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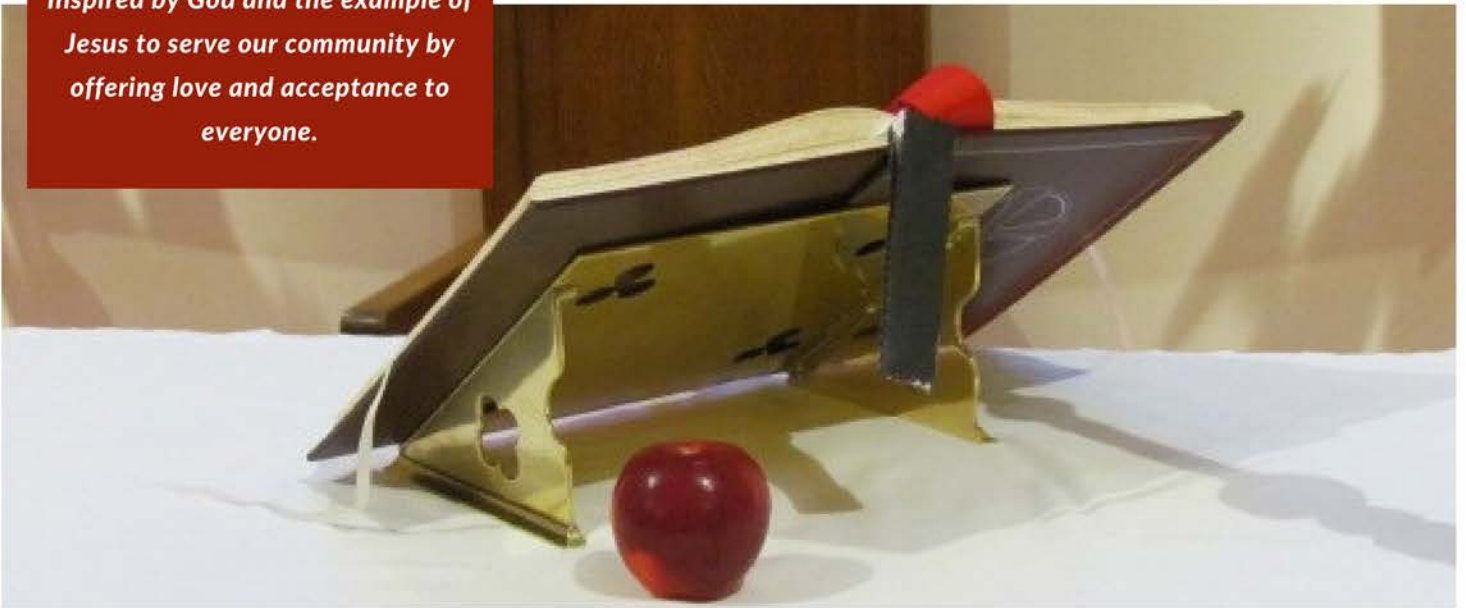
*EVERY GIFT IS  
FROM GOD*  
*Sharing  
Our Talents*





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**Inspired by God and the example of  
Jesus to serve our community by  
offering love and acceptance to  
everyone.**



## From the Editor

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Trina and I wondered what theme would emerge for this issue of Spirit. It usually comes from what you submit in your reports and articles. As the submissions began to fill my inbox, a definite theme of how we spend our time and what our talents are, or stewardship, seemed to surface. What do we spend our time doing? Where do talents come from? Certainly, spending time doing something one loves to do brings joy. But first, don't we have to be passionate about what that is? And doesn't passion come from the Holy Spirit? I believe the reports and articles in this issue of Spirit reflect that.

In this issue, you will find articles about those who love to create, whether it be quilts for others, cakes and hand-crafting for the Christmas Market; or beautiful music, (read Lori's story). You will find those who love to improve or maintain; St. Peter's is no longer technology-challenged with thanks to Tony and his team. And the building and gardens. Read George's maintenance report to see what he and his team have been up to inside; and Gardening 101 to see what Fran, Ellen and their team have been up to outside. Sometimes to tackle these projects, it takes a sense of humour; such as installing a TV. And what really does go on up on the corner? Then there are articles about the desire to help one another; from the prayer chain; on mindfulness and St. Peter's outreach. We've had some fundraisers which help to support financial stewardship: plant sale, book sale, pie sale and car trunk sale with more on the way. There are also reflections on St. Peter ACW memories and on Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

As we get back to fall parish activities, we are encouraged by the steady support and leadership of our Interim Minister, Cathie and our Deacon, David; our Wardens, Lois and Pauline; and Deputy Wardens, Tony and Frank.

With many thanks for all your submissions, for without them we wouldn't have a Spirit. Enjoy the read and join in and celebrate the stewardship of St. Peter's.

*Jane*



Richard Shorty - Spirit of Giving







## ▼ During the Interim

Once again, the folks of St. Peter's are left waiting for a new priest. The diocese has advised the wardens and clergy that there had been no applications for the position.

Deacon David and Cathie attended a regional clergy meeting earlier this month and discussed the situation with the bishop and with Archdeacon Elizabeth. Here is what we learned.

The bishop indicated that our current approach has failed to elicit a viable application twice now and she feels that we need to enter a new process.

There are some significant transitions and changes in responsibility happening in the synod office. Archdeacon Barry Foster is moving toward retirement later this year and is passing some of his responsibilities to the new Executive Archdeacon, the Ven, Eric Partridge. Some of the responsibilities will be passed to the bishop's Executive assistant, Tara Saracuse. Regional Archdeacon Elizabeth Northcott will be playing a more active role in our process as well.

The bishop and Elizabeth both recognize that we are not the same parish we were when we began this process. We are still missing a few old friends who have moved away, become too frail or otherwise have not returned to worship. We have been following up, these people are not being neglected or overlooked. We also have welcomed a steady stream of visitors, people searching for a new church, and newcomers to our parish. The parish has a new face.

We have changed in many other ways as well. Our services are hybrid now, allowing folks to worship from home. We used to describe ourselves as technologically challenged but we have moved far from that place now. Each of us has been through the challenges of this period of COVID19 and it has changed us all. Some of us are tired and many of us are feeling new energy and hope. We are all changed.

So, it seems important to the bishop, and to Parish Council, that we begin again. Our new process will allow new voices to be heard, new learning to be voiced, and will help us to integrate our new insights. Elizabeth will guide and support us as we go through this. We will invoke the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we undertake this. We will plan to advertise in January.

*Cathie Hall, Interim Priest-in-charge*

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EfM Canada office is located on the traditional territories of the Syilx, Westbank First Nation; and EfM groups meet across Canada on the ancestral lands of many Indigenous, Metis and Inuit Peoples. We are grateful for their witness to us. As an organization devoted to adult Christian Education, EfM Canada is committed to offering opportunities for learning and engagement in truth-telling and reconciliation in Canada.





## ▼ Wardens' Report

Lois Tirebuck & Pauline Woods

A lot has been happening in our church since the last Spirit magazine was released at the end of March. Our many groups continue to be very active. The following are groups who always welcome newcomers:

- Monday morning Coffee Hour enjoys meeting outside, 10:00-11:00 a.m., while the weather continues to cooperate. The group meets in the hall when the weather is not cooperating! Jennifer Coolen is the contact person.
- Mindfulness meets Wednesday afternoon, 3:30-4:15 p.m. Contact Jane Jennings or Sue Vickery.
- The Prayer Chain meets on Wednesday mornings. Kate Fitzsimmons is the contact.
- Our ACW meets Wednesday morning in the St. Mathew room, 10:00-11:30 a.m. Contact Bev Lawrence or Lois Tirebuck.
- There are more groups.....read on through the Spirit for more details and activities.

➡ Did you hear that our volunteers at St. Peter Anglican Church held a couple of sewing bees this summer? They were able to donate another ten homemade quilts for the gentlemen at Men's Second Chance. The to-date total for donated quilts...drum roll... 35! Way to go team! For this program, sewing skills are not a pre-requisite. Ironers, cutters and delivery persons are also essential to success.

➡ And - YUM! The ACW held another very successful pie sale with over 35 pies sold. A big thanks to those who supported the fundraiser.

➡ We also were blessed with great weather for our car trunk sale, held two weeks ago.

➡ Hall rentals have continued to increase with 12 step meetings Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Four Yoga classes and regular Strata meetings are also booked into the hall. The ACW Bakers are being flexible with the hall rentals as they prepare for the St. Peter's Christmas Market. This event is an updated version of the Old-Fashioned Christmas Bazaar. The process of preparing the Christmas cakes to be sold at this year's Market will begin soon. The date for the Christmas Market is Saturday, November 12, 2022.

Get ready for a fun-filled evening on Saturday, October 15. Come to the Potluck Dinner and Silent Auction! Musical entertainment will be provided by the Old Time Fiddlers. The sign-up sheets are up. Please sign up and don't forget to include the favourite dish you would like to bring to share with others.

We continue our quest to find a full-time minister. However, for now, we are blessed to have Cathy Hall to continue to provide for our spiritual needs. She is only a phone call away when she is not physically present in our church.

“the best things in life are  
straight from His hands





## ▼ Spirit of Finance

Holly Finn, Treasurer



Holly & her family

I don't know about you, but we had a very busy summer from which I am still recovering! We had family arrive on July 7th, a family gathering in which we all got a gastro "flu", then most of us got COVID. We really didn't mean for it to become a super spreader event! All of us, thankfully, had a mild case. Truthfully, it was good to get it over with and stop worrying about it. Our youngest grandchildren probably had it as well but showed no signs or symptoms – they just kept on trucking!

I managed to get to the church a few times to get the finances done and report to Council. As of the end of August, we have \$101,088.25 in the bank which makes us very flush with cash. Our net income is \$15,453.72 whereas we budgeted for a loss for this period of time of \$12,393.76. As we go into the fall and winter, with our continued search for a full-time Minister, we are very grateful for the steadfast support of the congregation.

Speaking of flushing, I contacted the Diocese to enquire about getting a grant for the new toilets. Long story short, we would only have been able to apply for  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the value of the quote which is about \$3,000. Much to our surprise, the Diocese deposited the money (\$1,500) into our account without us having to go through a lot of red tape! I think that they were rather delighted that we were only requesting a relative "small amount" given the fact that upgrades like that could be very expensive.

“**Thank you to all who have participated in the various fundraisers over this past year. St. Peter is alive and well. Thank you, God!**





# REPORTS

## ▼ Selection Committee Report

Rick Monchak,  
Chair, Search Committee

As announced in church, our parish was not successful in attracting a suitable candidate in the last round of advertising that was recently completed. Barry Foster, Executive Officer for the Diocese, indicates that our situation is not unusual. There is an overall shortage of priests and other vacancies in the Diocese are also not being filled. The increase in the cost of housing is another issue.

In the meantime, we remain very thankful for the continuing leadership, love, and care that Cathie provides to our parish. As always, I'm happy to listen to your thoughts and answer your questions as we move forward in our search.

## ▼ Building Maintenance

George Wagner



### Accomplishments

Much has been accomplished in the time since the Spring edition of the Spirit...

1. The hall interior was refreshed with a slightly modified colour scheme over a period of a month beginning in mid-April. This project, which included wall preparation and repair, cleaning and finally painting was completed by parish

volunteers. Many thanks to Andrea, Ellen, Fran, Frank and Jane M. for their preparation and painting expertise. Also thank you to Glenna for coordinating the paint colours, and to Lois and Glenna for providing snacks for the volunteers.



2. As a result of a break-in of the new shed, aluminum plates were installed under the lock hasp to protect the wood that was damaged on the door. This modification should make the door lock system more secure. Thanks goes out to Roger Jennings for providing and cutting the plates used to secure the shed lock hasp.

3. Our toilet replacement/refurbishment project was completed in September and was partially funded by a grant from the Diocese. We replaced three old low toilets with taller units with low water flush volumes. The remaining two toilets in the handicapped stalls were refurbished with new water filling and flush internals. The rationale for refurbishing the two handicapped units is that they are 1.5" taller than currently available toilets and the taller toilets were deemed beneficial for users.



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| **Painting, building, 'fixing' – a variety of gifts,  
but the same Spirit** 1 Corinthians 12:4





## ▼ Building Maintenance, cont'd



4. A new "Every Child Matters" flag was installed on the gable above the front door of the church replacing the faded t-shirt that was hung there many months ago.
5. Railings were installed each side of the concrete ramps from the north and south sanctuary exit doors to improve safe exit from the church as the drop from the sides of the ramps to ground next to the church building is excessive.
6. Weather stripping on the two west side double exit doors in the hall was replaced to provide a better seal and reduce air leakage from these doors.
7. Documented inspections of our fire safety equipment and the building have occurred most months this year. This is a City Fire Department requirement. We have scheduled a detailed check of our fire extinguishers, emergency lighting and our fire alarm system by fire equipment inspection company on September 29.

## ▼ From the Prayer Chain

Kate Fitzsimmons

### The Prayer of the Chalice

Several years ago, on the table in the Narthex at Saint Peter's, there was a small stand containing cards of different prayers. I don't know where they originated or who had stocked them. I was attracted to one which was called The Prayer of the Chalice, by Frances Nuttall.

In searching for this prayer in written form on the Internet, I thought that the accompanying explanation on the website where I found it said exactly what I would want to say about using a prayer written by someone else as a vehicle for my own prayers.

"I grew up being taught that only extemporaneous prayers were truly from the heart, but over time I have learned that sometimes I can best express my heart through the words of others. They free me from the constraints of my own limited thoughts and words and express my heart in a manner much better than I can do myself.

Here is a wonderful prayer of dedication to God that is not only beautiful in language but also in appearance. It is called the prayer of the chalice by Francis Nuttall."

I long ago committed this prayer to memory so that it would be at hand whenever and wherever I wanted it. Some days it feels like just the right prayer to offer to God in the morning, often with my hands raised. In thinking about that I realize that a human being standing with hands raised creates the shape of a chalice. How appropriate for this prayer!

Father, to You I raise my whole being  
– a vessel emptied of self. Accept, Lord,  
this my emptiness, and so fill me with  
Yourself – Your Light, Your Love, Your  
Life – that these Your precious Gifts  
may radiate through me and over-  
flow the chalice of my heart into  
the hearts of all with whom I  
come in contact this day,  
revealing unto them  
the beauty of  
Your Joy  
and  
Wholeness  
and  
the  
serenity  
of Your Peace  
which nothing can destroy.





## The Merton Prayer

My Lord God,  
I have no idea where I am going.  
I do not see the road ahead of me.  
I cannot know for certain where it will end,  
nor do I really know myself,  
and the fact that I think I am following your will  
does not mean that I am actually doing so.  
But I believe that the desire to please you  
does in fact please you.  
And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.  
I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road,  
though I may know nothing about it.  
Therefore will I trust you always though  
I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.  
  
I will not fear, for you are ever with me,  
and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.



Thomas Merton [1915-1968] A monk who lived in isolation for several years, and yet became one of the most well-known Catholic writers of the twentieth century, Thomas Merton was a prolific poet, religious writer, and essayist with an amazing diversity of published work.

## ▼ Zoom & Other Technology

Tony Smith

The use of Zoom for our worship service at St. Peter is now an established fact. Every Sunday, between six to twelve people regularly attend worship using Zoom. The technology allows the Zoom participants to be readers and make announcements as they are directly connected to the sound system in the church sanctuary.

Zoom can be used for more than just Sunday worship. We have used Zoom to allow people to attend funerals who otherwise could not attend. Zoom has also allowed members of our congregation who are travelling to continue to attend Sunday worship and keep their connections with St. Peter.

Looking ahead, we are hoping that we can use the system to introduce new hymns and video. Using the share function, video messages and hymn lyrics can be put up on the big screen television for both the parishioners in the church and the Zoom participants. We are just beginning to explore the ways this technology can be used to enhance the worship and the life of the church.

If you know someone who would like to attend but is nervous about coming through the church door, please feel free to share the Zoom link and encourage the person to attend a service via Zoom. If you know someone who would like to use Zoom but is intimidated by the technology, please contact me so that I can help the person. Once the basic setup is done, it is surprisingly simple to join a Zoom session by just clicking on the link sent by email. Lastly, if you know someone who is interested in working with this technology, please encourage the person to contact me or provide me with the name so I can make contact. Our team is always looking for additional people to train on using the technology.

Our parish was once described as being technology-challenged but the past two years have demonstrated how incorrect that description is.



God's gift of science & Technology





# REPORTS

## ▼ Photo Essay Installing the TV!

David Fitzsimmons



This is not the way to get a large TV up onto a wall. There was a moment when the TV was halfway up the ladders, being held by three people and it was apparent that we could not get it into place. What the picture doesn't communicate is how heavy the TV is. It is very, very heavy!



We tried again the next day and this time we used scaffolding. It was much better plan. Frank couldn't be with us the second day because he was having a root canal done. After the first day, we were all envious of Frank. As it turned out, with the scaffolding it went quite well.



Once we got it up to the required height, with a place to stand, holding it in place for attachment to the bracket was pretty straight forward. That bracket is substantial, and is bolted into place.



Even though everyone knows what it looks like, here is a picture I took after we were finished. There are no pictures of me crawling around in the crawl space under the sanctuary, pulling the wires from under the TV back to the other end of the building so they could be routed up to the balcony. After holding the staple gun in one hand, the wire in the other hand, and the flashlight in my mouth, I learned that putting the flashlight down in the sand is a bad idea!



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# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...



Holy Week - Sunday April 10 -  
Saturday, April 16



Palm Sunday - Sunday,  
April 10, 10:00 am. Hybrid  
Service - in-person/Zoom



Maundy Thursday Eucharist,  
7:00 pm



Good Friday for Ecumenical  
Community - Friday, April 15  
10:00 am. Zoom only



Easter Sunday Sunrise  
Service at Rotary Beach  
Park



Easter Sunday - Sunday,  
April 17, 10:00 am. Hybrid  
Service - in-person/Zoom



To give a pysanka  
is to give a  
symbolic gift of  
life, which is why  
the egg must  
remain whole. They  
represent  
springtime and  
rebirth.

## ▼ Spring Yard Clean up - April 30 Frances Payne

On a beautiful Saturday morning the last day of April, with dew still dripping from the grass, a brave crew of men and women and one dog, arrived at St. Peter's Church yard with a mission in mind. They wore gloves, carried rakes and began to move quietly towards the huge trees to gather fallen cones, cut away dead branches and clear away signs of our winter past to allow new growth to blossom for all to enjoy over the coming months.

We were served hot chocolate and yummy cookies to keep us going. Sincere thanks to Keith, Sue, Jennifer, Lynn, Judy, Bill, Kathy, Glenna, Rick, Jane. AND thanks to Lois - she stirred the hot chocolate!

We certainly moved at a grand pace and filled many compost bags for which we offer up thanks to Rick and Jane for their three compost disposal truck runs. Thank you to all who took part in helping to clean up our environment.

## ▼ Plant Sale - May 7 Glenna Armitage

ST. PETER ANGLICAN CHURCH 61ST ANNUAL

### PLANT AND DAHLIA SALE!



Garden Tools  
Perennials  
Shrubs  
Annuals  
Mother's Day gifts  
Dahlia Tubers

And much  
more!!

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 9 TO 1  
ST. PETER ANGLICAN CHURCH - 228 S. DOGWOOD STREET

If we include the three virtual plant sales, 2019 - 2021, the 2022 sale was our 61st Plant Sale. We were all so excited to have our traditional plant sale again and really enjoyed bringing back the St. Peter's Plant Sale which Campbell River was waiting for. Thanks to the efforts of volunteers who offered vital planning, advertisement, planting, sales support, gardening knowledge, coffee, snacks and lunch. We had successful sale.

This year we created a plant sale, offering an abundant variety of plants. Careful consideration of the placement of plants really defined areas of interest. We helped all customers find a few new plants to enhance their gardens. I found a few new plants for my own garden; and it was fun!





# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...

## ▼ Plant Sale, cont'd

The camaraderie and vitality of our dedicated people brought joy to St. Peter's. With donations of pots and plants from St. Peter's Parish and the Campbell River community. We had people potting plants; selling plants on-line; cleaning up the churchyard and shed; labeling and pricing; nourishing us with coffee and goodies.

We created a walking adventure for gardeners with a church yard full of plants, enabling gardeners to find the perfect plant for their space. It was fun joining together to create an event of which we were so proud. Each year we help Campbell River people create a new canvas in the gardens, we nourish the wonder around us.



## ▼ Bishop Anna Visits & Blesses the Labyrinth - May 8



The Blessing Given by Bishop the Right Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee

You are blessed, Holy God, for you have put into our hearts a longing to draw near to you. We give you thanks for this place of journey where we can be near to you in prayer and action. We give you thanks for the faithfulness of the people of this parish in contribution to this project and in prayerful work to build it. We pray for those who are remembered here. May this labyrinth be a place of blessing for all who use it as they contemplate their life's journeys.



**God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone, but in trees and in the flowers & cloud & stars.**

Martin Luther

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# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...



## ▼ Book Sale - June 25



The St. Peter's Annual Book Sale was held at the end of June this year. We had donations from parishioners, Willow Point book store, and the community of Campbell River. There were so many books that we spread them out; nonfiction in the Narthex and fiction, children and youth, biography, travel in the hall. Customers were welcomed at the main entrance and encouraged to follow the safety protocols for COVID 19 and walk in one direction through the sale and out the hall door. Customers were welcome to make the trip through the sale as many times as the wanted.



After not having a book sale for two and a half years there were so many donations. At the end of the sale, we delivered a truckload of old books to the dump and a truckload of non-fiction to the Comox Valley Rotary Book Sale. We still had 53 boxes of fiction and some non-fiction books to find a home for; we were most thankful when Comox Valley Rotary arranged to make a trip to Campbell River and pick up these remaining boxes of books which filled two trucks!

Many thanks to the volunteers who helped to move and sort books in preparation for the sale; and many thanks to the volunteers who helped clean up by packing boxes of books and by breaking down boxes to be recycled, at the end of the sale. Again, thank you to the parish for supporting this fundraiser.

## ▼ Gardening 101 @ St. Peter - Summer 2022

Frances and Ellen

Another year of keeping the gardens in pristine shape! This season has come and gone very quickly due to cold weather spring. The Rhodo and Azalea Queens did a fantastic job of recovery from the extreme heat of summer 2021, which tried to bake the leaves off all their branches.

Speedy Jane did an excellent job of mowing the west lawn and parts in between. Rick kept the yard waste down and worked the grounds over with his weed eater.



Elaine while unable to jump on her ride-on lawn mower due to the dry grass and hazard of fire, got out her weed eater and worked on the grass around the bricks in the Labyrinth. Ellen and Frances took to digging away old roots, transplanting and moving plants around just to add the colour variety you had a chance to see all summer; all this while watching for our "slithering friends" (snakes) that loved to hide under all plants. George and Ellen also dug up our bamboo, which had gotten out of hand, and sold it at the Plant Sale. And, now, with the beginning of fall, it's time to put these plants, shrubs and bulbs to bed for the winter.

Thank you one and all for your time and love of gardens and for making our property such a community showcase.

PS: We are looking for garden care recruits to sign up for Season 2023! It has been suggested we divide the gardens up and assign each of us portion. Thus, us long time gardeners could to take a step back and allow you to share your love of gardening.!





# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...

## ▼ On the Corner - I Didn't Mean It...Honest!

Jennifer Coolen



The rhododendrons on the corner of Pinecrest and Dogwood were pruned, had bark mulch and fertilizer placed around their toes, and there was plenty of water to keep them happy. That was until early July; when summer truly arrived, and the rain stopped.

In the Spring Issue of the Spirit, I mentioned the 2021 Heat Dome survivor that had about 8 leaves still on its branches. When I pruned, I couldn't bring myself to be harsh. I could see so many red leaf buds, trying to push forth. I decided that I would prune harder next year when the plant had fully recovered.

Summer arrived and, at the end of most days, Lynn and I could be found with the watering hose in hand, dousing the rhodos on the berm. Thanks to George, there was a continuous hose that reached from the west side of the church to the corner, by the cross.

Sometimes the water was misdirected through the bushes, inadvertently finding a human target, thus the comment, "I didn't mean it ... honest!". Giggle. The months of watering have had their rewards. I would like to encourage you to wander over to the berm. There are many tiny, fresh leaves decorating the branches on all the bushes: a firm promise for continued life of the bush and blooms next Spring.

## ▼ ACW Fruit Pie Sale - September



The ACW ladies have just had another very successful pie sale with over 35 pies being made. A big thanks to those who supported the fundraiser.



## ▼ Reconciliation Day - September





## OUTREACH - LOCAL AND GLOBAL



### ▼ Quilts for Second Chance Recovery Program - June - September



Thank you to all of the dedicated sewers who made a total of 10 wonderful quilts for donation to the Second Chance Recovery program in Campbell River. In many cases, the quilts are the first new personal possessions as the men have come into the program with nothing. To date, a total of 35 quilts have been donated.

### ▼ Grass Roots Kind Hearts - Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20, Jan. 17

Volunteers are always welcome to help us prepare and serve food for the Grassroots/Kind Hearts dinner program for people in need. We participate in this community program every third Tuesday of the month. If you would like to help, contact Diana at 250-286-1613 or email [stpeterscampbellriver@shaw.ca](mailto:stpeterscampbellriver@shaw.ca) with "GRKH" in the subject line. Diana would be joyful and love to have the roster filled early!

*Still Serving*  
**GRASSROOTS KIND  
HEART DINNER**



St. Peter

### ▼ Sunflowers for Ukraine - March/April



In the spring, Ching Ho set up a fundraiser for Ukraine through the purchase of sunflower seeds from West Coast Seeds. For the month of March, West Coast Seeds donated 100 percent of proceeds from the online sunflower seed packet sales to the Canadian Red Cross Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal. The funds donated went towards, preparedness, relief efforts, long-term recovery, resiliency and other humanitarian efforts in Ukraine and surrounding countries. Our dahlia garden shares its space with several sunflowers this year. And the bees love them!

“**Philippians 2:3-4 - ...in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.**”





### ▼ ACW - Glasses for Third World Eye Care Society - October 2

Frances Payne

As part of our outreach program, ACW members, Frances Payne took on a project to help those desperate to have a pair of glasses. St. Peter Anglican Church parishioners have been dropping off their old prescription glasses, sunglasses and reading glasses.

Rosalie Meier from ACW took this project further by approaching Berwick staff where she lives and to date, we have collected 68 pairs of glasses. Lois Tirebuck, another ACW member, has a daughter, Lexi, working in a nursing home and she too is going to approach her boss to see if they will contribute to the cause.



The torch has been lit, now watch how fast the flame will shine. There is a box inside the front door of the church marked "Glasses" for collecting the pairs of glasses. Keep those glasses coming; we have until October 2, 2022.

Doctors Without Borders will be holding clinics in third world countries. The collected glasses will be cleaned and repaired if required, and handed over to the Third World Eye Care Society to be distributed. The gift of improved vision to those people who cannot afford glasses is a true gift indeed. Sincere thanks to contributors! Blessings to all who have passed on their generosity to others.

**We interrupt this newsletter to bring you news as it happened!**

### BREAKING NEWS



## WE TOGETHER DIOCESAN CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 1, 2022

Your reporter, Tony Smith

On September 30 and October 1, the Diocese of BC held its first in person conference since COVID arrived in early 2020. The conference was held at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Nanaimo. Attending from St. Peter's here in Campbell River were our clergy, Cathie and David, and your reporter, Tony Smith.

Complete report follows on Page...





# BREAKING NEWS

## WE TOGETHER DIOCESAN CONFERENCE 2022

Your reporter on site, Tony Smith

After registration, a delightful catered dinner was provided by an Iranian family that the parish of St. Paul helped a few years earlier by sponsoring their refugee claim. After dinner, Bishop Anna spoke about the two themes of the conference; reconciliation and the future of the church. Bishop Anna provided some interesting history of the Anglican Church here on Vancouver Island as she talked about the difference between Anglicanism (the faith and practices of the Anglican Christian Churches) and Anglianism (the state church and its role in colonization on Vancouver Island.)

The next morning the first keynote speaker was Jillian Harris. She is an elder originally from Penelakut Island. She spoke of her experiences as a residential school survivor and her thoughts on reconciliation. Though I detected some anger at times in her talk, she was optimistic and hopeful. First Nations did not need to be told what to do to move forward. The task for us, including the church, was active listening and participation with the First Nations as partners.

After her keynote, we broke into small groups to discuss questions that arose from her address.

After a boxed lunch which allowed us to go outside to enjoy the excellent late summer weather, the second keynote, by Rachel Brown, was given. Rachel is a professor at the University of Victoria and a co-author of the book *Religion at the Edge*. The book is a further exploration of the Cascadia thesis. Rachel discussed religion in Cascadia, which includes Vancouver Island. A key statistic that was repeated a number of times is that 22% of Canadians claim to have no religious affiliation, however, in British Columbia the number claiming no religious affiliation is 50%. This has major implications for the future of the Anglican Church here on Vancouver Island. Many in BC, however, claim a close connection to nature and though it has a scientific basis it has an overlay of mysticism.

Again, there was small group discussion focussing on the church's future here. I came away from the discussion feeling that there were a lot more questions than answers and that the operation of the church was likely to be very different in the future. There was, fortunately, still a cautious optimism.

The conference finished Friday afternoon with a Eucharist service. Overall, the weekend was a worthwhile experience for me. Besides the intellectual challenge of the material presented at the conference, the weekend gave me an opportunity to expand my horizon beyond our immediate, local parish and meet people from other parts of the diocese. I would certainly urge members of our parish to attend diocesan events in the future and strengthen our connection with the other parishes that make up our church community on Vancouver Island.



## *Monday Morning Coffee Hour*

The Monday Morning Coffee Hour is now into its third year. Can you believe it? What started as a way for new people, during COVID, to meet members of the congregation, has become a weekly event!

Coffee and lawn chairs in hand, the group has been able to meet outdoors for almost three months. The topics of conversation range from the frivolous to serious, as we gaze upon the world and contemplate the daily news.

Hopefully there will be a few more Mondays outside, but the time is coming when we will be forced back inside. I will then be found in the Church Library setting up my laptop, around 9:45 a.m. on Monday mornings, for a 10 a.m. start.

Feel free to join me in person in the library, or to connect via Zoom, with the group. The Zoom connection is permanent. Call Jen or the church (250-286-1613) for the Zoom Meeting sign on number. Look forward to seeing you.

## MONDAY MORNING COFFEE TIME

10 am at St.  
Peter Anglican  
Church or via  
ZOOM



## *Mindfulness - Reducing Anxiety*

This mindful meditation is about reducing our anxiety, whether it is worry about our loved ones, ourselves or the world in general. The mindful approach to doing this is to accept the situation honestly and fully as we let go of expectations, judgement, or clinging to what we want to happen.

When we feel anxious, we know that low level anxiety can so easily become high level stress. We need to be kind to ourselves, to respect our limits; to not get caught up in the hype, the what if's, the useless worry that confronts us everyday.

Mindfulness reminds us to let go of the things we cannot control. To let go of useless thoughts, let go of emotions that cause upset, and to let go of reactions in our body that are a reaction to stress. We have come far, we have been through over two years of this pandemic, during which the world has also changed. Now it is time to accept that we are living at this threshold, the threshold of the unknown, the threshold of today.

To find peace, let the known and unknown worries and dangers float away, as on a cloud, and turn your attention to accepting peace in this moment. We know that the Universe, God, will hold us up. We let go, so that we can inhabit the unknown, mindfully aware that the present moment is all there is. We are alive and thankful for this present moment.





# WHAT'S COMING UP...

## Potluck Dinner & Silent Auction - October 15, 2022

If you have read the Wardens' Report, you will know St. Peter's is having a potluck dinner and silent auction with music. But how does this happen? Here is some more information about the event.

Please bring your favourite dish for the potluck dinner. Invite your friends and family. The sign-up sheets are up. Along with your name, don't forget to include the number of people and the potluck item when you sign up.

Also, the Silent Auction needs your donations. If you have good quality items you would like to donate, or a service you are able to provide, please call the church office. Items do not have to be brand new but must be in good condition or well made. Art is always a favourite. Services are the giving of your time and talent. In the past we have had boating trips, sewing and woodworking projects, gardening help; even a short helicopter trip to view Campbell River. The sky's the limit!



The Civic Election is the same day. Don't forget to vote before you come to the dinner!



## Christmas Market - Nov. 12, 10 am to 3 pm

The Christmas Market will be a little different from the Christmas Bazaar held pre-COVID. This year, we have invited ten artisans to join the ACW ladies in the hall. The artisans will pay the market for table space and have items they have hand-crafted available for sale. There will be pottery, felting, painting, quilting and sewing; just to name a few.

The ACW ladies will have their famous Christmas cakes along with a selection of home-made baking as well as many items made with a double-dose of love. The Christmas Baskets, of course, will be available filled with unique items of a theme to take the guess work out of "What do I buy for that special person?"

And of course, there will be a Silent Auction with items that are one of a kind. If you have good quality items which you would like to donate to the silent auction, please contact the church office. The Christmas Market will be from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 12. We look forward to seeing you there!!







## Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Barb Henshall



I wonder what you have been thinking about in the past three weeks as the long reign of Queen Elizabeth II came to an end. Gratefully there has been tremendous media coverage. To most, the Queen was the only Monarch that we have known. I do remember the Vancouver newspaper coming to the door and my parents being upset by the death of King George VI.

The first time that I saw her as a princess was in Burnaby zipping by in a convertible waving at the crowds and there were lots even then.

As the Coronation approached and was going to be televised, my parents sold the piano for a new black and white TV. I sat up all night, watching the black and white snow storm from Westminster Abbey. What a beautiful coach pulled by those stunning horses and I wondered how I could get a ride in it? Doesn't every little girl dream of something great like that? The grandeur! And we now had TV and I didn't have to "practice" anymore! I'm not sure which was better. TV or piano? Not too many years later Elvis and the Beatles were on the Ed Sullivan show; I am sure you can relate to this!!!

Over the years the media coverage was extensive, especially the "Star Weekly." I almost knew them better than my own family in Alberta. We watched their family grow as they went through the same milestones, celebrations and rituals as most Canadians did during that time. The Queen was in Canada many times, and once anchored her ship Britannia, in the bay off Comox. Of course, we saw it.

The last time I saw her was in Christ Church Cathedral, in Victoria. Bishop Barry Jenk's secretary phoned. "I have an extra ticket for the Queen's service. Would you like it?" "Yes!" I arrived at 11:45 a.m., just in time. She had two tickets. So, my daughter Sarah and I got to the Cathedral and were escorted to our seats, in the Chapel to the left, six feet away from the Queen and Prince Phillip and we could see their expressions. No one was allowed to leave their seat. The regional Archdeacons, including Peter Parker, Archdeacon of Nimpkish, processed in with Dean Wright and the Bishop. It was a special service for the Queen.





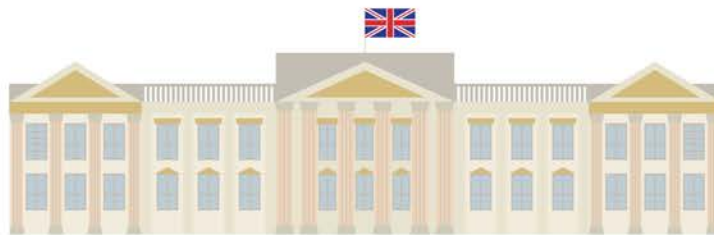
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The Queen was a "faithful" role model as Supreme leader in the Church of England. She made and kept her vows and stated on becoming Queen - to "serve" and she did in an exemplary dignified manner! She loved others, especially her own family and respectfully put others at ease. She loved horses, Corgis and her pony Emma and the environment. She had a fantastic memory and was a "unifying force." She was a person to look up to.

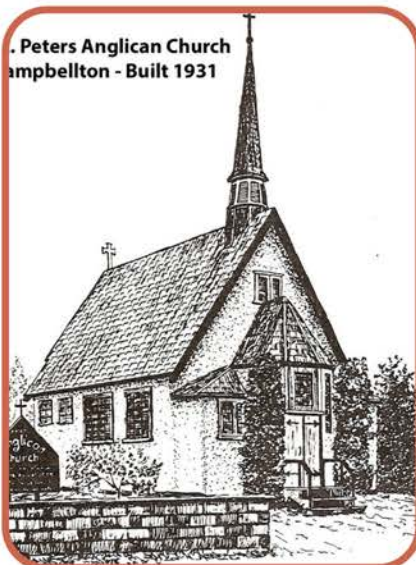
Again, in the middle of the night while watching the funeral from Westminster Abbey, I reflected on her life and the service she had given the world. The lasting image is the Queen's humour with an infectious smile as she had tea with Paddington Bear on the last day of her 70th Jubilee. "Perhaps you would you like a marmalade sandwich? I always have one for an emergency." as Paddington pulled his out of his hat! "This is where I keep mine (in her purse); for later." "Thank you, Ma'am, for the 70 years!" "That's very kind!" "Happy Jubilee Ma'am! Thank you for -everything!"

PS I am also thankful for the gift of the cruise circumnavigating the British Isles. Ken and I had walked the Royal Mile in Edinburgh, stood by Holyrood House, spent a day in Westminster Abbey, and some time in London so it was familiar and meaningful!



## ACW Memories

*Rosalie Meier*



Bev Lawrence asked me to write down some of the old days of ACW. Firstly, the women's group was called the Women's Auxiliary, WA.

I was introduced to the group by Millie Grice, a long-time member of St Peter's. She was very active in the church; she was the custodian of the hall in the old church on the highway. She was also involved with youth groups. Anyway, I met her through our husbands. They were involved in logging.

In those days, there were two WA groups, morning and





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afternoon. The older women of the church met in the afternoons and the younger women in the evenings. Meetings were held in homes. Millie invited me to the evening group being held in her home. In those days membership was twenty-five to thirty women. I enjoyed the evening and joined the group. This was the late 1950s.

As well as the Christian part of the focus of the group we were involved in some fundraising. We were a mission church and money was tight in our parish. The WA was anxious to help with the cost of running the church. Canon Proctor was the priest in the time when I first became a member of the church. There have been many priests since.

One of the ways we raised money was rummage sales. In those days there were no thrift shops. We collected clothing and household items. We advertised the event and they were fairly well attended. Later on, it was decided that the work involved wasn't making the rummage sales viable. Also, the hospital Thrift Shop had opened.



St. Peter's Anglican Church, built in 1931 and Campbell River Public School, built in 1924 (later known as Elm School) - Carl Thulin Collection



The Ladies Auxiliary meet at the Pidcock family home in 1924 (later the Haig-Brown House) - Ivy McDonald Collection

It was decided we would start some catering work and also some public dinners. The catering became busy with weddings and other celebrations. In those days, most weddings were held in churches. One I will never forget. It was a large wedding and the bride wanted a head table with fourteen places. She wanted the plates to be made up and placed on the head table. The rest of the attendees were served buffet style. The bride and groom and family were off having their pictures taken. In the meantime, the Master of Ceremonies decided to pop a bottle of champagne. The cork hit the ceiling fixture over the head table. It was a florescent





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and the light bulbs had a powder inside. The tube shattered and the broken glass and powder fell on the head table. We were stunned! The group of us rallied round, cleaned off the table including the table cover and replaced everything including fourteen new plates of dinner. The table looked as nice as it had before. All this before the wedding party arrived. All we could do was laugh about it.

We used to do public family dinners and sold tickets for five dollars. The menu was usually baron of beef, mashed potatoes and gravy and two vegetables. Desserts were varied but the favourite was angel food cake with a compote of fruit and whipped cream. These dinners were well attended; we made our family members buy tickets.

During those years, Joan Pengelley, Lucy Trevett and Peggy Tasker formed a guild. They decided to start a plant sale. They were gardeners. The rest of the parish pitched in and it was a success! One of the most popular items were the boxes of manure. My husband and I went to UBC farm and filled the boxes. We sold them for a dollar a box. The plant sale has continued on and has become the biggest money make for our church. Over the years there have been many people of the parish who have contributed so much to the plant sale.

Our Christmas bazaars have grown over the years. They have been a big success. COVID 19 has caused a stop in most activities in the church. Some of the newer members of ACW have been making Christmas cakes, pies, jams and jellies for sale. They are sold over the internet and by word of mouth. They have also been involved in doing our mission outreach. We continue to support children, women and the homeless. We all realize how important our outreach is. There have been many other areas we have been involved with over the years. The most important is our support of each other. Through sorrow and good times, we have been there for each other. In my case I look on them as sisters.

"To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of the church, original church members gathered June 24th, 1956. Top row (left to right): Cecil (Cougar) Smith; Rev. Canon Alan Greene, first incumbent; C. Hayes Sr.; C. Hayes Jr.; and E.P. Painter. Middle row: Mrs. A.C. Simms, Mrs. R. Hopton, Mrs. R. Masters, Mrs. Greene, Mrs. Wickstrom, Mrs. E. Pengelley, Mrs. E.P. Painter, and Mrs. J. Sutherland. Bottom row: Mrs. Pidcock, Mrs. J. Fitzgerald, Mrs. J. Forbes, Mrs. H. Haye, Mrs. J. Edgett (of Courtenay), Mrs. D. Vanstone, and Mrs. Dave Gillan."





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## Did you know...

Rosalie M. Meier, received the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award April 20, 1999.

Rosalie Meier started volunteering with the Canadian Cancer Society in 1965 as a door-to-door canvasser. She has since held every position on her unit's executive, including thirty years as fundraising chair. Under her direction, the unit has consistently met or exceeded its fundraising goal, despite frequent mill closures and economic instability. She coordinates the April Canvassfundraising event every year and spearheaded Campbell River's first Jail 'n Bail fundraising event, generating more than \$50,000 in a community of just 40,000 people. In addition to her work for the Cancer Society, Mrs. Meier volunteers in her church and at an intermediate care hospital.

From the Editor- Jane



## Quentin's Quest - Arriving on the Cusp

*Quentin Dodd, The Campbell River Observer*



So here we are, all of sudden it seems, on the cusp of a new October, with less than three months to go before we're into Christmas and all the beauty and wonder of the Advent season.

And I'll bet that, like me, you've hardly even started thinking about Christmas and all that could be involved in that this year. (Though we did touch on it in the Liturgical Advisory Committee meeting at St. Peter's the other day.)

Which puts me in mind of a very old friend (that is long-standing, not ancient!) who happens to live across the River Thames from Windsor Castle, who I'm sure has already begun to think about her Christmas cards list. She happens to be one of those incredibly organized Anglican/CofE women who quite put us disorganized males (of which I have to admit I'm truly one) to shame!

And that puts me in mind of another great change that came upon many of us the other day with the sudden death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, much beloved by so many hundreds of thousands of people throughout the world as a kind of grandmotherly matriarch and monarch in a real democracy.

Speaking personally, even after watching the entire funeral on CBC at the home of some kind friends, I'm still having difficulty in getting my mind round her departure and her instantaneous and possibly momentous replacement by King Charles III, who happens to be very much a contemporary of mine. I was born just six months before him.

All of which brings back to the matter of seasonality. Or, as the Bible and Bible-based song of old say, "To every season, there is a time, a time for every purpose under heaven."

So as a new fall (or autumn if you prefer) comes upon us, it is perhaps a good time to reflect that we're also urged to be always prepared for what's likely to come at us at some time. And that in this life there is nothing quite as certain as change. It just keeps on happening day by day, month in, month out, year after year, sometimes for better, sometimes for worse.





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## Quentin's Quest - Arriving on the Cusp, cont'd

So, I write this as a salute to Her Royal Highness, not least as Head of the Church of England, the Church of Scotland, which was well recognized in my family when I was a child, and of The Anglican Church of Canada.

I also give a literary, respectful bow of the head to our new king and church leader, who slipped so quietly and humbly into place at the moment of QEII's death. I pray he will grow to be almost as cherished by "his" people as his truly charming and unfailingly courteous, ever-tactful and deeply caring mother following her lifetime of service to them.

I wonder if he will revive the family tradition of the Monarch and Consort and members of their closest family by spending Christmas at the royal house at Sandringham, in the county of Norfolk, not far from where I first entered journalism.

As Tiny Tim said in that other Charles's novel, A Christmas Carol, "God bless us every one."



## A Small World Story

Jennifer Coolen



I was on the berm one day in late August, watering the rhododendrons.

At some point, I turned around and found that a lady had come to introduce herself. As she spoke with a Scottish accent, I asked her from whence in Scotland she came. The answer was Stirling. I remarked that it was a very pretty town. Had I been there? Yes, I had travelled to Scotland, years ago, to meet long time friends of my parents and they had given me a tour to Sterling.

Further into the conversation, I mentioned that the man of the couple I was visiting, was from Newfoundland originally. I was asked the last name of the friends in Scotland. I answered "Downer". She replied, "Cyril and Barbara?"

What are the chances that her parents were fast friends with a couple in Scotland who were friends of my parents, a couple who lived in Nova Scotia?

**"Nothing happens by accident. God is directing each one of your steps."**





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## What's the story behind our resident 'voice of an angel', Lori Gooldrup?

*Kate Fitzsimmons*

When she was a young girl growing up in Victoria, Lori's mom decided she should learn to play piano, so at age 10 she bought Lori a piano which she still has and plays today. She took piano lessons for many years, realizing before long that music was her consuming passion (although she is also a talented artist, but that's another story). When she and a friend were in junior high school, they decided to become folksingers, practiced playing their guitars and singing, and put a little act together. They were often asked to perform at school assemblies. When she got older, Lori sang with a band.



When she moved to Campbell River Lori got involved with musical theatre, performing lead roles in *The Mikado*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Tyee Town*, *Oklahoma*, *Wizard of Oz*, *Music Man*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, and most recently, *Nunsense*. She sang with the community choir, Campbell River Singers, for many years, often as a featured soloist with her beautiful soprano voice.

If music has been her passion, Lori's faith has been her strength. Her mother, herself a person of deep faith, nurtured Lori's faith from the time she was a little girl. She was baptized as an infant, attended Sunday School for many years, and participated in CGIT. Though she has had highs and lows in life as most people do, it has been her faith in God that has helped her through some very difficult times.

So how did Lori come to attend Saint Peters? She says that's kind of a funny thing because it wasn't until she crashed her car and survived without a scratch that she decided she should go back to church. Because Peter Parker whom she knew from Campbell River Singers choir was the minister, that was the church she chose to attend.

Pandemic has brought changes to the way many things are done. Lori loves being part of the current music team which plans and leads music on Sunday mornings, sometimes as a vocalist, others as the pianist.

Lori has participated in as many musical opportunities as came her way to pursue her love of music. In the past couple of years, she has been working on a CD, which has now been produced under her stage name, Lori Wik. She has recorded some absolutely beautiful songs on this CD, which is called *Cover to Cover*. It is available for purchase now if you are interested in having one. Simply get in touch with Lori at church.

That accident? Interesting story...Racing home one dark winter's night up General Hill after work, worried about her horse which had been injured at home that day, Lori hit some black ice. Her car broke loose and spun. In her panic she did not lift her foot off the gas but kept her foot on. The car spun around and around and flipped onto its side. Her car stopped, barely balanced on the edge of a steep slope.

Before long, a stranger came by and stopped to help. He pulled the far door open and helped her to climb out. She stepped on the steering wheel to get high enough to get herself out. Thankfully, her car didn't tip and slide down the slope. Broken glass and loose items were spread around the car. When she checked herself out, she could not believe that she had not one bump, scratch, or cut. No broken bones. Nothing.

In those days there were many trucks filled with coal which would come barreling regularly down the hill. They would have hit her, or she them if one had been coming. There were none that day.

Pretty 'lucky'? Miracles? Angels? Whoever has eyes to see, let them see.





## SUMMER CELEBRATIONS

Parish Barbeques June 12 & August 28



Hedderson family summer holiday on Salt Spring Island

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Deaths



Stan Proctor - August 29, 1938 - July 17, 2022

Rut Birgitta (Bea) Meier - September 30, 1942 - September 4, 2022

### *Are you fully vaccinated? Did you get your booster?*

Vaccinate, vaccinate, vaccinate, - for the sake of the world! If you have not received your vaccination, please make an appointment immediately. If you need a ride or a companion, please call our priest, Cathie Hall, at 250-668-3701. Every vaccinated person brings us closer to safety, and to the safety of our unvaccinated children and grandchildren.

### *Pastoral care at St. Peter during the interim - the Reverend Dr. Cathie Hall*

My phone number is 250-668-3701 and email is [incumbent@stpeterscampbellriver.com](mailto:incumbent@stpeterscampbellriver.com). If it is urgent call any time. Non-urgent calls can be made on Wednesdays and Sunday afternoon.

### *Staying Connected*

Some parish members can't be present and don't have computers and email addresses. We would still like to let them know the news of the parish and make sure they know that they are cared for. You can do your part by phoning someone you know and checking in with them. You can also let the office know their name and Cathie will send them a bulletin and some encouraging words. The church office phone number is 250-286-1613.





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## *Need the leaflet mailed to you?*

If you want to receive a bulletin, or if you know someone in the parish who does, please call or email the parish office and let us know. We will mail or deliver it.

## *On-going at St. Peter...*

### **Church Office Hours**

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. – Noon

### **Worship Opportunities**

Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist – Hybrid – Zoom and in-person, in the Sanctuary

Services are from the Book of Alternative Services.

### **Weekly Events**

Monday, 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour in-person on the west lawn or in the library or on Zoom

Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. ACW in the Library

Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. Mindfulness on Zoom

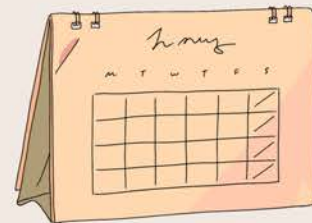
### **Serving the Community at St. Peter**

Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday evenings six 12-Step groups meet in the building

Tuesday evening. Wednesday and Thursday mornings - Yoga Classes

## *Important dates to add to your calendar:*

- October 9 - Harvest Thanksgiving
- October 15 - Pot luck dinner, with music and silent auction
- November 6 - All Saints
- November 12 - Christmas Market
- November 13 - Visit of Bishop Anna
- November 20 - Last Sunday after Pentecost: The Reign of Christ
- November 27 - First Sunday of Advent
- December 25 - Sunday and Christmas



## *Parish Staff and Leaders*

Bishop's Warden: Lois Tirebuck

People's Warden: Pauline Woods

Deputy Wardens: Tony Smith and Frank Maga

Treasurer: Holly Finn

Musicians: Georgia Smith, Kate Fitzsimmons and Lori Gooldrup

Custodian: Gwen Demerse

Prayer Chain: Kate Fitzsimmons

Communications Director: Trina Soltys

Envelope Secretary: Frank Maga

Healing Prayer Ministry: Sue Vickery

Lay Assistants and Readers: Pauline Woods

ACW President: Bev Lawrence, Lois Tirebuck

Mindfulness: Jane Jennings

Coffee Monday: Jennifer Coolen

Sunday School: Jane Monchak, Diana Hicks

Altar Guild President: Frances Hudock

Librarian: Jane Jennings

Community Garden Liaison: Rick Monchak

Safe Church: Andrea Charlton

PWRDF Rep: Barb Henshall

Building: George Wagner

