



GLADWIN HEIGHTS UNITED CHURCH  
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## February 4, 2024 Monthly Announcements



**Minister:** Rev. Tim Bowman

**Song Leader:** Rita Green

**Pianist:** Jacob Greenan

**Office Administrator:** Angela Darychuk

**We look forward to seeing you all this Sunday!**  
**Worship is at 9:30am and Coffee time is immediately after.**

*We are encouraging you to wear a mask as cold season is upon us!*

**Facebook Service** We broadcast the Service via Facebook Live, for those of you who are unable make it in person. Go to the Gladwin Heights Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/Gladwin-Heights-United-Church-699893126828536>) and look for the Service by date. Please note if you are unable make it at worship time you can view it anytime on Facebook.

## Scriptures for February 4, 2024

Psalms 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

"Hymn for Water" - Julia Rohan

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"

## Happy Birthday

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

## Please Note

**Annual Reports** Reports will be available February 11<sup>th</sup>. 2024.

**2023 Charitable tax receipts** available now at the office.

**2024 Offering Envelopes** Our envelopes are available in the office.

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

## *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

## *Upcoming Happenings*

**UCW meeting** Wednesday February 7, 2024 at 2pm. We will fill the Valentine's bags.

**Board meeting** Thursday February 8, 2024 at 1pm

### **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.

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** February 13, 2024 at 6pm. St. Andrew's UC. 33077 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. Donations for MYHouse.

**Gladwin Birthday Celebration luncheon** Saturday February 24, 2024 12-2 pm. See invitation for details.

**Gladwin Heights AGM** February 25 2024, 10:30 am following worship service.

## *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

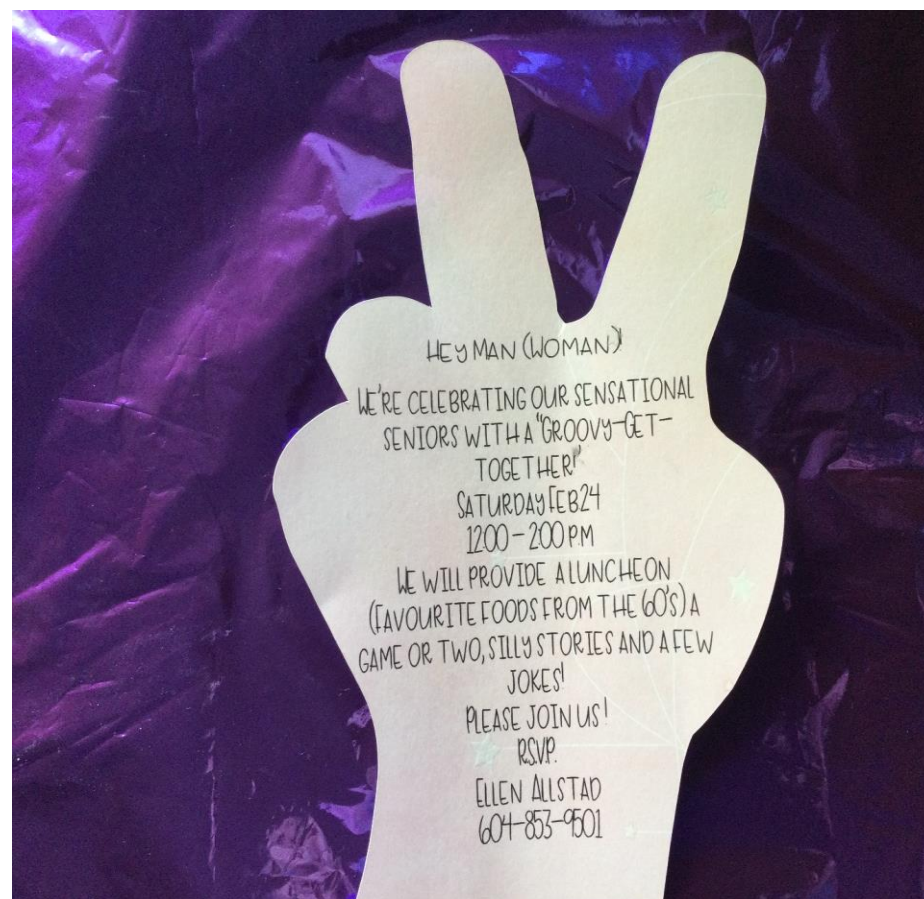
### **Transfiguration Sunday February 11**

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

## **YOU'RE INVITED...**



We also have a 'WHO AM I' contest starting now! There are 11 beautiful souls from Gladwin's church family featured downstairs. All you have to do is guess who they are. Guess as many times as you like. All will be revealed at the luncheon.

We are also asking for your help! We would like a picture of you as a teen or in your early 20's for us to use as part of our decorations if you feel comfortable enough with that. Please send or show me your picture to Ellen Alstad.

## Gladwin Height United Church

### Board Members

Chair – Gayle LaPointe  
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Gladys Banks

#### Joint M & P

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Kate Jordan  
Samantha Assels

#### Joint Worship

Arlene Kropp  
Rita Green  
Tim Bowman

*Coming soon*

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

## GLADWIN HEIGHTS IS A SCENT FREE ZONE

Please do not wear scented product in our building

### 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](mailto:bowmantimothy@gmail.com).

## 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](#)

## *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 our community and ourselves.

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 p.m. - 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: 11:00 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 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Location: Conference Room B, Trinity Memorial Abbotsford

Cost: \$30 General Admission / \$25 Senior (60+) Admission / \$0

Admission for Indigenous Persons.

