## ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

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**April 3 2022**
**Monthly Announcements**

**Minister:** Tim Bowman
**Music Director:** Deborah Handley
**Musician:** Jacob Greenan
**Church Administrator**: Angela Darychuk

We look forward to seeing you all this Sunday! Worship is at 11:30. **Coffee Time** is 10:30

Following the recent changes to Provincial COVID precautions, we strongly encourage the use of masks in worship at Saint Andrew's. However, we no longer require them. Proof of vaccination remains required. We will review this policy at our next scheduled Board meeting. Thank you for helping us to keep everyone safe.

**Reading for April 3 2022**
Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126 - "When God Restored Our Common Life,"
Tune: VU 494
John 12:1-8

**Hymns for April 3 2022**
MV 37 - "Each Blade of Grass"
VU 642 - "Be Thou My Vision"
MV196 – "We Will Take What You Offer"
MV 103 – "Ka mana'o 'I'O"
Refrain – "When Our Lives Are Ruled by Fear"

## April Birthdays

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Roy Bostock – April 10
Tim Bowman – April 14
Beate Pothmann – April 15
Deborah Handley – April 20
Angela Darychuk -April 20

**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 • John • Sherry • Katy • Linda and family

Blessings Pastoral Care Team

**Memories for Loa Duncan**

Maureen Haddock is making a memory book for Loa. She would like you to send her a sentence or two of a special memory or events you have with Loa.
She would like to have it ready for Loa by **March 31st**.
Please send your memories by email to mission.uc@shaw.ca or mhaddock@hotmail.com

**April Events:**

**ROMEO {Retired Old Men Eating Out} April 1 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, April 1 2022 Why not join and have some great breakfast company? The breakfast is held at JoJo's Bana Restaurant in Abbotsford.

**Annual Plant Sale at All Saints Anglican Church**

Mix and match flats (full or partial of your favorites) See attached order form for varieties and cost. Orders due by **April 17, Delivery April 28 and 29**.

**Green Living Join us for Earth Day! April 23, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Mission Leisure Centre, 7650 Grand St, Mission, BC
**Activities:**
Repair cafe
Neighbourhood cleanup
Composting Demo
Seed Swap
Kids seed planting & crafts
Learn about green textiles with a local knitting group who will weave, spin wool and knit.
An electric car will be on display.
*Hosted by: Mission Environmental Stewardship Society*

**Meet and Eat - April 6**

For details contact Myrna McGregor

**Outdoor Market for St Andrew's – April 30th 9:30am to 2pm**

Location: Beate Pothmann's driveway on the corner of Grand Street and 5th Avenue
Items available: Vintage jewelry, quantities of craft materials for scrapbooking and card making, gently used treasures, and books! Priced to sale.

## Minister's Message

*Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."*
*- Matthew 26:26-29*

*In company with the churches of the Reformed and Methodist traditions, we celebrate two sacraments as gifts of Christ: baptism and holy communion.*
*In these sacraments the ordinary things of life—water, bread, wine—point beyond themselves to God and God's love, teaching us to be alert to the sacred in the midst of life.*
- *The United Church of Canada,* A Song of Faith.

Siblings in Christ,

A few weeks ago we celebrated Affiriming PIE Day - reminding ourselves of the importance of making our welcome Public, Intentional and Explicit. Affirm United's theme for PIE Day 2022 was "Everyone Gets a Slice!" and so I decided that we would have Communion with little pies as the elements, symbolizing the inclusive love of God in Jesus, of which everyone gets a slice.

Some of you expressed some shock and confusion at my choice, which has given me some interesting questions to think about. Thank you—as you may have noticed I'm more interested in questions than answers!

Does the form of the Communion elements matter? I'm aware of accounts from the global South in which Communion is served as pop and chips - prepackaged food being the only food guaranteed to be free of contaminants in certain areas. Do the words of the presider, recalling Jesus ("the body of Christ / the blood of Christ") and/or the assent of the worshiping community consecrate the elements (i.e. set them aside for a holy purpose)?

Or is there something about their *form* that is important? Wine was a common drink because, again, alcohol was less likely to make you sick, and bread was broadly available—but is it nevertheless important that Jesus used *these* elements and not something else? Has the practice of the Church across two millennia made the form of these elements special, so that we should choose them if possible? If the point of Communion is our encounter with the broken body and risen nature of Christ, which meets our broken body and spirits and raises them to new life, is it important not to put any obstacle (such as unfamiliar practices) in the way of this encounter?

Is it important to shake up our worship practices every now and then, thinking about who we may exclude by their current form? Or is it possible that we exclude current members who struggle to find the presence of God in such a change? Perhaps the answer to both questions is yes.

All of this touches on arguments about the nature of Communion going back at least as far as the Protestant Reformation. What are we doing when we celebrate Communion? Different names suggest different understandings. "Communion" emphasizes the encounter with God; "the Lord's Supper" stresses continuity with Jesus' practice and remembrance of him; "Eucharist" meaning "thanksgiving" and highlights its nature as an act of worship and encounter with the renewing grace of God. Do we encounter God in the elements or do we remember Jesus? Is God encountered in the elements themselves or in the community which shares a meal? In what sense (how literally) are they "the body and blood of Christ"? If we substitute other elements do we still need an analogous drink *and* an analogous food?

Thank you for engaging such questions, especially in this Lenten time as we look towards the Crucifixion and Resurrection which our practice of Communion recalls or reconstitutes. I look forward to continuing to wonder and explore with you.

Yours in Christ, Tim

**April Lectionary**

**April 3 Fifth Sunday in Lent**
Isaiah 43:16–21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b–14
John 12:1–8

**April 10 Palm/Passion Sunday**
Liturgy of the Palms
Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29
Luke 19:28–40
Liturgy of the Passion
Isaiah 50:4–9a
Psalm 31:9–16
Philippians 2:5–11
Luke 22:14—23:56
or Luke 23:1–49

**April 15 Good Friday**
Isaiah 52:13—53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16–25
or Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9
John 18:1—19:42

**April 17 Resurrection Sunday/Easter**
Acts 10:34–43
or Isaiah 65:17–25
Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24
1 Corinthians 15:19–26
or Acts 10:34–43
John 20:1–18
or Luke 24:1–12

**April 24 Second Sunday of Easter**
Acts 5:27–32
Psalm 118:14–29
or Psalm 150
Revelation 1:4–8
John 20:19–31

## St Andrews United Church

**BOARD MEMBERS**
Chair – Judith Ray
Vice-Chairperson – Beate Pothmann
Secretary – Cherie Dobson
Treasurer – Dennis Larson

**COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**
Trustees - Myrna McGregor
M & P – Cherie Dobson
Pastoral Care – Linda Bouchir
Cluster Rep – Myrna McGregor
Property – Lyle Treleaven

**AFFIRMING MINISTRY**
Linda Bouchir
Darian and Tyler Komaszczuk
Deborah Handley
Cathy Waller
Candace White

**MEMBERS OF JOINT COMMITTEES WITH GLADWIN HEIGHTS**

**Joint Board:**
Judith Ray
Beate Pothmann,
Myrna McGregor

**Joint M & P:**
Cherie Dobson
Lyle Treleaven

**Joint Worship:**
Linda Bouchir
Beate Pothmann
Deborah Handley

## 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 bowmantimothyr@gmail.com

## SPA: Spiritual Path to Awakening

A centre for spiritual wellness, nurturing ourselves and our community.
This is a program run by a Trinity United, and has Cluster involvement.
Find worthwhile programs on the Trinity Memorial website under Spiritual Centre - SPA. There is something for everyone. Check out these upcoming events:

### Breaking news:

Spiritual Path to Awakening (SPA) is ecstatic to share that we have received grant funding for offering senior-targeted programming and enhancing senior experiences at SPA events!
To celebrate, we are offering a senior discount code [ages 60+] for select upcoming March & April 2022 events*. This discount code is designed specifically for the Mid-Fraser Cluster + your networks and communities.
*Excluding only: World Water Day & Weekly Friday Gentle Yoga

### THE COUPON:

Event registrants ages 60+ are welcomed to use the code "MIDFRASERSENIORS" [one word, all capitals, no quotation marks] at checkout on the SPA website to attend select SPA events **FREE OF CHARGE**.

The current eligible SPA events

- Sound Healing [Sat Apr 9 at 10am in downtown Abbotsford]
- Paint Night #3: Watercolour Chickadees [Wed Apr 20 at 6pm in downtown Abbotsford]

### Sound Healing

Date: Saturday April 9, 10am – 12pm
Location: Trinity Memorial Church, downtown Abbotsford
Cost: $25

### Painting: "Watercolour Chickadees"

Date: Wednesday, April 20, 2022, 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Location: Downtown Abbotsford, Church Hall, Trinity Memorial United Church
Cost: $25.00 per ticket, all supplies/materials are provided.

### The Art of Writing Pysanky, Ukrainian Egg Painting

Date: Friday, April 29, 2022 from 6pm-8pm
Location: Trinity Memorial United Church in downtown Abbotsford
Cost: $20 per person, all materials provided

### Hammer Flower Cards & Bookmarks Workshop

Date: Tuesday, May 3/22 from 6:30pm - 8:00pm
Location: Trinity Memorial United Church in downtown Abbotsford
Cost: Tickets: $25.00 per person, all materials provided

### Mindful Breathing Meditation for Improved Life Health

Virtual event with Robert Henderson
Date: Wednesday, May 11/22 from 11:00am - 12:00pm
Location: on Zoom
Cost: $10.00

**Death Cafe**

Date: Thursday, May 26, 2022 from 3:00pm - 4:30pm
Location: Chai Rock Cafe in downtown Abbotsford
Tickets: Free!

**Please register for all programs on the SPA Website:**
**https://abbyspa.com/**