



Life & Work of St. Aidan's

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“Although no one can go back and make a new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.” ~Carl Bard



Holy Walkamolies – United Churches Around Victoria

It's cold out there. On February 22nd, St. Aidan's (with other United Churches around Victoria) will walk in this Canada-wide, family-friendly, winter walk-a-thon to raise money for Our Place and to raise awareness of poverty in our community.

Participants 13 years and up must commit to fundraise \$150 for adults / \$75 for youth to support Our Place, or (if you don't like fundraising) you can choose to pay a \$25 registration fee. Children 12 and under are free.

Go to www.cnoy.org. Search for our team name "Holy Walkamolies – United Churches around Victoria" to register or donate.

Speak to Maureen Koch 250-388-9896 if you have questions.

BAZAAR 2020

The 2019 Bazaar raised a total of \$42,905! Heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to its success.

Now the planning for Bazaar 2020 has begun. Many convenors have already started to collect, sort and price items for their stall. We need your donations. Please spread the word to family and friends that we have 21 stalls. Now is the time that many are clearing out their children's toys and Christmas items.

The book stall has planned their first sort for January 17th from 1-3pm in the Lower Hall and welcome anyone who would like to help. Knitters can pick up yarn on January 19th right after the service.

Please contact Marilyn at 250-479-5676 if you would like to be part of this big event. We work year-round in small groups to make it happen and this is a great opportunity to get to know other members of the congregation. Tea / coffee is always served.

Continue to check out the Life and Work for more information as the knitting, sewing and jewelry stalls will be having gatherings soon. On to November 7th, 2020!

Marilyn Smith

SPRING BREAK MUSICAL CAMP 2020 @ CBUC!

Registration is now open at cadbayuc.org. This year we will present "The Open Hearted Gift," a story about a child who receives a gift from their parent that wasn't quite what they wanted, but through a series of adventures and with an open heart it ends up being the perfect gift. Grades 1-7 with Jr Leader opportunities available for youth in Grades 8+. Mar 16-20 from 9am-3pm with performances on Mar 20 and 21. During camp there will be swimming, games, set design, singing and so much more!

BIG QUESTIONS ON THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Tuesdays Jan 14 – Feb 11 from 7-9pm @ CBUC. This 5 session series will explore some of the big questions often encountered on the Spiritual Journey. What does it mean to be a follower of the way of Jesus? Can Christianity be saved or has it been too badly damaged by fundamentalism? These questions and more will be explored together. Please sign up online @ cadbayuc.org.

The Friendly Octopus News

Our thrift shop urgently needs linens – sheets, towels, etc.



On Wednesday, January 15th there will be a 50% off sale on plus sizes, suit cases, wine racks, CDs, videos, lingerie and blouses.

Thank you from the present Friendly Octopus staff!

Sylvia Campbell

Notes from our Treasurers

Offering Envelopes are ready to pick up in the narthex or office. If you would like to be an envelope or PAR (pre-authorized remittance) giver, please contact the office. Envelope and PAR givers receive a tax receipt at year end.

Small Group Ministry Update

Thank you to all who have expressed an interest in the Small Group Ministry. Since the release of the inventory in December, we have had a strong response with over 85 people indicating their desire to join a small group! If you have not yet had a chance to fill it out, we encourage you to do so. Here is the link:

<https://surveymonkey.com/r/SmallGroupInventory>

Hard copies are also available at both St. Aidan's and Cadboro Bay if that is your preference.

A Brief Recap:

- Joining a Small Group is completely optional. Over time, we anticipate the groups will expand and new groups created as interest continues to build. You may not be ready to join a small group for any number of reasons. The nature and design of Small Group Ministry is that people can join as life circumstances and need allow!

- The groups will provide a place and space where caring relationships can develop and flourish as members support each other within a context of spiritual growth and exploration.

Introducing our small group program at this stage of our Amalgamation process lifts up the reality that WHO WE ARE TOGETHER in community is our strongest asset!

- **ALL** groups will have the following four pillars that have been identified as **KEY** to experiencing a successful group experience.

1. Pastoral Care and Support
2. Spiritual Practices
3. Learning and Study
4. Service/Wider Collaboration with Community

So, what comes next?

- **Mid-January:** Initial sorting into groups will occur based on your preferences. The inventory asked you to make choices around many options. We wanted to start with as much information as possible, and recognize it was a lot to wade through. Thank-You, again! As we begin to get a sense of the makeup of the groups, we will be in touch with you to further clarify your responses and needs. Obviously there will be cases where modifications will be needed, especially in the early phases of group formation, depending on many factors.

- **January and Ongoing:** Leaders will be discerned and approached.

- **February and Ongoing:** Initial Training for Group Leaders.

- **February-Spring and Ongoing:** Groups will be launched over time as groups fill and new folks come on board and express interest.

Your questions have been helpful as we continue to design and launch this new ministry within St. Aidan's and Cadboro Bay.

Thank you for your interest and input!

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MEMORIAL POINSETTIA

The Advent Memorial Poinsettia have been moved in to the Great Hall. For those who have donated a memorial poinsettia, please pick it up to take home and if there are extras, feel free to give it a new home.

Many thanks, Judith Boulden



Weekly Activities at St. Aidan's

Sundays	9 am Guided Meditation in Chapel (1 st & 3 rd Sun.)
	10 am Worship Service
	11:15 am Congregational Meeting (4 th Sunday)
	11:30 am Intercultural Lunch (1 st Sunday)
	11:30 am Intercultural Lunch & Workshop (3 rd Sun.)
Mondays	9:30 am Caregivers & Tots
	10:30 am Monday Morning Discussion Group
Tuesdays	10:30 am Christian Meditation
	1:30-3 pm <i>On the Go Again</i> (Free Seniors Program by S.V.S. Society)
	Movie & Dinner (last Tues. of Month)
Wed.	10am-2pm & 4-8 pm Thrift Shop Open
	*2:30-3:30 pm Happy Hour (Senior's Gathering) <i>(please note time change)</i>
	5:30-6:15 pm Sunshine Kids Choir
Thursdays	10am-12 pm Craft Connections
	2:30-4 pm English Conversation
	2:30-5 pm Ping Pong Fun Time
	5:30 pm Cantamus Choir Practice
	6:30 pm Ted Boulden Singers Practice
Fridays	10 am Folding & Fun
Saturdays	10am-2pm (last Sat.) Thrift Shop Open

Dates to Remember

Feb. 22	Coldest Night of the Year Walk
Nov. 7	Fall Bazaar

OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday 10 am – 3 pm (closed Stats.)

Email office@staidansunited.com to receive our weekly email.

It's full of church and wider community news.

Submit Life & Work submissions to the office by Wednesday

DID YOU KNOW?

The United Churches in Victoria publish a common weekly newsletter that allows churches to tell each other about upcoming activities. You can view this week's Victoria United Newsletter online [HERE](#). You may wish to sign up for this newsletter to be delivered directly into your inbox.

St. Aidan's Intercultural Ministry offers

Conversations about

"Life in Victoria"

(Basic English)

Thursdays 2:30 pm – 4 pm

This is a great opportunity for Newcomers to practice English and learn from one another about living in Victoria and other parts of the world

For more information

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