



ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH
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February 4, 2024
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 10:45.

Broadcast Worship Service Gladwin Heights (our sister congregation) broadcasts their Service via Facebook Live, for those of you who can't make it in person. Go to the Gladwin Heights Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/Gladwin-HeightsUnited-Church-699893126828536>) and look for the Service by date. The live broadcast time will be 9:30 am. Note if you can't make it at 9:30 you can view it anytime on Facebook.

Scriptures for February 4, 2024

Psalm 84 [VU 800]

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

Hymns for February 2024

"Jesus Call Us Here to Meet Him" - Tune: VU 514

MV 83 – "Let My Spirit Always Sing"

Dare to Live the Dream God Gives You" – Tune: VU 460 VU

883 – "Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

VU 541 - "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

"Go On Your Way In Joy"

Our Prayer List

Please hold these people and families in your heart and prayers

Bernice • Roy • John • Sherry • Mel & family • Steven • Luke and family • Devon & family • Greta and family • Daryl • Ted

Blessings,
Pastoral Care Team

Note: Please contact Beate Pothmann to be included or removed from our prayer list.

Happy Birthday

Naida Motut – February 13

Dennis Larson – February 17

Minister's Message

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

- Matthew 4:18-22

Siblings in Christ,

Thank you for investing in me. Because you give me time and money for study, I was able to spend January 21 to 27 at Five Oaks Education and Retreat Centre in Paris, Ontario. (Re)Generate: The Moderator's Leadership Program seeks to “empower high-potential leaders with skills to support a renewed church.” I offer the following as part of my accountability for your investment.

I was delighted to be accepted, and a little bit intimidated by the course description and my colleagues in the program. But we read the above scripture passage early in our session, and I heard it in a way I had not, before. “As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers.” We're not told that Jesus seeks them out or that he has a supernatural flash of insight into their suitability. He simply sees them, and calls them. There is nothing special about them, or rather, they have their own special talents and worth just as everyone does, but he does not call them in particular because of any gifts they uniquely possess. Rather, his mission needs disciples, and he calls the first people he sees. It is the purpose to which we are called, and the one who calls us to it, that makes us and our gifts special.

If I could sum up the lessons of this first work in one word, it would be “purpose.” We completed a leadership roles inventory, and it told me that I was instinctively a Teacher and Provider. What this means, basically, is that my greatest value to a team is creating “a safe place for people to learn because they know you will not let

them fail.” I delight in learning new things, helping others learn new things, and attending to their emotional and spiritual health.

We had two professional leadership coaches at our session, and when I described our congregations, they pressed me. I described Gladwin Heights as a family, for example, as “The Little Church that Cares,” and they asked, “what is the church's purpose? What is your purpose there?” It is a family *for what?*” I spoke about loving and being loved by you, and they asked me to consider whether I am playing it overly safe. I wondered if I am in the right place.

I was grateful for the support of colleagues and friends, because this really threw me for a loop. If my gifts are listening for people's fears, joys, and potential to learn, how do I lead our congregations into renewal? That seems like more of a job for...well, any of the other seven Roles, actually.

However, Saint Andrew's is wrapping up our year-long process of discerning our call, and I am aware that, while Gladwin Heights is forging ahead with an exciting development project, a new building does not in itself give us more money and hands to do our work. I do love all of you; I am not going anywhere. My pledge to you, therefore is this: to set aside time each week to seek you out, to listen to your hopes, fears, dreams and insights, and those of the community. I will listen for the “Why” – the *purpose* – that is emerging for us in this time, in this place. What are we called to be, as we remain in Mission? What is our Little Church that Cares *for*? When that purpose emerges, I pledge to test it with you, to get behind it, to keep it in front of us always. I expect I may annoy you a little bit. It might involve learning to be more efficient and intentional in my administrative tasks and discerning what I or we can let go of in order to lean more fully into our calling.

The United Church of Canada is called to Bold Discipleship; Deep Spirituality; Daring Justice. Our denomination believes you and I have a calling. I look forward to learning, and living, that call with you.

Yours in Christ, Tim

Please Note

Annual Reports Attention all committee leaders: Annual reports are due **January 15th, 2024**.

Inclement Weather If we are experiencing inclement weather please check our website, Facebook page or contact our office for updated Event and Service information.

Upcoming Happenings

Joint Worship and Joint Annual General Meeting

February 11, 2024, 9:30am at Gladwin Heights. Join us for a joint worship service, followed by our Gladwin Heights/St Andrew's pastoral charge AGM. We will have a remit vote at this time.

Meet and Eat February 13, 2024, at 11:30. At the Maharajah Restaurant. Contact Myrna for more information. (604) 826-6313

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner February 13, 2024, at 6pm. Lower Hall, 33077 2nd Avenue.

Board meeting February 21, 2024, at 1pm. All are welcome.

Church office Hours:

St. Andrews' office is open 9:00am – **3:00** pm, Wednesday
Gladwin Heights' office is open 9:00am – **3:00** pm, Thursday
Remote office hours for both Gladwin Heights and St Andrew's are
Monday and Tuesday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Reverend Tim's office hours:

Rev. Tim works from home on Mondays, is present in the community on Tuesdays, in the office at Saint Andrew's on Wednesdays, and Gladwin Heights on Thursdays. Hours are flexible but generally 9:30 to 5:00. He can be reached at 778-791-3545 or bowmantimothy@gmail.com.

Lectionary for February 2024

Fifth Sunday in Epiphany February 4

Isaiah 40:21–31
Psalm 147:1–11, 20c
1 Corinthians 9:16–23
Mark 1:29–39

First Sunday in Lent February 18

Genesis 9:8–17
Psalm 25:1–10
1 Peter 3:18–22
Mark 1:9–15

Transfiguration Sunday February 11

2 Kings 2:1–12
Psalm 50:1–6
2 Corinthians 4:3–6
Mark 9:2–9

Second Sunday in Lent February 25

Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16
Psalm 22:23–31
Romans 4:13–25
Mark 8:31–38

Regional Prayer Cycle for February 2024

<https://www.prayercycles.ca/>

Each Prayer Cycle invites Prayer each week for a Community of Faith in the Region.

You are encouraged to name the community in your worship, to email a message indicating your prayer support, to pray for church personnel, and to include an ecumenical / interfaith focus.

Feb 4 [Centennial](#)

Feb 11 [Ferne](#)

Feb 18 [Shaughnessy Heights](#)

Feb 25 [Kimberley](#)

Jesters Theatre Presents A Seussified Pride and Prejudice. February 16, 17, 23 and 24th 32860 Cherry Avenue
Cost \$15. Tickets at the door or at <https://jesters.ca/>
- Youth Unlimited

Cluster Events

Trinity Memorial, Abbotsford

ROMEO Retired Old Men Eating Out: Every second Friday, 7:15am at JoJo's Restaurant, Abbotsford. For more information call Frank @604-852-8933

Messy Church Last Saturday of the month from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. 33737 George Ferguson Way, Abbotsford.

SPA, Abbotsford

A centre for spiritual wellness, nurturing ourselves and our community. Please register for all programs on the SPA Website: <https://abbyspa.com/>

Paint Class with John Le Flock In-person event Date: Saturday, February 10, 2024, 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Location: Conference Room B, Trinity Memorial Abbotsford
Cost: \$45 / \$35 Senior (60+) / \$35 Youth and Student

A Taste of the Philippines

Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024 Time: :00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Location: Conference Room B, Trinity Memorial, Abbotsford
Cost: \$40 General Admission / \$30 Senior 60+ Admission

Sacred Spaces: The 7 Sacred Teachings

with Darla Rasmussen (Blackkettle) and Kokum Donna
Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Location: Conference Room B, Trinity Memorial, Abbotsford
Cost: \$30 General Admission / \$25 Senior (60+) Admission / \$0 Admission for Indigenous Persons

St Andrew's United Church

BOARD MEMBERS

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Deborah Handley
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Joint M & P:

Cherie Dobson
Lyle Treleaven

Joint Worship:

Beate Pothmann
Deborah Handley

Coming soon

Please let us know if you have contributions to include in our announcements.