

Minister's Corner

APRIL 2011



It is still a surprise to me to see the cherry and plum blossoms out so early and although I am the one "in charge" while Ian is away I still find it is important to appreciate the little things like cherry blossoms. In an article that I shared with the Session by M.S. Hausmann, entitled *Sabbath Play*, I am reminded that, "When we turn from the endless pile of dirty dishes to run with neighbourhood children through a sprinkler, we demonstrate trust in what God provides. When we turn from the work that waits for us at the computer screen to enjoy a board game with family, we honour the One who is our faithful supplier. When we slide in the CD that gets our whole family dancing, we enjoy the goodness of the One who smiles upon our shenanigans." Be sure this Spring to have some time for play, to enjoy the world which God gives us, be sure to enjoy the little things.

Here are a few upcoming events for the Lenten and Easter Season that can help enjoy your child-like trust and play with God.

Maundy Thursday Service on April 21 at 6pm

Everyone is invited to join us in a contemplative service for Maundy Thursday. Come and experience the emotions of the last supper and prepare yourself for what awaits you Easter morning.

Good Friday Hike at 3pm

Our extended St. Andrew's Family is invited to join the youth group on a Good Friday Hike on April 22 at 3pm. This year we will hike around Rithet's Bog between Emily Carr Dr and Dalewood Lane. We will meet on Dalewood Lane where there is street parking available. It is not only a hike but also a time to think about what Good Friday means for us. Come out and enjoy the day, rain or shine!

Sunrise Service April 24 on Mount Tolmie at 7:30am

Christ is Risen! Join with Church of the Cross Lutheran Church in the celebration of the resurrection. Whether you hike up the hillside or drive to the top, a warm community invites you to worship with them.

A reminder that the church is open Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 for a time of personal prayer and reflection and every Thursday at 3:30 there is a meditation walk through Finnerty Gardens on the UVic Campus.

Other Important Dates:

Presbytery at St. Andrew's April 5 at 10:30am

Everyone is invited to Worship with the Presbytery before their meeting on April 5 at 10:30. Following the service the Presbytery will hold their bi-monthly meeting in the Sanctuary. Thank you to the members of T'nT who are providing breakfast

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baked goods and lunch for the Presbyters!

Youth Group April 17, 6:00-8:30

As part of our “experiencing faith in different ways” activities the youth group is going to attend Adore on Sunday April 17. Adore is a very contemporary service held at Glad Tidings Church, 1800 Quadra. We will meet at St. Andrew’s at 6pm and walk together to Glad Tidings for their service at 6:30. Following the service we will walk back to the church and meet our rides home at 8:30pm. This is a good opportunity to see what other Christians are doing in the city and to make a few connections. I will be there every step of the way to answer any questions.

Confirmation Classes Every Sunday May 1 - June 19

We are going to have “membership” classes starting Sundays during Sunday School after Easter. These classes are to help our youth learn what it means to be of the reformed tradition and attend a Presbyterian church. At the end of the classes the youth will be invited to join the congregation. This class is open to anyone interested in joining the church and is new to the reformed tradition. We would also encourage anyone ages 12 and up to take the class even if membership is not the intended result. We are using curriculum called Re:Form. Please note that we ask those considering membership to attend ALL the classes. We know our lives are busy so students should only miss a maximum of two classes. Please email me at revjenn@telus.net if you have any questions

Jenn Dallas



Coffee Hour A,B,C's

More help is needed to prepare and serve coffee and tea after worship on Sundays.

For those who have signed up, or are thinking about signing up, but have not helped before, it is really very easy.

- A. Come to the church on the Sunday morning between 9:15 and 9:30 which will give you enough time to get the prep work done before church.
- B. There are good instructions in the kitchen as to what needs to be laid out and what needs to be turned on and when. If you still have questions there is always someone passing by who can help out.
- C. Among the four volunteers who have signed up each Sunday you will need to decide who will bring goodies and who will bring the milk (2%) and juice. All other supplies are in the kitchen.
- D. At the end of the coffee hour, after clean-up—gather the tea towels and take them home for a wash—return them the following Sunday.
- E. If you have four people to sign up for a Sunday that is great but if it is just you that is looking to help out that is great too. Give it a try - add your name to the list where it works for you and you will soon see how easily you catch on. What better way to get to know people than to work side by side.

It's Time

to have another

TIME and TALENT
Dinner and Auction



Remember the fun we had last time? Windows were cleaned, silver polished, groceries bought, cookies baked, gardens tidied ...all because we shared our time, talents and wallets.

So think about what you would like to share, and mark Saturday, May 28 on the calendar. More details to come from the T'nT Group.

Did you ever wonder?

About the plaque in the Sanctuary in memory of Robert McMicking?

Born near Niagara Falls in 1843, Robert Burns McMicking made his way overland to the gold fields of the Cariboo with his older brother in 1862. Robert soon found work in the telegraph industry in which he had prior experience. He joined the Dominion Government Telegraph Company and moved to Victoria with his wife Margaret in 1875.

He soon became the representative of the new Bell Telephone Company. In the spring of 1878 he invited local notables to see the first telephone calls between his office and the newsroom of the British Colonist. Because the Dominion Telegraph had no interest in selling telephones, Robert left the company and founded the Victoria and Esquimalt Telephone Company. The company began service in 1880 with thirty-six subscribers. By 1887 there were three hundred and fifty subscribers.

When the city became embroiled in a dispute with the Victoria Gas Company over the cost of gas lighting, McMicking suggested the city move to electricity for illumination instead. He then provided electric lighting by erecting lights at the top of three 150-foot poles erected in central Victoria. Later, he was involved in illuminating buildings as well, including St Andrew's. McMicking was the driving force for the adoption of electrical lighting and telephone services in Victoria. Victoria was only the third city in Canada to use telephone service and St Andrew's was one of the first churches to be built with electric lights.

Robert McMicking served on City Council and the School Board and was a Grand Master of the British Columbia and Yukon Masonic Lodge. For twenty years he led the musical services of St Andrew's, he was regularly elected to the Board of Managers. He was ordained as an elder in 1890 and remained active until his death in 1915.

Visit our history web site at http://web.uvic.ca/vv/student/st_andrews/biblio.php

Jim Kempling

In Loving Memory

And God shall wipe away
all tears from their eyes;
and there shall be no more
death, neither sorrow, nor
crying, neither shall there
be any more pain....

Rev. 21:4

William Dawe
Joined 1949



A wonderful
announcement
was made on
Sunday,
March 20

when the co-clerks of session
presented a tongue-in-cheek
gift of 2 rubber duckies to Jenn
and Mike on the occasion of
their engagement.

Their wedding will be held at
St Andrew's on Friday, April
20, 2012 - all are invited to a light
reception following the service.

Jenn promises to keep us up
to date on the wedding plans!



The Rev. Dr. **Walter McLean**
will be leading the service on
Sunday, April 10, when he will be
baptizing his great niece, Isabel
Marie McLean McKinnon.

Walter was ordained here at St.
Andrew's on November 14, 1961.
He and his wife Barbara were
designated missionaries to
Nigeria, West Africa. Walter
became the first CUSO
coordinator in Nigeria in 1962.
Following the Biafran War in
Nigeria, Walter and Barbara
returned to Canada, and settled in
Winnipeg, MB.

In 1971, the family moved to
Waterloo, ON and Walter became
the Minister of Knox Church.
Since retirement, he is now
'Minister in Association' with
Knox, Waterloo.

Welcome home Walter &
Barbara!

St Andrew's Walkers



However, Swan Lake does not permit our four-legged friends on their trails. Sorry.

Instead of meeting on April 23, we have been invited by Jenn to join the young people on their Good Friday hike on the 22nd. The Good Friday hike will start at Rithet's Bog at 3pm. If you would like more information on either one of these walks, please contact us at 250-588-7413 (Bruce) or 250-589-7413 (Ruth).

Bruce & Ruth McCowan

As the weather gets warmer we hope to see more people joining us for our walks. It has been good to get together and walk at various locations around the city. Here are some pictures of our last walk which started at the Beacon Hill Petting Farm and we made our way to Cattle Point where we saw these great kites.

Our group meets the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 1 pm. We will be starting our April 9 walk at 1 pm from the Swan Lake Natur House. On most of our walks, dogs and children are welcome (along with parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends).



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Women's Saturday Morning Breakfast

The ladies have decided that it would be convenient to meet at the Cafeteria in The Bay for a time of fellowship. We will have a chance to visit with one another and choose our breakfasts. We are continuing to raise funds to refurbish the Lecture Room.



Saturday 10:00 am

May 7

The Bay Cafeteria (Top Floor)

Cost: your breakfast plus donation to the Lecture Room Refurbishment Fund. (suggested donation \$5).

Catechism

How did Jesus fulfil the office of prophet?

A prophet is one who speaks for God. Jesus is himself God's Word to a needy and broken world. He proclaimed and lived God's love and justice, spoke God's truth, and announced God's coming reign.

Lk 7:15-16 The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favourably on his people!"

Mk 1:14-15 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe the good news."

Lk 4:24 And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown."

How did Jesus fulfil the office of priest?

A priest is one who acts before God on behalf of the people. Jesus became both priest and sacrifice for us. In his obedient life and death on the cross, Jesus offered himself once for all, the innocent one for the guilty.

Heb 4:14 Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

1 Cor 5:7 For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed.

Phil 2:7-8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross.

How does scripture describe Jesus' death for our sins?

Biblical descriptions include atonement by a priest, the sacrifice of a lamb, the ransom of a slave, punishment in our place, payment of a debt, and victory over the powers of evil. These express God's great love for the world, reveal the enormity of our sin, and emphasize the cost of our Lord's sacrifice and the sure achievement of his reconciling work.

Heb 9:11-12 But when Christ came as a high priest ... he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

Jn 1:29 The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

Mk 10:45 The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

2 Cor 5:21 For our sake [God] made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

standrewsvictoria.ca

The church website has gone through some changes over the last year and a half. I thought I would share with you what those changes are.

The first is a new name: standrewsvictoria.ca. Hopefully a bit easier to remember and find.

Perhaps the biggest change is the software used to run the site. We are using a program called WordPress. WordPress is open source software used to create websites and blogs. Open source means it is free. I like free. Using WordPress makes adding content to the church website much easier. It also comes with a whole bunch of neat features.

The bulletins are posted each week, usually on Thursday. Miss a sermon? You can now read and listen to them online. The text of the sermon is posted Sunday, after the service. Usually within a couple weeks the audio is posted to listen to. There is a calendar of events, and concerts. Perhaps my favourite feature is the search. Trying to remember the sermon that mentioned Nicodemus? Type Nicodemus into the search box in the upper right corner and the sermon will be found. Honest,

give it try. Searching for breakfast gets quite a few more matches. Must be the pancakes.

Back on topic. A couple weeks ago I added a new widget (technical term) that allows you to subscribe to *The Link*. On the right hand side of the website, enter your email address, and each month you will get an email letting you know *The Link* has been posted to the website. *The Link* online has colour pictures and you can adjust the size of the print. Miss an issue of *The Link*? Issues are available back to January 2010. There have been 585 downloads of the newsletter since August 2010.

What's next? I have a few ideas. A gallery of the stained glass windows is one. An update to the banner at the top of the page is another. Perhaps sermons on iTunes? If you have any ideas, suggestions or comments please let me know.

Neil Kempling

1946...and...1961?

WHAT IS SIGNIFICANT ABOUT THESE DATES?

In 1946, 50 years ago **Dr. Currie** was inducted as minister of St Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Ottawa and in 1961, 25 years ago was given the honorary title of "Minister Emeritus" of that same congregation. Dr. Currie has been invited to a special service at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Ottawa on 17 April to recognise and celebrate his many years of service to God in that congregation

It is surely an honour and a privilege to have Dr. Art. Currie ministering to our congregation here at St Andrew's Victoria. We join in the thanksgiving for Dr. Currie's many years of faithful service in St Andrew's Ottawa and in St Andrew's Victoria.

We wish Art and Anne safe travels and a wonderful reunion with many old friends.

Colina Titus



A Child's Prayer

I arise today through God's strength to direct me, God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me, God's word to speak to me, God's hand to guard me, God's way to lie before me, God's shield to protect me, God's hosts to save me from the snares of evil and from temptation of vices, from everyone who shall wish me ill, afar and anear, alone and in a multitude.

St. Patrick



Thrift Shop

Open: first and third
Tuesday
10 - noon.

Donations welcome.

Stop the Press!!!

Stop the press once meant breaking news must be added before printing the paper.

With the introduction of technology such as the internet, online newspapers, Blackberrys, Blueberrys, and for those technically challenged Bumbleberrys, we no longer hear the phrase.

There is one exception. Noon hour of the last Sunday of the month is the deadline for submission of articles to be included in the next issue of *The Link*. We will not be able to stop the press and get *The Link* out in time for the following Sunday.

Sometimes submissions are received well before the deadline. The Link team is able to start to place articles, prepare a mockup and then make last minute adjustments as the stragglers come in.

Last minute submissions (*Stop the press – I didn't realize the deadline crept up on me*) causes extra work for the team to try and fit the article in the space available.

In order to get ahead of the last-minute rush and give people an opportunity to plan for future issues we are trying to establish a theme for upcoming issues. An example – not yet cast in stone – for consideration might look like this.

The following is a tentative schedule for upcoming *Links*:

| Noon cut-off | Publication Date | Theme |
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| March 27 | April 3 | Easter |
| April 24 | May 1 | A Healthy Lifestyle |
| May 29 | June 5 | Getting ready for summer |
| August 28 | September 4 | What I did on my summer vacation |
| September 25 | October 2 | Thanksgiving & Halloween |
| October 30 | November 6 | Here comes the Bazaar/Remembrance Day |
| November 26 | December 4 | Advent/Christmas |

This doesn't mean all articles will be directed at the theme for the month, but may help people focus if they feel they would like to make a submission.

If you have suggestions on how we can make *The Link* more meaningful to the St Andrew's family please let us know. Drop a note off at the office or send an email to jpfergus@pacificcoast.net

Jim Ferguson

Things you wouldn't know if you didn't read

The Link



Bayer® Aspirin was the first drug ever to be marketed in tablet form. First marketed in 1899 as a powder, by 1900 aspirin was being compressed into a water-soluble tablet.



Myths Debunked Here

Optimists live longer...

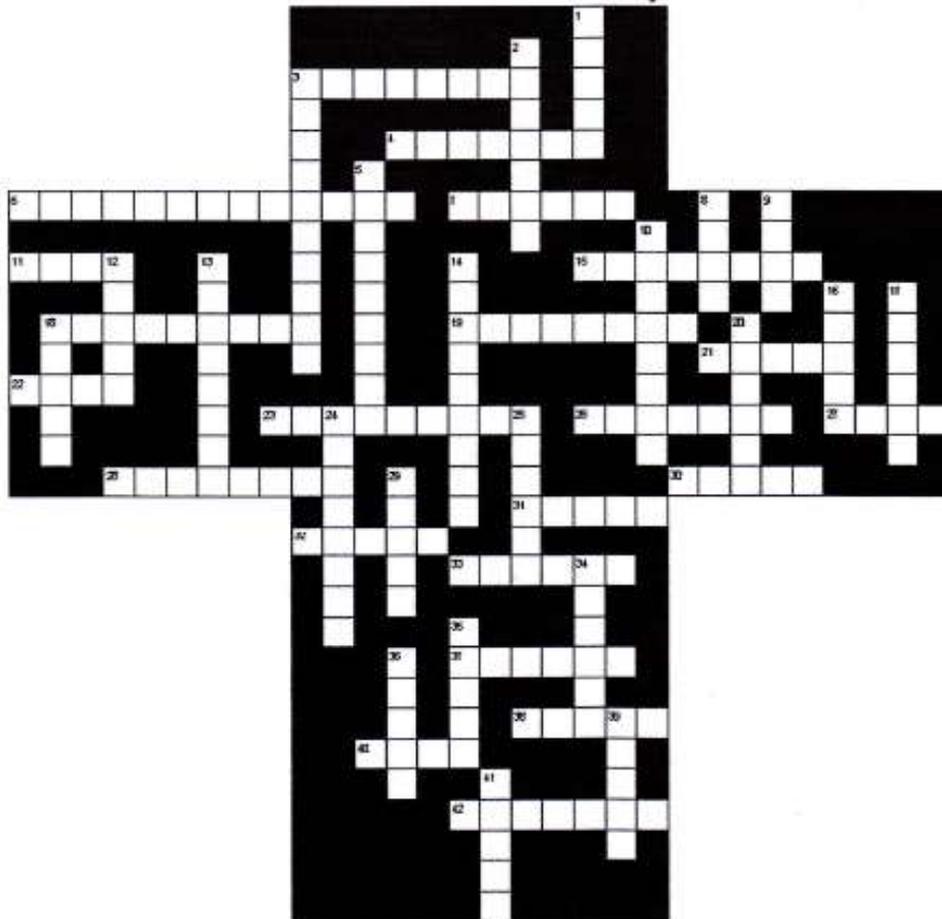
- True
- False
- Possibly

ANSWER:

Optimistic people live longer, as smiling adds many years to your life, scientists say. Optimism is a key factor, protecting men and women against premature death from heart disease, a number one killer. It is also known that depression is linked to heart problems, which increases the risk of premature death. It's not clear why people with a positive outlook live longer, but scientists suggest that optimistic people are less likely to develop bad health habits such as smoking or have such health problems as hypertension. Optimism also make you bond with people, reduces stress and heightens your vitality.



The Easter Story



Down

1. The father-in-law to the high priest. Jesus was first brought to him
2. Another name for the place of His crucifixion.
3. The garden where Jesus prayed before He was arrested
5. And it was the third hour, and they _____ Him.
8. This was written and set over His head: "_____ of the Jews"
9. Judas betrayed Jesus with a _____.
10. "Go ye into the world and preach the gospel to every _____."
12. Joseph took His body down and wrapped it in fine _____.
13. The prisoner released by Pilate instead of Jesus
14. The pharisee that brought spices for His burial
16. The apostle who betrayed the Christ
17. "Why seek ye the _____ among the dead?"
18. He was taken up; and a _____ received Him out of their sight.
20. Judas betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of _____.
24. And they crucified Him, and parted His _____, casting lots:
25. He appeared to two disciples on the way to this village.
29. Jesus told Peter to feed His _____.
34. The Roman governor who washed his hands of the whole affair
35. This was rolled in front of the tomb and then sealed.
36. and His sweat was as it were great drops of _____.
39. The soldier pierced His side with this _____.
41. He is not here: for He is _____ as He said.

Across

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. It means "A place of a skull;" Where He was crucified 4. These guys were crucified on each side of Him. 6. And He was numbered with the _____. 7. Jesus was anointed with precious ointment in preparation for His _____. 11. This part of the temple was torn in two from the top to the bottom 15. And when the sixth hour was come, there was _____ over the whole land. 18. This Roman said, "Truly this was the Son of God." 19. The high priest who said it was expedient that one man die for all. 21. The _____ of blood was purchased with the betrayal money 22. The disciple that took Mary home as his own mother 23. He appeared first unto Mary _____. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 26. "Father, _____ them; for they know not what they do." 27. He shed His blood so our _____ would be forgiven. 28. The Last Supper was a celebration of this Jewish holiday 30. The ruler of Galilee 31. This was sent to strengthen Him when He was praying in the garden. 32. This apostle denied that He knew Jesus three times. 33. This wealthy man of Arimathea buried Him. 37. The doubtful apostle 38. "A spirit has not _____ and bones as ye see me have." 40. And they stripped Him, and put on Him a scarlet _____. 42. They gave Him this to drink when He was on the cross. |
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Thanks go to Dianne Penner who researched and submitted this page and the Word Search to *The Link*.

Ye Gates, Lift up Your heads on High

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Psalm 24:9

Ye Gates, lift up your heads on high;
 Ye doors that last for aye,
 Be lifted up that so the King
 Of glory enter may.
 But who of glory is the King?
 The mighty Lord is this;
 E'en that same Lord that great in
 might
 And strong in battle is—
 E'en that same Lord that great in
 might
 And strong in battle is.

Ye gates, lift up your heads on high;
 Ye doors that last for aye,
 Be lifted up, that so the King
 Of glory enter may.
 But who is He that is the King
 Of glory? Who is this?
 The Lord of hosts, and none but He
 The King of glory is—
 The Lord of hosts, and none but He
 The King of glory is.

In the past, we have discussed hymns from European and American sources, but this is a very different hymn, taken from the Scottish Psalter circa 1650. Based on the words of David almost 3,000 years before, the hymn came alive with the music of Andrew M. Thomson (1778 - 1831) of whom little is known.

Records show that he was born in Sprouston, Roxburghshire, Scotland, about 48 miles SE of Edinburgh, son of a minister, John Thomson.

The Rev John Thomson was the minister of Duddingston Kirk situated by the tiny Duddingston Loch just at the west end of rugged Salisbury Crags that look down on Edinburgh from the south. Thomson was also a celebrated landscape

painter. In 1793, he studied for the ministry at Edinburgh University.

Among Thomson's friends were such famous Scottish names as Sir Walter Scott, and Alexander Naismyth. He was influenced by the techniques of Scottish painter Raeburn, and English painter Turner, developing a style that enabled him to become wealthy from the sales of his paintings. Clearly a very talented man. Thomson held an honorary membership in the Royal Scottish Academy.

This was Scotland's Golden Age. A time when Scotland, and in particular, Edinburgh, was a major European centre for the arts, engineering, and medicine amongst other activities. It was a time also when social changes were in the air, the French Revolution was at its height in 1789 with the storming of the Bastille, and there were close ties in those days between France and Scotland. In those days, there was much for a Scot to be proud of.

One can just sense that pride in this rousing tune written to match David's triumphant shout:

The mighty Lord is this;

*E'en that same Lord that great
 in might and strong in battle is.*

As if to say, the Lord is our Lord, He goes before us and wins great battles. Look at us!

The Lord is with us, who can stand against us!

John Parkinson

Lent and Easter Services

Midweek Reflections
 Every Wednesday ~ 4:30 - 5:30
 An opportunity for self guided meditative reflection.

Maundy Thursday
 April 21, 2011 ~ 6:00 pm
 Communion will be served.

Good Friday
 April 22, 2011 ~ 10:30 am

Good Friday Hike
 April 22, 2011 ~3:00 pm
 For more details call the church office.

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service
 April 24, 2011 ~ 7:30 am
 Mount Tolmie
 Join with Lutheran Church of the Cross.

Easter Sunday
 April 24, 2011 ~ 10:30 am
 Communion will be served.



The Sari Diaries

The following is an excerpt from Michelle Verwey's blog <http://pccweb.ca/michelleverwey>

The Society of Midwives India (SOMI), Indore chapter hosted the "Journey of the Lamp" event in February.

The SOMI lamp for safe motherhood, a traditional lamp with the SOMI emblem, travels across India, being passed from state to state. While the lamp is in a state, special activities take place to raise awareness and improvement in the quality of mother and child services. SOMI states "there is a close link between the terms of motherhood, women-hood and midwifery. Women need midwives, and midwives are themselves women."

Over four various educational events took place, including a poster and debate competition. Two nursing students from every college in Indore were invited to participate in each of the competitions. Rashmi (2nd year) and Karin (1st year) participated in the poster competition themed "Healthy Mother – A Key to Future."

The debate theme was "Utilization of National Health Schemes for the Welfare of Mother and Child." Two 2nd year students, Sweta arguing for, and Paulen arguing against, represented MIBE Graduate School for Nurses. Competing against 14 other contestants Sweta placed 3rd and Paulen placed 1st. When receiving congratulations from staff and students, these women explained how events like this enhances their learning and "motivates nurses to use their skills for their country's benefit." Although they took opposing stances, they agree the national maternal and child health schemes are good. Though poor maternal and infant mortality rates persist, "these programs should not be stopped. We should make

improvements to them and keep striving to raise the standard of the mother and child," by providing quality services.



Debaters, Sweta and Paulen

Pearson College - One World 2011

Pearson College is a unique two year pre-university school for two hundred students selected from around the world based solely on their personal promise and potential.

One World is an opportunity for students from nearly 100 countries around the globe to share their talent.

The college is named after Nobel Prize laureate Lester B. Pearson. In receiving the Nobel Peace Prize, Pearson said: "of all our dreams today there is none more important – or so hard to realize – than that of peace in the world. May we never lose our faith in it or our resolve to do everything that can be done to convert it on day into reality". St Andrew's has a long-standing friendship with Pearson College.

Over the years we have provided the Kirk Hall for students to have their supper between the 2:00PM and 8:00PM shows. Food is prepared at Pearson, delivered to our kitchen and kept warm until it is ready to be served. The setup and takedown of the tables along with clean up is handled by the students.

We have also provided the Sanctuary for fundraisers in response to an earthquake in Turkey and the Indonesia Tsunami at Christmas 2004.

Session has approved the use of the Sanctuary in the event students from Pearson would like to hold a fundraiser for the Japanese Earthquake & Tsunami.

In some cases serious uncertainty exists due to the forces of Mother Nature and yet others to political unrest and change. As students are nearing the end of the current semester; you are asked to remember them in your prayers as they return home.

Jim Ferguson

Mystery Solved!

During the children's story on March 6, Kaylee McLean McKinnon brought a signed photo of a hockey player. But no one knew who he was and Jenn couldn't read the signature. Kaylee said his name was Mr. Polo. That name didn't ring any bells for those who know anything about hockey. It turned out to be Greg Polis who played for the Pittsburgh Penguins between 1970 - 1974. The connection is that Greg Polis is Kaylee's teacher's father.

Twenty-nine Presbys set off in a bus.

Twenty-nine Presbys set off in a bus,
Choir members, elders and others of us.
At first it was peaceful but not very long,
As those in the back seat burst into song(?)

Unfair would it be to be naming them all
But leading the pack was William - - - - -.
Soon voices were rising from seats all around,
Perhaps it was music, at least it was sound.

For a while there was silence - a blessed respite
But then it restarted - increasing in might.
Betty and John gave to the mob at the rear
A book full of songs raising memories dear.

Rabbits were running, does consumed oats
Skye was being reached by fugitives' boats.
Loch Lomond was lauded as well it deserved,
While suitable hymn tunes were sometimes observed.

Another named Bill carolled lusty and loud,
His voice could be heard over that of the crowd.
While Bev handed cookies and candies around,
With chewing replacing the sonorous sound.

The service being over we each took our place,
As each ambled back at a leisurely pace.
Our driver had parked at the rear of the hall,
Not easy to find by the Presbys at all.

All finally counted—at last twenty-nine,
And looking relieved gave the “get going” sign.
One might have been thinking the choir would be tired,
But the singing restarted, as they were inspired.

And so as our driver drove on through the rain
The noise in the bus reached crescendo again.
And though I joined in I freely admit
My out of time voice was my effort in it.

If someone alleges no “Spirit Alive”
Was there in the bus and enlivening our drive,
Then they couldn't have been there travelling with us
In that noisy rambunctious, melodious (?) bus.

Allan Arneil

(St Andrew's Poet Laureate)

Submitted by *Bill & Bev Higgins*

The Sylvan Choirs Recital Palm Sunday, April 17 - 7:30pm

On Palm Sunday evening, April 17, at 7:30pm the choristers and handbell ringers of the Sylvan Choirs from Will C. Wood High School, Vacaville (50 miles north of San Francisco), California, will perform a recital at St Andrew's. The program will include music from a wide range of periods, and in a variety of styles from the *Peace Round: Dona Nobis Pacem* to the 2010 Vancouver Olympics Theme song, *I Believe*. Admission by donation. All proceeds will go to the Japan Relief fund of Presbyterian World Service & Development.

This will be the third visit of the choir to St. Andrew's in the last 12 years. It is always an enjoyable evening, and this year 14-year-old Alan Montgomery, a protégé organist, will also perform along with the 42-voice choir and the handbell choir. Please come along, and bring a friend! (Note: For a preview of the handbell choir, search You Tube for the Tintinnabulist English Handbell Choir, and browse all 18 clips by gamin1432 – Laudation and Leyenda are particularly exciting!)

As is our custom, we will host a reception after the recital. If you can donate baked goods, please bring them to church on Palm Sunday. If you would like to assist in any way, or help us to promote this event within our community, please contact the Church Office (250-384-5734) or David McLean (250-598-4432).

Brian Titus

Looking Ahead

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| April 5 | 10:30am Presbytery |
| April 10 | Rev. Dr. Walter Mclean |
| April 17 | Congregational Lunch 7:30pm Sylvan Choirs |
| April 21 | 6pm Maundy Thursday Service |
| April 22 | 10:30am Good Friday Service |
| April 24 | 7:30am Sunrise Service 10:30am Worship |
| Church office hours: 9am to 2pm | |

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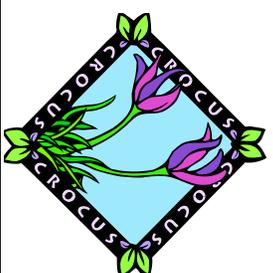
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| | | | | | 1 Breakfast Setup Host: Christ Church | 2 8am Breakfast/Needy Host: Christ Church 10am Women's Breakfast -The Bay Cafeteria |
| 3 10:30am Worship Service Rev. Jenn Geddes | 4 7pm Bible Study 4077 Beam Cr. | 5 9am Presbytery - Sanctuary/Kirk Hall 10-Noon Thrift Shop 6:30 Handbell Choir Sanctuary | 6 4:30-5:30 After Work Reflection - Sanctuary | 7 1pm Quilters/Knitters - Craft Room 7pm BC Libraries Conference Book Launch -Sanctuary 7:30pm Choir - Kirk Hall | 8 1pm Breakfast Setup Kirk Hall Host: St. Andrew's | 9 8am Breakfast/Needy Kirk Hall Host: St. Andrew's 1 - 5pm Ensemble Laude Rehearsal - Sanctuary 1pm St. Andrew's Walkers |
| 10 10:30am Worship Service Baptism Rev. Dr. Walter McLean 3pm Ensemble Laude Concert - Sanctuary | 11 7pm Bible Study 4077 Beam Cr. | 12 6:30 Handbell Choir Sanctuary 7pm Ballet Victoria AGM - Kirk Hall 7:30pm Session - Sanc. | 13 4:30-5:30 After Work Reflection - Sanctuary | 14 1pm Quilters/Knitters - Craft Room 7:30pm Choir - Sanctuary | 15 12 noon - Prayer Team Harbour View Cafe | 16 10am Men's Breakfast - Harbour View-The Bay 7pm Sylvan Choirs Rehearsal - Sanctuary |
| 17 Palm Sunday 10:30am Worship Service Rev. Dr. Ian Victor Congregational Lunch 7:30pm Sylvan Choirs - Sanctuary | 18 7pm Bible Study 4077 Beam Cr. | 19 10-Noon Thrift Shop 6:30 Handbell Choir Sanctuary | 20 4:30-5:30 After Work Reflection - Sanctuary | 21 1pm Quilters/Knitters - Craft Room 6pm Maundy Thursday Service - Sanctuary 7:30pm Choir - Sanctuary | 22 Good Friday 10:30am Good Friday Service 3pm Good Friday Hike St. Andrew's Walkers | 23  |
| 24 Easter Sunday 7:30am Sunrise Service - Mt. Tolmie 10:30am Worship Service Rev. Dr. Ian Victor 2:30pm Worship Service Oak Bay Lodge | 25 6:30pm Philharmonic Society Rehearsal - Sanc. 7pm Bible Study 4077 Beam Cr. | 26 6:30 Handbell Choir Sanctuary | 27 4:30-5:30 After Work Reflection - Sanctuary 6:30pm Philharmonic Society Rehearsal - Sanctuary | 28 1pm Quilters/Knitters - Craft Room 7:30pm Choir - Sanctuary | 29 7pm Breakfast Setup Host: BC Ferries | 30 8:15am Breakfast/Needy Host: BC Ferries |