

# THE LINK

March, 2015



## Lent and Easter

### St. Andrew's Presbyterian

Lent is the most important time of the year to nurture our inner life. ... When we live Lent attentively and gently, then Easter can truly be a celebration during which the full proclamation of the risen Christ will reverberate into the deepest place of our being.

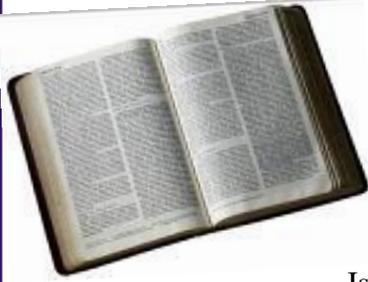
*Henri J. M. Nouwen*

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## “A CATECHISM FOR TODAY”

**Question 1. What is God’s purpose for our lives?** We have been made for joy: joy in knowing, loving and serving God, joy in knowing, loving and serving one another, joy in the wonder of all God’s works.

Gen 1:27-28 So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them.

Isa 65:18 For I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.

Ps 40:8 I delight to do your will, O my God;

See also: Isa 58:2; Job 22:26; Lk 1:47; Jn 16:22,24; Rom 7:22; Phil 4:4; Rev 19:7.

**Question 2. What does it mean to know, love and serve God?** We know God in Jesus Christ witnessed to in scripture. We love and serve God in worship and in the care and compassion we show for all creation. Worship draws us into the work of Christ. In union with him we pray and work for the healing and salvation of the world. Christ calls us to a life of kindness and generosity. How can we love God, whom we cannot see, without loving those whom we can see?

Jn 1:18 No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made him known.

Mt 22:37-39 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind ... You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

1 Jn 4:20 Those who say, “I love God,” and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen.

See also: Deut 6:5; Gen 2:15; Ps 66:4; Am 5:21-24; Jn 4:23; Rev 14:7.

**Question 3. Yet some people no longer believe there is a God. Why do we believe in God?**

We believe in God because we are part of a community of faith which through the preaching of Christ’s gospel and the work of the Holy Spirit creates and nourishes faith. We believe in God because of revelation. God is revealed in the history of Israel and supremely in Jesus Christ. Through God alone can God be known.

We believe in God because the universe poses the question: “Where did all of this come from?” We reply: “It came from God. God made it. God is creator. The world is charged with the glory of God and the universe points to its maker.” We believe in God, because we are made in the divine image and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in God.

Rom 10:17 So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

2 Cor 4:6 For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Ps 19:1 The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

See also: Ex 3:2-4; 1 Sam 3:2; Mt 11:27; Rom 1:18-23; Gen 1:1- 28; Ps 8:5-9; Prov 8:22-23. *(continued next page)*

## IN LOVING MEMORY

**Elsbeth Newall**  
January 25

**Jim Boyce**  
January 30



2015

**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....**

Revelation 21:4

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**Question 4. Is the pursuit of science incompatible with faith in God?**

No. We believe that God created a universe with its own order which we can explore by scientific investigation. Yet scientific investigation and the Christian faith differ in their goals and approaches. While science proceeds by theorizing about and testing the universe, the Christian faith is primarily concerned with knowing God who exists above and beyond the creation. The Christian faith values all efforts to understand the universe that God has made. We are guided by the conviction that all truth comes from God.

Gen 1:1-3 In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind swept over the face of the waters. Then God said "Let there be light"; and there was light.

Jn 1:1-4 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

See also: Gen 1-2; Jn 8:32.

**Question 5. What as Christians are we to believe?**

We are to believe the gospel, a summary of which is contained in the Apostles' Creed. While not written by the apostles this brief confession of the church's essential faith had its origins in the first century and has instructed and guided Christians through the years connecting us in a common faith with the earliest Christian communities.

Mk 1:14 The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.

Rom 10:9 If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

2 Cor 4:13 "I believed, and so I spoke" - we also believe, and so we speak.

See also: Jn 20:31; 1 Tim 1:19, 3:19; 2 Tim 4:7; 1Pet 3:15; Jude 3.

**I. The Apostles' Creed**

**Question 6. What is this summary of the faith?**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried:  
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.

## Session Report

In January, the session had a retreat, and among other things, came away determined to be more efficient in the business part of our meetings, in order to leave more time for spiritual discussion and growth as leaders

In February, the session meeting fell on Pancake Tuesday. (We did not eat pancakes!) This was a very appropriate date to begin a new practice of devoting time to study at the beginning of our meeting, a time for us to grow spiritually before we take time to address the agenda items.

The Rev. Laura Kavanagh led us in a discussion focused on the season of Lent. We were challenged to consider how we might take the time to be mindful in this season of repentance. Although it is often a custom or discipline to give up something in Lent, some of us may want to make the commitment to do something that we might not normally do.

Lent is a time to refocus on God in our lives; we have 40 days until the joyous celebration of Easter. May we all turn to God more and allow God to change our hearts.

Sabine Teetzel and Colina Titus, co-clerks of Session

## 2014-2015 REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY READINGS – YEAR B

*taken from: The Presbyterian Church in Canada website: <http://presbyterian.ca/>*

### **March 1/15** purple 2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38 or Mark 9:2-9

### **March 8/15** purple 3rd Sunday in Lent Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

### **March 15/15** purple or pink 4th Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

### **March 22/15** purple 5th Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

### **March 29/15** red or purple **Liturgy of the Palms, Liturgy of the Passion**

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39, (40-47)

### **April 3/15** red or no colour **Good Friday** –

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

### **April 5/15** white or gold **Easter Sunday** Isaiah 25:6-9 or Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

### **April 12/15** white or gold 2nd Sunday of Easter Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

### **April 19/15** white or gold 3rd Sunday of Easter Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

### **April 26/15** white or gold 4th Sunday of Easter, **Mission Awareness**

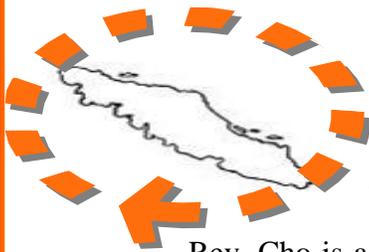
Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

## WORSHIP REPORT

1) Last summer **Daniel And Margaret Gichimu Kariuki** joined with their daughter **Elizabeth** who is a choir member at St. Andrew's to do special musical presentations for our congregation. Daniel was quite taken by our communion services and asked if we had any spare communion ware. Our session decided at a meeting in January this year to provide enough to serve 150. Some extra wine glasses, church photos and literature were added in with the parcel as a symbol of Christian love from our congregation to theirs. Elizabeth said that her parents received these gifts in February and that their congregation will be able to use them for Easter this year. Daniel and Margaret are members of Kaisagat Church, Kitake East Parish in the Western Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of East Africa.

2) **Lawrie Matheson** resigned from session last year. She has carried on organizing a roster of people to read scriptures in our sanctuary for Sunday services. Lawrie has pointed out to me the value of each and every one of you who help make our service a richer place to worship. **Thank you to all of you** who have done this. It is important to have lay people participate in worship. Together with our clergy we make a church which is described in Revelation 19:4-9 as the bride of Christ. As flawed as we may be, we are of great value to Him and owe it to Him to do our best. Please help out and share your voice. He will hear you!

3) Requests are made all year long to use our sanctuary, including the Sound System, for special services and events throughout the week. **Charles Kierulf and Roy Mancini** have kindly volunteered over 90 % of the time to operate the sound system for us in the past year. Training can be arranged so others can provide this valuable service when Charles and Roy are not available. Wonderful messages or beautiful hymns need to be heard by all who enter into our sanctuary. A person who can turn on the sound system and hand out a microphone can help make this happen. Remember that as the church, Christ considers all of us to be His bride and He is counting on all of us to play a part somehow or somewhere. ***Let me know if this is something you would like to do.***  
Submitted by Bruce McCowan



## PRESBYTERY OF VANCOUVER ISLAND REPORT AROUND THE ISLAND

At our February 22<sup>nd</sup> Worship Service, our Representative Elder to Presbytery, **Peter Lewis**, announced that the Reverend Joey Cho was being inducted that day as the Executive Director of Cedar Tree Ministries in Cowichan, B.C.

Rev. Cho is a member of the Korean Presbyterian Church who, in his role as a missionary, felt led to work with the First Nations people at Cowichan, near Duncan B.C. Rev. Cho has worked in that role for a number of years and his work has been blessed. He now has a congregation of about 60 First Nations worshippers in Cowichan. The Presbytery of Vancouver Island has provided partial financial support, along with contributions from the Synod of BC, Grace Community Church in Surrey, Keunbid Church in North Vancouver, Cross Community Church in Burnaby, Victoria Grace Presbyterian Church in Victoria, Victoria Korean Church, Antioch Presbyterian Church in Edmonton and Grace Native Mission in Duncan.

Rev. Cho has made presentations at various churches throughout the Presbytery and plans are underway for him to preach and make presentations about the Cedar Tree Ministries (CTM) at other congregations in the months to come. Recently, St. Andrew's Duncan had a united service with CTM. Rev. Cho noted that his sense was that this event was a little step of reconciliation between Canadian churches and the First Nations Church. *We encourage our members to keep Reverend Cho and Cedar Tree Ministries in our thoughts and prayers over the coming months and pray for a healing and nurturing ministry.*

*Information provided by Peter Lewis, written by Fiona Ryneveld*



**Annual General Meeting**

**Yes, it is that time of year again!!**

**March 8, 2015**

The Annual General Meeting will be held immediately  
after the Sunday Service.

## 2015 COMMUNION DATES

# HOLY



# COMMUNION

**MARCH 1**  
**APRIL 5**  
**JUNE 7**  
**OCTOBER 4**  
**DECEMBER 6**

### **Ash Wednesday**

February 18 ~ 7:00 pm.

A service marking the beginning of the Lenten season.

### **Bible Study**

Wednesdays; 12:00 - 1:00 pm ~ Starting February 18

The study will be based on the weekly lectionary readings.

Please bring a bag lunch. Beverages will be provided.

### **Palm Sunday**

March 29 ~ 10:30 am

Celebrating Christ's arrival in Jerusalem.

### **Maundy Thursday**

April 2, ~ 6:30 pm -Trinity Presby.(2964 Tillicum Rd)

A joint communion service with all the Presbyterian churches in Victoria.

### **Good Friday**

April 3 ~ 10:30 am.

Church Service commemorating Christ's crucifixion.

### **Easter Sunday - Sunrise Service**

April 5 ~ 7:30 am. ~ Mount Tolmie.

Join with Lutheran Church of the Cross as we rejoice in the risen Lord.

### **Easter Sunday**

April 5 ~ 10:30 am.

A celebratory service. Communion will be served. All are welcome at the Lord's table.



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### **Ushering Team—MARCH**

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# In the SPOTLIGHT

## CARLY PURVES-SMITH



Carly was born Carly Spearman in London, Ontario. At age six her family moved to Montreal due to the transfer of her father who worked with the YMCA. That is where Carly grew up, along with her two siblings, a brother and a sister. Upon her high school graduation, Carly attended the University of Toronto and graduated with a degree in occupational therapy. Following her graduation, Carly joined the Royal Canadian Navy. While with the Navy, she opened the St. Hyacinthe office, was stationed in Halifax and Cornwallis, and then returned to the Halifax office prior to being discharged from the Navy.

It was during her time in the Navy where she met the love of her life, Ronald Purves-Smith, who at the time was a Navy Padre in Halifax. Eventually, both were discharged from the service and they married in Montreal. Ron accepted a call to a United Church congregation in a suburb of Montreal where he ministered for a number of years. Later they moved to Ottawa where Ron was the minister at two different United Church congregations for the majority of his ministry. Carly and Ron were blessed with two children, a son and daughter. Needless to say, as a minister's wife, Carly's days were kept very busy. Besides being a full time mother, Carly spent endless hours visiting members of the congregation along with a host of other duties associated with the role of a minister's spouse.

Nearing retirement, Ron and Carly moved to Victoria in the early 80's where Ron became the minister of a United Church congregation for a short time. During the "period of troubles" in the United Church, Ron took his retirement and Ron and Carly decided that because Ron was of Scottish ancestry and because they were theologically best suited to join the Presbyterian Church, St. Andrew's became their church home.

Carly says that she found the congregation of St. Andrew's to be most welcoming and friendly and they were happy with their new church home in our denomination. It likely did not hurt that their near neighbours, Al and Jean Potter, who many of you will remember, were also members of St. Andrew's. Coincidentally, they had also been their neighbours in Ottawa as well, when Al was a Deputy Commissioner with the RCMP. They were good friends, and Carly is still in contact with Jean who has moved to Calgary to be with her daughter.

Carly and Ron had two children, a daughter who has since passed away, and a son, David who is living in Port Moody. She also has grandchildren but due to distance and other circumstances, Carly does not see them as often as she would like. Ron passed away in 1998 and subsequently Carly moved to a lovely condo in Rose Bank Gardens in Victoria.

She was very involved in the life of the churches where Ron was the minister, and she is still a regular and faithful attender at St. Andrew's. Because many of our elderly people depend on the Handy-dart or other means of transportation to get back and forth, Carly does not have the opportunity of visiting with the rest of the congregation at coffee hour. Now that you see her photo and know a little about her background, the next time you see her in church or near the Broughton St. exit waiting for her Handy Dart ride, stop to say hello and be part of the welcoming and friendly congregation that she so appreciated when she joined us.

Interviewed and Submitted by Fiona Ryneveld



## MEN'S SATURDAY BREAKFAST

Our February breakfast was delayed to the 4th Saturday of the month. After our breakfast that morning we helped set up tables and chairs for the Pizza, Games and Fun which were held later that day in the Kirk Hall. As a service function by our group, some of us are often able to help set up tables and chairs for our Sunday Coffee Hour.

Our next breakfast will resume on the regular 3rd Saturday of the month.

**Saturday, March 21 @ 10 a.m.**

**Bon Appetit Café, 5th floor, downtown Bay Centre**

Bruce McCowan: 250-881-5155 or email: brucemccowan@ymail.com



PLEASE COME AND JOIN IN!

100th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!!

March 22nd at Coffee Hour

**MARGARET TROWSDALE turns 100 years young**

on

**MARCH 24, 2015.**

*Imagine, seeing Victoria's changes for 100 years, having been born and raised in Esquimalt. Margaret is the beloved aunt of Jean Marcellus and Nancy McLaughlin. Jean's and Nancy's dad, Donald Dickson, was Margaret's big brother.*

**We wish Margaret our very best wishes on her special day.**

***Please come and celebrate with her.***

***How often do you get to eat a piece of birthday cake with the number "100" on it ?!?***



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# MUSIC NOTES

*Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.....  
Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and  
lyre.....let them sing for joy. (from Psalm 149)*

On Sunday, February 15 our Children's Choir travelled to participate in worship at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Thank you to the families of these children who ensure their attendance at rehearsals, and encourage them to be active in ministry.

From these two emails you can see that the sharing of ministry was certainly appreciated.....

- ☺ *I just wanted to thank you for letting us "borrow" the children's choir this morning. They sang very well and were well behaved and were very much appreciated.*
- ☺ *The kids were amazing, lovely and added so much to our worshipping community. Return them soon please!!*

Not long ago I was asked how St. Andrew's choir is able to learn such a difficult anthem with just one rehearsal. In fact we usually look at a new anthem 3 to 6 weeks in advance, gradually working on learning the notes and words then fine-tuning to improve the expression and interpretation of the song.

During the season of Lent I want to remind you that the music before and after services is meant to provide an atmosphere for reflection, prayer and meditation. Just as it is not our tradition to applaud the prayers and sermon, applause is not necessary for the music of the worship service. Save that for the recitals!

On March 4<sup>th</sup> I will be presenting a recital at 12:15. I will be playing chorale preludes by 3 different composers, as well as a Fantasia and Fugue by J.S. Bach.

**Sandra Fletcher 250-385-5670**

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## HEALTH & WELLNESS

### *Public Forum on Osteoarthritis- Victoria*

**Do you have Osteoarthritis?** Then come find out about analgesics, topicals, NSAIDs, COX-2s, visco-supplementation, cortisone injections, various supplements & complimentary therapies. Determine how effective they could be for you. Side-effects? Bring your questions and concerns.

**PRESENTER:** *Tricia Orme – Nurse from the Victoria Arthritis Centre*

**DATE:** *Thursday, March 5th, 2015*

**TIME:** *6:30-8:30 pm*

**VENUE:** *Victoria Arthritis Centre @ 2680 Richmond Rd., Victoria*

**REGISTER:** *1.866.414.7766*

**COST:** *FREE*

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** *Contact Dorothy Reimer, RN, PARISH NURSE @ 250-592-5051*

## CHILDREN'S PAGE

This word search is based on the stories we covered during January and February. We have been learning about how Jesus helped all kinds of people. His miracles became well known. We heard the story of how Jesus saved Zacchaeus, a person who cheated others. We found out that Jesus healed ten lepers. One, a Samaritan, returned to thank Jesus. Jesus told him that his faith had made him well. An officer in the Roman army, a centurion, had a servant who was dying. The centurion believed that Jesus could heal the man. Jesus was amazed at the man's faith, and the servant was healed. Jesus overheard people telling a man named Jairus that his young daughter was dead. People were crying and did not believe Jesus when he said the girl was sleeping. Jesus took the girl by the hand and she arose and walked. People were amazed. Jesus forgave the sins of a paralyzed man, enabling him to walk. He also helped Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, to see again. Jesus also helped a deaf man who could not speak to be able to hear and talk clearly! Jesus' followers as well as his enemies noticed the things that Jesus did.

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### WORD BANK

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**JAIRUS**  
**ENEMIES**  
**HELPED**  
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**WORD BANK (continued): TALK BELIEVE CLEARLY**  
**AMAZED FOLLOWERS**