



THE LINK

MAY 2017



Canadian World Swimming Trials took place April 6th to 9th. *Penny Oleksiak* won with grace and style, and she encouraged any upcoming young swimmers with a positive attitude. This photo of (*our*) Isaac and Penny was taken right after Penny won the 100m fly on April 8th.

Isaac was encouraged and excited to witness not only her win, but also the many hard working Canadian swimmers and young prospects.

We hope that all the 2017 Canadian team swimmers would perform well and make all Canadians proud.

Submitted by Marilyn Bullock

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From the Pastor's Desk: Proof of Identity

“Beloved, love one another for everyone who loves is born of God, and knows God...for God is love.” 1 John 4:7-8

When I say “love”, what comes to mind? Maybe in February it’s candles, couples, candy and valentines. In April is it Easter? What about Mothers in May and Fathers in June? Each season highlights a different kind of love. Consider this: the New Testament was written in ancient Greek, a language that had four words for love! Four ways, because love can be incredibly nuanced.

So how do we English speakers get away with using a single word for all these forms? Because no matter the differences between them, all loves hold at least two things in common.

First, love is an essential ingredient in experiencing connection. I remember hearing about some friends that wanted to make pasta together. So, they got the recipe, and started gathering the ingredients. Flour, eggs, water, salt. Salt? Surely in this age of healthy minds and bodies, they could make pasta without raising their blood pressure. They tried, but instead of delicious noodles, they were left with a gooey mess! Salt made the pasta possible. Love works the same way. No love, no connection. Know love, know connection.

The second thing about love, no matter what kind we’re talking about, is that love is focused on someone. Love is a relational term. There’s been a lot of talk recently about self-love, but even this presumes we’re in a relationship – only it is with ourselves! In other words, you can’t love if you don’t have someone to love.

It’s these two things that characterize God. He feels love towards us, which motivates how He connects with us. And, He wants to be in a relationship with us. *God is love.*

Love is also how we show we’re God’s children. When my son looks at me with those big blue eyes, I see a bit of me in him. John writes that when we love, when we experience connection with others and nurture our relationship with them, we are reflecting and enjoying our Heavenly Father’s nature.

So does this mean when I’m not “feelin’ the love,” I’m not God’s child? If I’ve ticked my wife off, or gone head-to-head with a friend, or just don’t like people who live like *that guy* lives, does it mean I’m no longer God’s beloved child? Not at all. It’s true that all forms of love *have* feelings, but no form of love *is* a feeling.

Instead love is a perspective, an approach to the world, a way of living. If I want to be connected to God and others, to experience deep, authentic relationships, then I’ll love. 1 Corinthians 13 lists what this looks like: I’ll look to their needs, not only my own. I’ll seek to reconcile our relationships instead of focusing on who was “right.” I’ll let go of sadness and regret over what should have been, and embrace the people God has in my life today. I’ll fight the urge to lash out. I’ll forgive, protect, trust, hope, persevere. I’ll love.

Romance is wonderful; Motherly and Fatherly love is beautiful. But, considering how important love is in feeling connected to God and others, it’s a shame to reduce love to a few holidays alone. Doing so mistakes a few of love’s expressions for the variety of ways we humans find connection to God and each other.

Instead, let’s be a people who strive to love all year long because love is multifaceted and loving reveals our Father’s nature.

Rev. Jeremy Bellsmith

IN LOVING MEMORY

Margaret E. Trowsdale

April 10, 2017

Audrey B. Phillips

April 18, 2017



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....

Revelations 21:4

2017 COMMUNION DATES

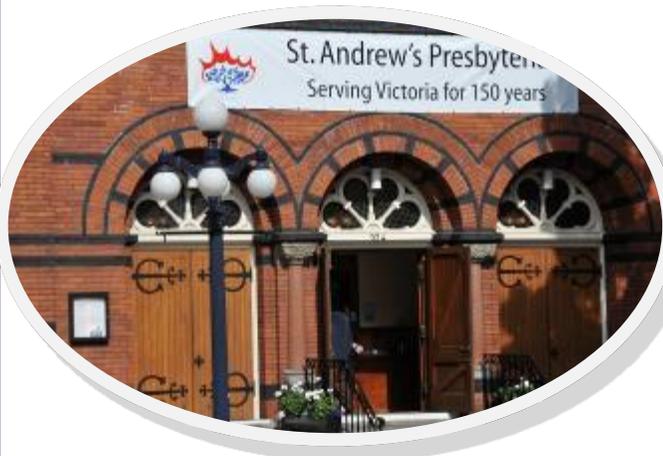


June 4 - Pentecost
October 1 - World Communion Sunday
December - TBA



OPEN CHURCH

Special thanks to Jim who attended all 5 of the 2 hour openings between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.



Thanks to Whitney Hannah and Grant Shepherd for assisting with OPEN CHURCH and to **John Mitchell, Laura Richards, Dave Rogers, Andrew McCowan and Jim Kempling** who helped host our 6 openings in April.

We had 41 people come for the Open Church plus Concert on April 5th.

We had an average of 66.4 people visit on the 5 days of Holy Week. Special Easter piano music was played on a CD from the bell tower to help attract the public to our Open Doors. Attendance was lowest (32) on a cool Monday and highest (102) on a warm

Saturday. Contemporary Christian music was played from YouTube as a trial in our sanctuary on the Saturday. It had the effect of riveting people to the pews much like those attending a regular Wednesday concert. Experimentations in sanctuary music might become quite rewarding to Open Church experiences.

We will be advertising Open Church dates throughout the summer on various days such as statutory holidays. Whitney will post dates on a bulletin board outside her office as she has in recent years. If there is a day in the week that you would like to attend then we can have it added to her posted planning list. ***It is ideal if we can get 3 volunteers for each day that we are open.***

Submitted by Bruce McCowan

May 2017

Our elders have been inviting us to pray together. If you have items you would like included, please write to Pastor Jeremy:
 revjeremy@standrewsvictoria.ca
 or by talk/text (250)415-2226.



"I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer" – (attributed to) Martin Luther

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12

Please pray for...

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| Christian Education volunteers and all teachers. | People in hospital and those who visit them. | All those with Birthdays and anniversaries in May. | Farmers as they prepare their fields for spring planting | Thanksgiving for the gifts of Asian culture in the PCC (Asian Heritage Month) | Our neighbors in need and the St. A's team serving them breakfast on Saturday | Compassion and courage to welcome and care for strangers in need. |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| Those involved in music ministry who give of their time and talents. | All families on this International Day of Families. | Wisdom for elders who guide and decide for St. Andrews. | Peace for those who are suffering in the midst of conflict. | Commissioners to GA as they prepare. | Leaders preparing for summer youth programs. | The ministry of all the recipients of the Women of Faith Awards present this weekend. |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| Our minister and church staff. | The healing of residential school survivors | Gardeners as they work with God's creation | Ecumenical sisters and brothers as we follow Christ together | All who are grieving the loss of a loved one. | All those with health concerns (mental and physical) | PWS&D partners teaching girls in Afghanistan |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |
| Youth, children and young families. | Our political leaders. | The words to invite people to know God in fellowship with believers. | Congregations of the Cariboo and those who minister in rural locations in Canada. | | | |

STEWARDS by DESIGN - BIT by BIT

This is a continuation of the 12 Keys to an Effective Church, as written about by Dr. Kennon Callahan, as discussed at the Leadership by Design Workshop in 2016. Previously I discussed one of our strengths – worship, and in this article I will continue with Leadership - what it is and why it is one of our strengths at St. Andrews.

What is good Leadership?

One key for a strong and healthy congregation is a strong leadership team. A strong healthy congregation:

- achieves the key objectives of the Church
- lives the four steps of leadership – loving, listening, learning and leading
- encourages the leadership qualities of competency, continuity and mutual leadership
- helps people fulfil their life searches.

Strong leaders are not necessarily the charismatic, dynamic leader but often the quiet, compassionate, and wise leader.

Achievements, not activities. One achievement is worth 10 activities. Focus on achieving a few key objectives. The more activities a congregation has, the less likely it is to have a strong leadership team because it wears out its leaders trying to do too much. Key objectives relate to the current strengths we are expanding (worship and leadership) and the new strength we are adding (visibility). Focusing on these objectives will deliver 80 percent of the results. What are the results we are looking for? A healthy, vibrant and diverse congregation is able to support itself financially, support each other with compassion in the grace of God and have the strength to act swiftly when it is required.

Why did we choose Leadership as one of our strengths? It was felt that at St. Andrew's we have benefited from dedicated members/leaders of the congregation that live the four steps of leadership: loving, listening, learning and leading. The leaders offer solid programs that benefit the congregation.

How can we improve leadership? We can make sure that our leaders don't suffer from burn out. We can encourage new leaders (sprinters) for projects that are short in duration.

The above is an abbreviated message from Dr. Callahan's book, but hopefully has enough substance for you to learn alongside us in this journey.

Shelley Brown

NEW BABY! Congratulations!!



Paloma Rae

Born 12 April

Weight 7 lb 4oz

Parents are **Joanna and Lanny**

Added note- Paloma was born on what would have been her late great-grandfather's 90th birthday

Grandparents, **Brian and Colina** are *thrilled* that Paloma (and her Mum and Dad) is in the city and we can drop in for cuddles!



PRAYER CORNER

Intercessory Prayer

The Christian life is about becoming more and more like Jesus. One of the ways we can do that is by imitating his role as a priest. The earliest Christians described one of Jesus' roles as making intercession for us (Romans 8:34). He takes our needs before the Creator.

When we do the same we are imitating our high priest. This month, practice taking to God the needs of those around you.

Submitted by Rev. Jeremy



GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

PIZZA & GAMES NIGHT!

Fotos by Mitchell





~A VIEW FROM THE PEW~

Over the past few weeks we have celebrated our risen Lord at Easter and have been reminded of the reactions by the people who were first confronted by His rising from the dead. We remember the two women who went to the tomb and recognized Jesus when he spoke to them and went joyfully to tell the others that he was alive. But we read in John 20:19 that later that day

“On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you!’ ‘After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side.... Vs 24: Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord!’ ‘But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it.’

Vs. 26: “A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you!’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.’ “Thomas said to him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ “Then Jesus said, ‘Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.’”

Because of that event, Thomas got the name “Doubting Thomas”. For a long time I thought that Thomas got a bad rap for that because after all, the other disciples had seen the Lord, including his wounds. Thomas had not. Was it so terrible that he did not believe what they told him? After all, did it not defy logic? But then I noticed a word that I had earlier overlooked – *“I **will** not believe it.”* Not “cannot”, but **“will not”**. How is that significant? Thomas’s doubt was volitional – in other words he had decided that he was **not going to** believe, rather than he **could not** believe.

Now, arguably it is all right to doubt. That is natural. We have reasons why we doubt if things seem to be unnatural or irrational. We do not want to appear gullible or naïve. We want evidence. So did Thomas. But doubt is not the opposite of faith. Unbelief is the opposite of faith. Doubt can be a healthy part of a process of searching, provided they are honest doubts (not prejudiced unbelief), and as we explore our doubts, they can lead us to understanding and conviction.

Charles Price suggests that there are three kinds of doubt: rational, emotional, and volitional doubt. Let me try to explain the differences. **Rational** doubt is one based on reason. The laws of nature tell us that dead men don’t rise. Jesus is a man who has died as a consequence of one of the cruellest forms of death; and has been pronounced dead. He has been buried and left there for at least 36 hours. And then the evidence is His tomb was found to be empty and He later appeared alive and spoke to people; on one occasion 500 people at the same time. Now that’s an assault on our natural rational process of thinking. That defies physical laws.

We believe this world is a creation of an intelligent God who made laws to cause our universe to function predictably. But since God created those laws, can he not create other laws? In other words, if there is a natural order, can there not also be a supernatural order, which by definition is not natural, where the God who created those natural laws intervenes? When things are outside of our experience, we often think they don’t exist; they are not real. But we must remember that with God everything is possible. The fact that Christ rose from the dead is the indispensable fact of the Christian gospel because Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 15:14: “If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.” In other words, we are totally wasting our time if Jesus Christ was not raised from the dead.

Secondly, there is **emotional** doubt. There are emotional reasons why people doubt as well. Sometimes our moods or our passions or our hurts work around within our own hearts and they express themselves masquerading as factual doubt, but really they are expressions of the way we feel. Our thinking becomes very subjective and we think what we want to think, we avoid what we want to avoid, and sometimes we interpret Christ through our moods, through our history, or through our experiences of life.

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(A VIEW FROM THE PEW, continued):

In the Old Testament Isaiah talked about those who he said, “*will be ever hearing but never understanding, be ever seeing but never perceiving.*” And he tells us why: *because their hearts have become calloused, hardened.* In other words, this is not a **rational issue** now; it is a **dispositional issue**, and by that I mean an attitude of heart, a disposition of heart. Something has gone on in their hearts that has created this disposition that does not **allow** them to accept. There is an emotional block to believing.

That may have been true of Thomas. Thomas was not in the room on that first Sunday night when Jesus appeared to the rest of the disciples. And Thomas comes home and they say, “*Thomas, we have seen the Lord!*” Perhaps Thomas resents that he wasn't there. He **refuses** to believe what they tell him. Maybe when we doubt, in a very subtle way our heart has become, in the words of Isaiah, calloused, it's become hard. Our disposition has become such that we can no longer see it clearly because our pride is at stake. Maybe we have been in a church situation that has hurt us in some way. And now Jesus Himself has become lost in that hurt and it's our heart now which has become calloused. This is not a good reason to doubt, because when we see but don't perceive, we are blind. When we hear but don't understand, we're deaf and we have become deafened and blinded to the issues. Thomas may have been in that situation himself.

There are also **volitional** reasons as well as emotional reasons why we **refuse** to believe. By that I mean that the will becomes involved because the heart has become calloused. This is what Charles Price suggests actually was Thomas' problem because in Verse 25 Thomas says, “*Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into His side*” **I will not believe.**” He didn't say, “*Unless I put my fingers into the nail marks in His hands, and my hand into his side, I cannot believe.*” That would be primarily a rational issue. He would be struggling “*How in the world can this be?*” No, instead he says, “**I will not.**”

We will never understand the resurrection until we understand the cross. “*Thomas, look at My hands, nail-pierced hands. Touch My side. Thomas, it's because I died and I have been raised to life that you now can find life, spiritual life.*” And the response: Verse 28: “*Thomas said to him, My Lord and my God!*” The response was not, “*Okay, I believe it.*” That response won't do anything for us at all. We need to believe it but more importantly, it's “**My Lord and my God!**” It's a response of surrender. And Thomas surrendered.

In Hebrews 11 we read that “*faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen*”. Let us dismiss our volitional doubts, and like our forefathers in the faith such as Abraham, Abel, Enoch, Noah, Jacob, Moses, and others referred to in that chapter, express our faith by believing without seeing. In so doing we will be blessed as those who have not seen and yet believe.

Submitted by Dirk Ryneveld

OUR CHURCH PHOTOGRAPHER

We owe many thanks to our church photographer, John Mitchell. As seen in these pictures, he hovers in the background, ever vigilant, waiting for the perfect shot. Unfortunately we, the Link editors, are unable to use many of his pictures, due to space constraints. We try to give him

credit by including: **Fotos by Mitchell** with the photos he sends our way. Our C.E. convener, Dianne, endeavours to forward as many as she can to young subjects' parents.

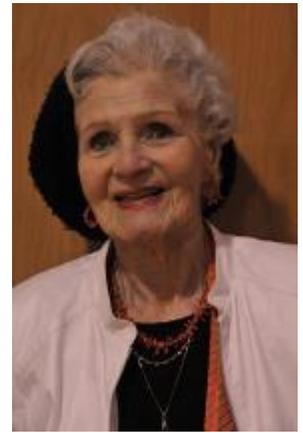
John became interested in photography at the age of 16 when he used whatever cameras he could lay his hands on. His mother then encouraged him to buy one for himself (at his own expense!) which he did. He has continued to hone his skills over the years and we at St. Andrew's are reaping the rewards.



THANK YOU, JOHN!!

In the SPOTLIGHT

HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL



You may have noticed an elegant woman who sits near the front of Saint Andrew's sanctuary on the Broughton Street side. She wears bright colours, wonderful hats and a brilliant smile. This is **Hope Harwood** who has been a member of our congregation since 1994. She was very gracious to let me interview her to tell me her life story and how she has always had a personal relationship with God and the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Born in Toronto, Hope Sisson was the third child and only daughter in her family. Her older brothers were 11 and 12 years older than her so Hope often felt like an only child.

As a child, Hope attended St. Paul's Anglican Church where her father taught Sunday school and her mother was a very active member. Hope's mother had been raised in the Baptist church and to honour her beliefs about baptism, Hope did not get baptized until she was a teenager about to make her profession of faith.

Hope attended a private Baptist school, Moulton College on Bloor Street, for her last three years of school. She was delighted to have a roommate and to have an opportunity to live with other young women. It was a very busy and exciting place compared to the quiet home that Hope shared with her parents.

Hope went home every weekend and attended her parents' church on Sunday mornings. When she returned to Moulton College on Sunday evening, she would attend Yorkminster Baptist Church on Yonge Street with the other students from her school.

After graduation before going on further with her education, Hope had a job as a chauffeur for an elderly woman. Hope would drive her neighbour from their home district of the Kingsway to Rosedale for afternoon teas, bridge games and doctors' appointments. She even took her employer and a friend to Niagara Falls. Hope loved driving and liked her boss's 1929 Chevrolet.

Hope attended a three-year nursing programme at Wellesley Hospital in Toronto. She also did part of her studies and training at Toronto Psychiatric Hospital. In the days that Hope trained, nursing students lived in a residence. Every morning she attended a fifteen-minute prayer service before leaving for her classes and shifts on the hospital wards.

During her last year in nursing school, Hope got engaged to be married to Don Harwood. She had met Don on a blind date when he accompanied her to her high-school graduation Prom. This dinner and dance affair was held at the famous Old Mill Restaurant (built near the ruins of an old grist mill on the Humber River) and Hope was charmed by Don's good sense of humour.

Don and Hope dated off and on for a few years. Don was in the Canadian military during World War Two and would take Hope for dinner whenever he had leave and came to Toronto. Don studied to be a chartered accountant before and after the war and he and Hope graduated from their respective programmes at the same time.

They got married in September 1947 and promptly moved to Peterborough where they lived for many years. Don had a job as an accountant in a small plastics company and became a part-owner of the firm as time went on. Hope worked for a few years as a private nurse.

Hope spent twenty years as a full-time stay-at-home mother to their three children...Penelope, Gillian and Charles. The family attended Murray Street Baptist Church in Peterborough where they all were very involved with church activities.

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(In the Spotlight, continued):

Once her children had left home, Hope returned to work as a nurse for an insurance company. She would drive to visit clients in their homes within a thirty-mile radius of Peterborough. Each day was a full one, checking out about ten persons who wanted to qualify for insurance. Hope filled out forms, asked about family histories, and took urine and blood samples. Because Hope has always been interested in people, she found those nine years very interesting.

Besides playing bridge, reading books and participating in many church and community YMCA groups, Hope shared a passion for flying with her husband, Don. Hope got her co-pilot's licence so she could fly with Don in their Beaver Low-wing 4-seater airplane. They flew frequently to Halifax to visit their two daughters who lived there for many years. Every summer they went to an airplane convention in Quebec where approximately 200 private plane owners would gather to share experiences and exploits. Florida was another favourite destination.

Don retired in 1987 after forty years with the same company. After a particularly snowy winter, Don and Hope got tired of shovelling and decided to move to the West Coast where their two married daughters and their families were now living. Don and Hope moved into their new condominium in October 1993. They visited many churches in Victoria but did not feel at home in any. On a trip back to Toronto, an old friend suggested that they try St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church where Reverend John Allen was the minister. So they did and they found that St. Andrew's was a good fit for them. They became members in March 1994.

Over the years, Hope has been an active member of St. Andrew's congregation. She has helped with the blood pressure clinics that are sometimes held at coffee hour. She is on one of the teams that count money for the Finance Committee.

After Don died in 2000, Hope stayed in the condo until six years ago. At that time she moved into Rose Manor which is a seniors' apartment building where three meals are served daily for the occupants. Hope says that she is glad to have someone else do the cooking!

Hope used to tool around town doing errands in her sporty yellow Mini Cooper. Since she stopped driving a few years ago, she has continued to attend St. Andrew's. She is very happy that Elizabeth Brereton gives her a drive to church most Sundays.

Hope told me that she does not think that it matters what denomination or church that you go to...Anglican, Baptist or Presbyterian. The important thing is your personal relationship to Jesus Christ and how you live and share that relationship with others. Hope has been living and sharing that relationship with others at St. Andrew's and we are the better for it.

Interviewed and submitted by Debra Verwey



MEN'S SATURDAY BREAKFAST

Saturday, May 20, 2017



This will be our last Saturday Breakfast before the summer. Harbor views and fellowship are wonderful. Prices are set to encourage shoppers to visit.

Come and give yourself a treat. We will meet only once in the summer between

June and August due to vacations and church camp commitments. We will meet on **July 15th, 2017.**

Hope to see you for breakfast, fellowship and a seasonal devotion at the usual time from **10 to 11 a. m.** and in the usual place, **Café Bon Appetit,** 5th floor of the downtown Bay Center overlooking the inner harbour.

Bruce McCowan:

250-881-5155 or email: brucemccowan@gmail.com

Christian Education News

During **March and early April**, several Sunday school children were absent due to family trips, parent work schedules, and Spring Break activities. In the Preschool/Elementary class, the children learned about some of Jesus' miracles as well as Palm Sunday and Easter events in preparation for the Easter Sunday "All Ages" service. For example, the children learned about Jesus feeding a crowd of five thousand men, plus women and children, when all he had to give them was five loaves and two fish. That Sunday the children each made 5 loaves and 2 fish out of play-dough, and over a series of lessons, painted them as well. During spring break, Bruce McCowan covered the senior class lessons while Duncan Mackinnon was absent.



On Palm Sunday, Jean Watt taught the children in the senior class how to make crosses out of Palm Strips. Then, after the younger students were finished with their Palm Sunday listening activities, they too made crosses with Jean.



On **Easter Sunday**, there was an **All Ages** service. Fiona Ryneveld and Dianne Penner prepared Activity Packs for the children that were handed out by the ushers as families arrived. Some of the children also presented one of the songs they had learned during the Sunday school singing time with Sandra Fletcher... "God's not Dead... No! He's Alive". This song fit in well with the theme of Jesus' resurrection. As mentioned previously, the absenteeism during the previous weeks meant that only a few of the children felt confident enough to sing. However, it was important for them to have this opportunity to sing one of the songs they have learned, for their parents.



Submitted by Dianne Penner, Christian Education Convener

Fotos by Mitchell

Margaret Elizabeth (Dickson) Trowsdale - March 24, 1915 - April 10, 2017



We honour a very special lady, one who just turned 102 years young on March 24, 2017; one who waved to the Congregation from the balcony on her birthday Sunday; one who received a warm 'Happy Birthday' sung by the choir and congregation; one who graciously received flowers from Sam Preston on her birthday Sunday; one who climbed the stairs to the balcony in Church on Sunday, April 2nd, for the last time.



Aunt Margaret went Home to be with her Lord, after a short stay in hospital, on April 10, 2017. We rejoice in a life well lived, and we rejoice for having known Aunt Margaret. Born in Victoria, she was the youngest of six children, my Dad, Don Dickson, being one of her brothers. She attended St. Paul's Presbyterian Church with her family, Lampson Street and Victoria West Schools, and she graduated from the first Grade 12 class at Vic High, in 1933. Margaret started working at the BC Telephone Company in 1940, and in the 1950's she was appointed Supervisor of the Installation Staff, the first woman in that role. She was a very talented musician playing the piano and organ in various Churches/Chapels around Victoria for over 50 years. Margaret loved to travel and Hawaii was her favourite spot. Margaret was also an active volunteer, receiving the VERA award in 2008 for her 25 years of Service to The Lodge at Broadmead.



In 1976, she married Percy Trowsdale, a second cousin whom she had known all her life. With marriage, came two step-children, Jean and Colin, 12 grandchildren and many, many great and great-great grandchildren, to add to eleven nieces and nephews that she already had. There is so much that could be said about someone who lived over 100 years, however what matters most is that Aunt Margaret is Home with her Lord, who she loved and served, all her life. May peace be with you and may your memories remain deep in our hearts, forever.

Submitted by Jean Marcellus

NB: Margaret celebrated her 100th birthday with our Congregation by

serving cake to the children of the Sunday School and the members of our Church.

Editors' Note:

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NOTE FROM THE OFFICE:

**Please! Confirm with the
OFFICE for
ALL ROOM AVAILABILITY
and SCHEDULING!!**

EASTER SUNDAY & GOOD BYE TO SANDRA

Dear Sandra,

Thank you for sharing your incredible musical talents with all of us here at St. Andrew's. You were a precious gift to this choir and this congregation and we have all been blessed to have you here with us.

We have all enjoyed singing in the choir so very much and will always have fond memories of our time together.

Thank you for your friendship over the years, for your kindness and understanding, your patience and encouragement, your amazing vision and unending faith in all of us. And that beautiful music - it filled our hearts with joy, enriched our spiritual life and had the power to move us to tears, time and time again.

We'll miss you so much! Know that you will always be in our hearts and our prayers. We wish you the very best of everything. God bless you and keep you always.

In loving appreciation, St. Andrew's Choir

Submitted by Debbie Stewart.



Fotos by Mitchell



Friendship Club

When: Saturday, May 27th
at 12:30 PM

Where: Kirk Hall

What: Lunch followed by
Dawn and David McLean's
presentation of their recent trip to
*Sunny Spain
and Exotic Morocco.*



Cost: \$10 per person

All members of the congregation
and their guests are
most welcome.

See **Bill Duke** or
Laura Richards to sign up.

HYMN SING!!

Come and offer your voice to the Lord in worship, praise, joy and thankfulness with others from Victoria Presbyterian churches and the community.

**Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.
Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his
presence with singing. Psalm 100: 1, 2**

Dave Rogers accompanies on the piano while we sing together and ask for favourites. We meet the
2nd and 4th Tuesday evening of *each month*,
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Contact the CHURCH OFFICE for more information.

*Free Parking in City Parkade
under the Broughton St. Library*

Usher Teams

MAY: Bruce M., Elizabeth B., Kellie S.,
Colina T., Shelley B., Alistair G.

JUNE: Dave G., Sheelagh G., Helen G., Don M.,
Saul P.

Nursery Schedule - *subject to change*

May 7: Mary D., and ?

May 14: Sabine T., Ted T.

May 21: Paula M., Saul P.

May 28: Mary D., Debra V.

June 4: Paula M., Ardath S.

June 11: Mary D., Kellie S.

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH 7 - 10 p.m. KIRK HALL



It has been a delight to have been part of the renewed participation of people on the 1st Saturday night of most months. Rev. Vincent Tan of the Chinese Presbyterian Church has brought a small intergenerational group of church members and friends to participate in gym games together with us in the Kirk Hall.

Badminton, curling, hockey and basketball are some of the games to enjoy for a fun filled evening of exercise, entertainment and fellowship.



**Come and join in when
we next meet on Saturday, June 3rd from 7 to 10 p.m.**

Badminton, curling, hockey and basketball are some of the games to enjoy for a fun filled evening of exercise, entertainment and fellowship.

Submitted by Bruce McCowan

Children's Page—The Woman at the Well (Word search based on John 4:7-18)

Jesus and His disciples travelled through a country called Samaria. Jews and Samaritans usually did not talk to one another. Jesus sat down beside a well while the disciples went to buy some food. A Samaritan woman came to fill a jar with water. Jesus asked her if He could have some water to drink. The woman was surprised, as men never talked to women in public places back then, and Jesus was a Jew. Jesus also told her that if she asked Him for a drink, He would give her "living water". He told her that the living water would be inside her and that it would give her eternal life. Jesus told the woman that people who worship God should worship in spirit and truth, from their hearts. Jesus also surprised the woman because he knew some secrets about her, even though He was a stranger to her. Jesus told her that He was the Messiah--the Saviour God had promised to send. The woman went back to her town to tell others about Jesus. She brought back many people to hear Him. Several more believed after they heard Him speak.

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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. Romans 10:9