



ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

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February 6 2022

Monthly Announcements

Minister: Rev. Tim Bowman

Music Director: Deborah Handley

Musician: Jacob Greenan

Church Administrator: Angela Darychuk

We look forward to seeing you all *in person* this Sunday!
Worship is at 11:30.

We are checking COVID vaccination status and please remember that masks will be mandatory for everyone over the age of 5. 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

Coffee time is paused at this time.

We will also be broadcasting the Service via Facebook Live, for those of you who can't make it in person. Just go to the Gladwin Heights Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/Gladwin-Heights-United-Church-699893126828536>) and look for the Service by date. The live broadcast time will be 9:30 am. Please note if you can't make it at 9:30 you can view it anytime on Facebook.

Reading for February 6 2022

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalms 138 [VU 860]

Luke 5:1-11

Hymns for February 6 2022

VU 315 - "Holy, Holy, Holy"

MV 16 – "Confitemini Domino"

VU 314- "I Bind Unto Myself Today"

VU 542 – "We Give You But Your Own"

MV 37 – "Each Blade of Grass"

MV 214 – "May God's Sheltering Wings"

February Lectionary

February 6 B2105 Fifth after Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1–8, (9–13)

Psalms 138

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

Luke 5:1–11

February 13 B2146 Sixth after Epiphany

Jeremiah 17:5–10

Psalms 1

1 Corinthians 15:12–20

Luke 6:17–26

February 20 B2148 Seventh after Epiphany

Genesis 45:3–11, 15

Psalms 37:1–11, 39–40

1 Corinthians 15:35–38, 42–50

Luke 6:27–38

February 27 B2107 Transfiguration Sunday

Exodus 34:29–35

Psalms 99

2 Corinthians 3:12–4:2

Luke 9:28–36, (37–43a)

Upcoming happenings

Annual General Meeting February 27th

Time: Immediately after our service

February 26 Brings THE COLDEST NIGHT

MISSION, Hope Central and MY House are encouraging Mission residents to once again team up, fundraise, and walk in The Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY). This family-friendly, winterrific fundraising walk takes place on the evening of February 26, 2022 and supports people experiencing hunger, hurt, and homelessness in Mission.

Tens of thousands of Canadians will take to the streets for CNOY with events taking place in 150 cities, towns, and communities across the country. By walking together in the chill of the night, participants will better understand the experience of being on the streets during a cold Canadian winter, while raising funds to aid the work of Local Charity in providing much-needed support.

Participants will walk a 2km or 5km route, can warm up with toasty drinks at rest stops along the way, and will be able to celebrate their efforts together at the finish line. All those who raise over \$150 (or \$75 for youth) will also don iconic CNOY toques as they face the cold night.

This is our 6th year taking part in the Coldest Night of the Year, and we are aiming to raise \$30,000 to help work with people experiencing hunger, hurt, and homelessness in Mission. Hope Central and MY House have been serving Mission for a number years, and the funds raised in the Coldest Night of the Year will benefit their clients in a time of the year known historically for low levels of giving.

For further information, contact:

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<https://cnoy.org/>

THE COLDEST NIGHT – Walk with the GladAndys

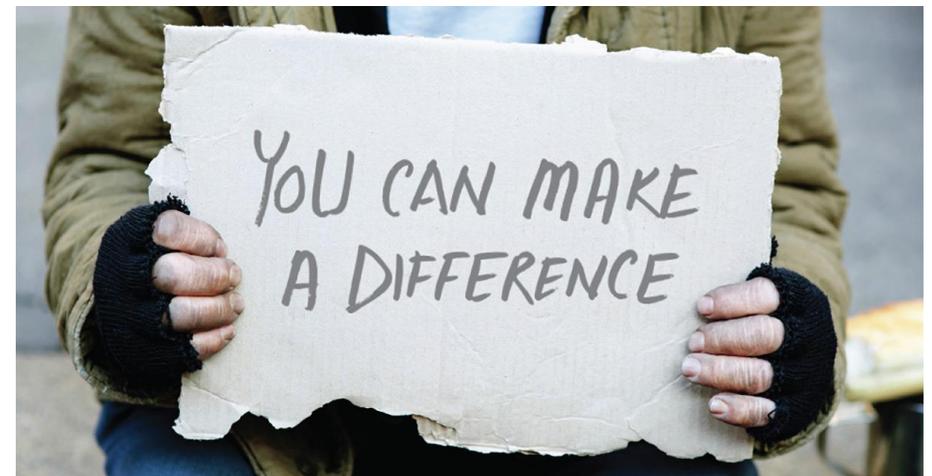
Date: February 26 at 2pm

Location: Start point - Gladwin Heights Church

Contact: Gladwin Heights Office: 604-852-3984

Many of us are concerned about the homeless, drug addiction and mental illness. For many years 1st United in Vancouver's east side has advocated for these people on behalf of other United Churches. Hospitality is offered to those needing a place to sleep, food to eat and clothes to wear. Each year they have a walk which is a fund raiser for their ongoing work. The team from Gladwin Heights and St. Andrew's will be called The Glad Andys. On Feb. 26th at 2 PM we will gather at Gladwin for our walk. The walk will be from Gladwin to the Mission Hwy and return. If some prefer, they can make it shorter. The point is we are gathering pledges in support of the needy who come to our church at 1st United for help.

Pledge forms are available. Bring your dog, your grandchildren or neighbours. Hot chocolate will be provided on your return. Gladwin Heights and St. Andrew's challenge other United Churches of our cluster to meet or exceed our goal of \$500. Although individuals will be gathering pledges, all monies will go through our offerings in our respective congregations when they are collected by walkers.



Minister's Message

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.

- Luke 9:28-32

Siblings in Christ,

In a recent course with Ray Aldred at the Vancouver School of Theology I learned about the centrality of land to Indigenous thought. Mere physical space becomes place; becomes land as we come to understand the network of relationships in that space across time. We gain this understanding through the stories of the people who live on and with the land.

We are currently on a journey to a place: our journey through the season of Epiphany ends on February 27th with the Transfiguration of Jesus Christ at the summit of a mountain.

Mountains figure prominently in the story of our journey with God. Moses ascended Mount Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments and the covenant between God and Israel. Jerusalem sits atop, and is poetically referred to as, Mount Zion.

I have no trouble imagining that we are labouring up a mountain slope. This COVID time feels heavy, an added challenge to the burdens that we are each already carrying. Thinking about a mountain hike, it occurs to me that one rarely if ever tries to go straight up the slope to the summit. Usually, it's difficult if not impossible. It is usually better or even necessary to take a winding path, circling around the mountain or following a switchback trail up the slope. Life is like that, sometimes: "I've been here before!"

Indigenous thought speaks of iteration, of circles: it is true that we go around and around, but in a spiral. With each revolution of the circle, we gain more experience and wisdom, so that each revolution is not exactly the same. In a similar manner, through our winding paths we eventually reach the summit. Peter, James and John eventually gain an insight into Jesus' nature and the ways God is present with them through him. But one does not gain the clarity of the summit without the hard work beforehand, and neither does the view from the summit have the same meaning without the journey that preceded it.

The meaning of Jesus' transfiguration depends on the mountain of human and divine history that underlies it. I pray that what you are going through right now similarly leads you to deeper clarity about your purpose, deeper awareness of God's presence, and deeper strength and beauty through the struggle.

Blessed to be your companion on the journey,

Tim





Our Prayer List

Please hold these people and families in your heart and prayers:

Chico • Shay, • Greta and family • Bernice • Sally and family • Annie • Devon and family • Paulette and family • Loa • Eileen and family • Barb • Roy • Aroon • Sherry • Katy • Linda

Blessings Linda B.

Church office hours:

St. Andrews' office is open 9:30am – 3:00 pm, **Wednesday**

Gladwin Heights office is open 9:30am – 3:00 pm, **Thursday**

Remote office hours for both Gladwin Heights and St Andrews' are Monday and Tuesday 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 Thursday at Gladwin's office. Please check for availability.

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

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Offering Envelopes

Offering Envelopes for 2022 are available in the office