



## GLADWIN HEIGHTS UNITED CHURCH

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### **February 6 2022 Monthly Announcements**

**Minister:** Rev. Tim Bowman

**Song Leader:** Rita Green

**Pianist:** Jacob Greenan

**Office Administrator:** Angela Darychuk

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 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

We are 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 January 30**

VU 315 - "Holy, Holy, Holy"

MV 16 - "Confitemini Domino"

MV 30 - "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker"

VU 542 - "We Give You But Your Own"

MV 37 - "Each Blade of Grass"

MV 214 - "May God's Sheltering Wings"

### **RON ROBERTS**

We are saddened to announce the passing of our brother Ron Roberts on February 2, 2022. Ron and his wife Betty were active and long-time members of our church. They will be sorely missed. We know that they continue to walk with God and to be present in God to us. We will share more details on funeral arrangements etc. as they become available.

## 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



### **Upcoming happenings**

#### **ROMEO {Retired Old Men Eating Out} February 4 2022**

All men from all congregations are invited to this breakfast meeting every other Friday at 8:00 am. The next meeting is on Friday, February 4, 2022 Why not join and have some great breakfast company? The breakfast is held at JoJo's Bana Restaurant in Abbotsford.

#### **Annual Reports due February 4 2022\***

Annual reports need to be submitted to the office by February 4th.

#### **Annual General Meeting – March 6 2022**

Time: Immediately after our service.

#### **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

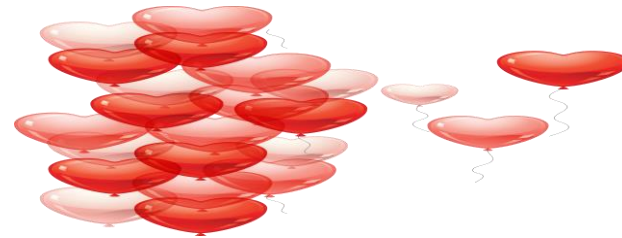
Psalms 99

2 Corinthians 3:12–4:2

Luke 9:28–36, (37–43a)

### **Birthdays for February**

Gladys Banks.	February 2
Julia Rohan.	February 9
Florine Lint.	February 13
Nancy Ritchie.	February 17
Jan Green.	February 28



### **UCW Birthday Club News Gladwin's Distinguished Group (80+)**

It's time again to celebrate our finest at Gladwin, our Distinguished group 80+ in our congregation. This will be our third year celebrating! And due to the ongoing pandemic, we would like to make a delivery to your home, Monday February 14th between 9:30 - 1pm. We have 11 deliveries to make. You will be contacted about a week before with more details.

Our awesome group includes,

Shirley Dennis-Meno hospital • Lillian Hildebrand-Tabor Court • Arlene Kropp • Gladys Banks • Gina Hartley • Florine Lint • Betty Goudal • Carol Nordstrom • Bill and Muriel Thomas • George and Barbara Everton • Jake and Emily Boldt •

Ron Roberts-George Derby center Burnaby. Delivery made in November.

If you are not on our radar, please let us know so we can celebrate...you!

Looking forward to seeing you on the 14th albeit briefly!

Sincerely, Ellen Alstad

## **THE COLDEST NIGHT – Walk with the GladAndy's**

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.

## **Church office hours:**

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

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

## **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

## **Gladwin Heights United Church**

### **Board Members**

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