



Life & Work of St. Aidan's

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May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again;
May God hold you in the palm of His hand. (traditional Gaelic blessing)

Monthly Congregational Meeting TODAY has been cancelled. The next meeting will be held on May 26 after the service.

Life & Work Submissions

Email to: office@staidansunited.com by Wednesday

May 5th is Communion Sunday! St. Aidan's has established a new spiritual practice. On Communion Sundays, every first Sunday of the month, we are asking the **congregation to donate non-perishable food items** for the Shelbourne Community kitchen or our own church pantry. SCC are in particular need of canned meats, vegetables and fruit as well as rice, plain beans and toilet paper. There is a shopping cart in the Narthex in which to put the goods and they will be presented at the same time as the offering.

As we feast at Christ's table, may we also be mindful of those in our community who are facing food insecurity. A little from each of us can add up to making a great difference in the lives of others! May it be so.

Sunday School Snapshot

This Sunday, the children will revisit the Easter story, remembering the good news of God's love through the life of Jesus. They will also hear how Jesus' early disciples were empowered to spread this good news. We, like them, are called to bear witness to God's amazing, transforming love!

Voices in Motion I Choir Concert TODAY at St.

Aidan's Church at 2:30 pm

Tickets are \$10. Voices in Motion II Choir Concert will be held at the Victoria Christian Reformed Church on Thursday, May 2 at 4:30 pm. Members of St. Aidan's congregation are involved in both choirs. Please come and support this wonderful project which engages persons with dementia, their caregivers, and high school students.



Weekly Activities at St. Aidan's

- Sundays 9 am Meditation Drop-in
10 am Sunday Service
Intercultural Lunch at restaurant (1st Sunday)
11:40 am Intercultural Mini Workshop (3rd Sunday)
11:15 am Congregational Meeting (last Sunday)
- Mondays 9:30 am Caregiver & Tots Drop In
10:30 am Bible Study Group
- Tuesdays 10:30 am Moira's Meditation
- Wednesdays 10am-2pm & 4-8 pm Thrift Shop **OPEN**
1:30 – 4 pm Bookworms (1st and 3rd Wednesday)
2 pm Happy Hour (Seniors Gathering)
5:30-6:15 pm Sunshine Choir (kids)
- Thursdays 10:00 am – noon Craft Connections
2:30 pm Intercultural Conversation with Cheryl/Julie
2-5 pm Ping Pong Fun Time in the Lower Hall
5 – 6:30 pm Choir practice - Cantamus
6:30 pm Ted Boulden Singers
- Saturdays (last of month) 10 am – 2pm Thrift Shop

Dates to Remember

- April 28 *Voices in Motion Concert* 2:30 – 4 pm
- April 29 Jewellery Sorting & Pricing Party 1-3 pm
- May 3 Book Sort 12-3:00 pm
- May 4 3rd Annual Garden Sale Fundraiser Shelbourne CK
- May 25 Annual Book Sale
- June 22-23 Camp Pringle with CBUC & First Met
- July 15-19 St. Aidan's Children's Camp
- July 22-26 St. Aidan's Senior's Camp

**OFFICE HOURS: Mon.-Thursday 10 am–3 pm
(closed Friday & STATs)**

Email office@staidansunited.com to receive our weekly email.
It's full of church and wider community news.

Garden Sale Fundraiser Saturday- May 4, 2019 @ St. Aidan's

Muffins and Baked Goods are needed for the Coffee Table at the Garden Sale on Saturday, May 4th. If you are able to provide some goodies please deliver them to the upstairs kitchen on Friday May 3rd and label them "Garden Sale". Spread the word about this fundraiser!

GARDEN SALE
A FUNDRAISER FOR THE SHELBOURNE COMMUNITY KITCHEN
www.shelbournecommunitykitchen.ca

PERENNIALS - ANNUALS - VEGGIES - GARDEN TOOLS - GIFTS & MORE!

SATURDAY
MAY 4TH
10AM - 2PM

ST. AIDAN'S
UNITED CHURCH
3703 ST. AIDAN'S ST.

Free Admission

FAMILY EVENT - CRAFTS FOR KIDS

Jewellery Sorting & Pricing Party – April 29 from 1-3 in the Lower Hall. All are welcome. If you have a friend that might be interested, bring them along. Contact Gail Murdoch 250-744-3601 or Carol Munro 250-727-0271.

Rhubarb needed: Many customers come to our Annual Market Bazaar to buy a pie. We make about 150 pies in the Fall. Now is the time we collect, chop and freeze rhubarb. Please let us know if you have some to donate from your garden or a neighbours. Marilyn 250-479=5676 Thanks

Ping Pong Fun Group

Thursday afternoons, 2 – 5pm and the **third Sunday of every month 1:30pm – 3pm** held in the lower hall. *Enjoy a game of single or double or simply have a good laugh with us! Everyone is welcome ☺☺*

Save the Dates! St. Aidan's if offering 2 camps this July:

July 15-19	Children's Camp
July 22-26	Senior's Camp

Camp Pringle – Weekend of June 22-23, with First Met and Cadboro Bay. **More details to follow**



The Friendly Octopus

There will be a 50% off sale on children's clothing, women's coats, glass coffee carafes, slacks and sets of dishes.

Wider Church Community

Silence, repetitive chants, prayers that bring reflection and pause in our busy days. Please join us at St John the Divine Anglican for the next three months for Prayer and Music in the Style of Taize services. Fridays, April 26, May 17 and June 21st, 6-7 pm. Doors open at 5:30 and anyone interested in joining the choir you are welcome at 5:30 for a brief practice.

Celebrating
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Years!

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Hope and Belonging

Spring Cleaning? We are in great need of men's clothing. With summer coming, donations of light jackets, baseball hats, runners, sandals, tee shirts and summer pants are especially appreciated. Your donations are gratefully accepted at our Front Reception at 919 Pandora in Victoria, 7:00am – 8:30pm, 7 days a week. You can also drop off donations in the basket by the church library.



Follow these links for interesting reading:

[United Church Essentials – April 23, 2019](#)

[Victoria United Newsletter for April 24, 2019](#)

[Inspire Conference at Shaughnessy Heights United Church \(Vancouver, BC\) May 3-4, 2019 - Early Bird Registration](#)

[The Cool Aid Society: Homecoming — A Night Out To End All Nights Out May 25, 2019](#)



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UNITED CHURCH**

*Plant
Sale*

Coffee and Muffins too!

Saturday, May 4, 2019
9 am to Noon

500 Admirals Rd.
Side entrance off Lyall Street

Bystander Intervention Workshop

being offered on Monday, April 29th or Thursday, May 2nd
at First Metropolitan United Church
6:30 - 8:30 pm both evenings
(no cost - donations accepted)



What can you do when you witness public instances of anti-Muslim, anti-Black, anti-Trans, anti-Indigenous or any other form of interpersonal violence and racial harassment?

This workshop provides tips on how to intervene while considering the safety of everyone involved. It includes resources and tools, group discussion and role plays.

Facilitators: MaryAnn Abbs and Denise Nadeau

This event is sponsored by First Metropolitan United Church and is taking place on the territory of the Lekwungen speaking peoples of the Songhees and Esquimalt nations.