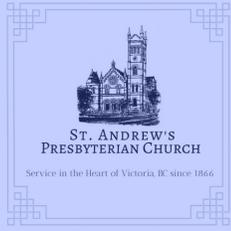




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Parable from the Pastor



What does it mean to be a "member" of St. Andrew's? According to the Book of Forms of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, 140. "Professing members of a congregation, are entitled to all church privileges, are those who have been admitted into the fellowship of the Lord's Table and who, on profession of their faith in Christ and obedience to him, have been received by the session." Church privileges include being eligible to vote at congregational meetings and being eligible to become an elder.

Welcome to all who come in the basis of your faith in Christ! But there are also "adherents" who are not "members". Notice the Book of Forms designation: 109.4 "The session shall assign the names of all members and adherents to the elders who shall keep a list of the names and addresses of those assigned to them, and shall cultivate a personal relationship with those persons through visiting, counselling and encouraging them in the Christian life." Adherents are to be loved and encouraged by our church leadership and their service and presence is vital to the community. There seems to be little difference between member and adherent unless one is called to serve as an elder or vote at a congregational meeting.

Interested in hearing more? Interesting in becoming a full member of St. Andrew's? Consider attending one of the following: A Member/Adherent information class will be held on the following dates:

Sunday, March 8 from 9:45 AM – 10:15 AM in the Lecture Room or Sunday, March 15 during coffee hour in the hall after church. Bring your questions and join the conversation!

Ash Wednesday Service

Tomorrow: February 26 at noon

Lent helps us to prepare for Easter in the way that Advent helps us to prepare for Christmas. Come and begin the Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday

Lenten Bible Study

"Practising New Habits of Spiritual Formation" will use Lenten passages to highlight forming a deeper walk with Christ through prayer, journaling, meditation, fasting, and more. The study will be on Monday's during Lent at 2:00 PM.



Office Volunteer Needed!

Are you (or do you know someone) interested in helping with some reception and light office duties on Fridays during the day? Training will be provided. Send an email to the church office for more information.



- The Wednesday ESL group meets tomorrow at 10:00 am
- The Ash Wednesday service will be at noon.
- The church is open for viewing from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm and for quiet meditation from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Thursday



Presbyterian World Service and Development is how the Presbyterian Church in Canada serves vulnerable communities around the world. This month we raise funds and reflect on those enduring poverty, hunger and injustice and inspire action here in Canada to make change happen around the world.

Did You Know?

Ash Wednesday is the start of the Lent season, traditionally observed as 40 days of prayer, fasting, and repentance in the days before Easter. In Ash Wednesday services, participants receive a blessing of ashes on their foreheads.

“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. (Genesis 3:19)”. The ashes are prepared by burning the palm fronds used the prior year’s Palm Sunday celebration. They represent death and repentance.



Kirk Hall Use

VIEC is an "educational tourism" company located across the street from the Kirk Hall. They specialize in intercultural exchange between Japanese and Canadian students and sometimes use space in the Kirk Hall. They will be in the hall at various times in the beginning of March.

Coastal Scots- UVic History Department

You might be interested in an event that is being held at St. Andrew's: Coastal Scots is a day-long exploration of the lives and experiences of Scottish peoples in the coastal regions of Britain and North America, including British Columbia.

Saturday, 29 February 2020 starting at 9:00 am.

Email cookp@uvic.ca for information.



Do You Want to Fast This Lent?

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words,
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude,
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope,
- Fast from worries and trust in God,
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful,
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy,
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others,
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled,
- Fast from words and be silent, so you can listen.



--Pope Francis



March 1st Communion Sunday

Worship Information

Genesis 2:15-17 & 3:1-7

Matthew 4:1-11

Theme: Testing the Boundaries; Trusting the Boundaries
First Sunday in Lent

A Favourite Hymn: Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Reader: Gail L.

Coffee: Congregational Life

