: Join the Victoria Film Festival for a series of Indigenous led workshops and Indigenous made films for the week of June 19 - 22. Registration is free for Indigenous people. [Learn more and register for workshops here.](#)

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY CELEBRATION: A warm invitation for a day of fun and community relations on the traditional Lands of the Lekwungen-speaking Peoples, the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations The celebration takes place on June 20th from 10am - 3pm at Royal Roads University. [Find all the details for time, location and schedule of events.](#)