



GLADWIN HEIGHTS UNITED CHURCH

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November 4, 2021
Monthly News letter

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We look forward to seeing you all *in person* this Sunday!
Worship is at 9:30

We are checking COVID vaccination status and please remember that masks will be mandatory for everyone over the age of 12. There will be a sign in sheet for everyone to sign. There are no exceptions aside from choir members, music leaders and readers / presiders while speaking or singing and physically distanced

Worship via ZOOM: We are working with Sapphire Sound to livestream our worship services. In the meantime, we understand that some of you are unable to join us in person and would like to do so remotely. Therefore, as a courtesy we are offering a Zoom option. However, please understand that this is a temporary measure and that there will be no video provided, the sound is what it is, and no one will be monitoring chat messages or admitting participants once the service has started.

Link to the Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5410632113?pwd=eDhHL3ZUMkszcFArQzlyZ2lXbEEExdz09>

Meeting ID: 541 063 2113

Passcode: 123

Alternatively, go to zoom.us, select Join a Meeting, and enter the above Meeting ID (and password if necessary.)

Church office hours:

Gladwin Heights office is open 9:30am - 2:30pm, Tuesday

St. Andrews' office is open 9:30am - 2:30 pm, Wednesday

Remote office hours for both Gladwin Heights and St Andrews' are Monday and Thursday 9 am to 4 pm

Reverend Tim's office hours:

Tim can be reached from 10am - 4pm Monday and Wednesday at St Andrew's office, 10am to 4pm Tuesday at Gladwin's office. Please check for availability.

Tim's contact is: 778-791-3545, or bowmantimothy@gmail.com



Readings for November 7 2021

Romans 3:19-28

Psalm 46 [VU 770 R2]

John 8:31-36

Hymns and Music for November 7 , 2021

MV 17 - "God in the Darkness"

MV 96 - "And When You Call for Me

VU 678 - "For the Healing of the Nations:

VU 542 - "We Give You But Your Own"

VU 690 - "For the Slave-Pens of the Delta"

VU 524 - "O Canada"

MV 222 - "May the Peace of God Be Your Peace"



Gladwin Heights 40th Anniversary Celebration

November 14th

Please join us in Celebrating our 40th anniversary! Coffee and cake will follow the service.

Birthdays for November

Ron Roberts November 1

Betty Goudal November 2

Yvette Wagner November 6

Zoe Bowman November 7

Jake Boldt November 16

Jacob Greenan November 27

Romeo (Retired Old Men Eating Out)

All men from all congregations are invited to this breakfast meeting every other Friday at 8:00 am. The next meeting is on Friday, November 12, 2021 Why not join and have some great breakfast company? The breakfast is held at JoJo's Bana Restaurant in Abbotsford.

Appreciation

The Lapointe family would like to express their deep appreciation for all the kind word and cards of condolences for Lilian

UCW Meeting

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 10th at 1:30 pm. Please note the new time!

November Lectionary

November 7 Remembrance Sunday

Ruth 3:1–5; 4:13–17

Psalm 127

1 Kings 17:8–16

Psalm 146

Hebrews 9:24–28

Mark 12:38–44

November 14 Children's Sunday

1 Samuel 1:4–20

1 Samuel 2:1–10

Daniel 12:1–3

Psalm 16

Hebrews 10:11–14, (15–18),
19–25

Mark 13:1–8

November 21 Reign of Christ

2 Samuel 23:1–7

Psalm 132:1–12, (13–18)

Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14

Psalm 93

Revelation 1:4b–8

John 18:33–37

November 28 First Sunday Advent

Jeremiah 33:14–16

Psalm 25:1–10

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

Luke 21:25–36



Being, an Everyday Mystic (two-part series)

Saturday, November 13 & Saturday, November 27, 2021

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (each day)

Trinity Memorial United Church, Conference Room B,
33737 George Ferguson Way, Abbotsford B.C. V2S 2M4

Michael Collison Retirement Service

November 28 @10:00am

Mt. Lehman United Church Zoom Service

You are invited to join the Retirement Celebration for Rev. Michael Collison at Michael's last Worship Service at Mt. Lehman United Church on Sunday, November 28, 2021 at 10:00am on Zoom.

Worship service participants will max out our limited sanctuary capacity. Attending by Zoom is an excellent alternative. Everyone receiving this invitation will receive a zoom invitation a few days before Nov. 28th.

Contact our office for more information.

Minister's Message

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

-1 Corinthians 15:1-5.

Siblings in Christ,

As I write these words, the COP 26 climate change conference has begun in Glasgow. The task is to begin to heal the Earth and its ecosystem, on which we depend. We all know the problems: increasing greenhouse gases due to pollution, loss of biodiversity, heat domes, wildfires, etc.

This is, in a word, stewardship: the care of our common possession, handed down by our ancestors to us, and in turn by us to our children.

We are familiar with the word: the preacher talks about stewardship when the roof is leaking or the furnace needs to be repaired. Stewardship means, in practical terms, sharing more of your material wealth so that the things we have in common may be preserved.

But as the passage above makes clear, we are stewards of more than stuff. It is a reading associated with All Souls Day, which we just celebrated: Paul is defending the Jewish and now Christian doctrine of the resurrection of the body, rather than the Gentile (Greek) idea of the immortality of the soul. Paul says that he did not simply invent this doctrine: it was taught to him by divine revelation, by his Hebrew scriptures, by his Rabbinic instructors, and by his tutors in the Christian faith. As they passed this good news - this Gospel - on to him, so too he has a duty to pass it on. He is a steward of the Gospel. We are stewards of more than just stuff.

It is often said that children are our future. It's an important reminder that children are to be valued and nurtured. Particularly in the context of climate change, it is they who will receive the world from us; they will determine its course once we retire.

But that course will be determined by the intangible things that we pass on: an ethic of responsibility, scientific knowledge and techniques for reversing and managing change, and strong social institutions to maintain social cohesion in the midst of this difficult work. And, most importantly, hope: hope that the task is possible, and that they are not alone. In short, must pass on the Gospel, for it is responsibility, and unity, and hope. To pass this Gospel on, we must first proclaim it, nurture it, embody it.

We are stewards of more than stuff; we are stewards of the Gospel.

Yours in Christ
Tim