



ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

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April 7, 2024

Monthly Announcements



Minister: Tim Bowman

Music Director: Deborah Handley

Pianist: 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.

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 • Jenny • Katy

Blessings, Pastoral Care Team

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

Lectionary for April 2024

Second Sunday of Easter

April 7

Acts 4:32–35

Psalm 133

1 John 1:1—2:2

John 20:19–31

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21

Acts 4:5–12

Psalm 23

1 John 3:16–24

John 10:11–18

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14

Acts 3:12–19

Psalm 4

1 John 3:1–7

Luke 24:36b–48

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28

Acts 8:26–40

Psalm 22:25–31

1 John 4:7–21

John 15:1–8

Minister's Message

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Early in the morning on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb.

- John 20:1-3

Siblings in Christ,

There is a risk, when interpreting the Bible, of getting caught up on insignificant details and thus missing the forest for the trees.

Nevertheless, I am puzzled by that little word, "we."

We do not know where they have laid him? Who is this "we," given that Mary is alone? Is this a mistake by John, or one of the earliest copyists, subconsciously reading in details from the other Gospel versions in which Mary is accompanied by other women? Or, given that every sentence in John tends to be carefully crafted and loaded with symbolic and theological meaning, should we make more of it? Later, in verse thirteen, Mary says to the angels in the tomb, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." Over the intervening eleven verses, Mary's puzzlement moves from the collective to the individual. In this time, Peter and the other disciple have come to the tomb and seen for themselves. The other disciple, but not Peter, "believes."

Is Mary therefore speaking on behalf of the community in verse two, but speaking for herself in verse thirteen, given that the others have begun to draw their own conclusions? Do we, also, not know what has become of Jesus at that point in the story? In our Lectio Divina session this past Wednesday, we wondered about the role of the angels. Why does Mary see them, whereas others do not? Trudy suggested that perhaps Mary needs to see them – more must be

revealed to Mary – because she will be commissioned to interpret for the others what has happened.

All of us are confronted with the mystery of the resurrection.

All of us will draw our own conclusions and have our own experience of the resurrection, but then we are all called to share the truths we have discerned with the gathered community of disciples. Individually we may indeed not know what has become of Jesus, but together, while we may not resolve the mystery into one unitary understanding, we deepen and enter into the mystery so that, like a prism, its many facets may enrich our lives and our spirits with many kinds of beauty. Let go and tell our siblings what we have heard, that they also may hear the good news.

Yours in Christ,

Tim

Tim is published! You might want to check out the book **"Preaching the Uncontrolling Love of God"** a book of sermons, Essays and worship Elements from the Perspective of Open, Relational and Process Theology. Tim's Essay **"Preaching as a Relationship"** is included. You can find the book on Amazon (for \$29.78) If you need help ordering a book let our office know and we can do a group order.

Happy Birthday

Tim Bowman – April 14

Beate Pothmann – April 15

Deborah Handley – April 20

Angela Darychuk -April 20

Scriptures for April 7, 2024

John 20:19-31

1 John 1:1 - 2:2

Acts 4:32-35

Hymns for April 7, 2024

VU 479 - "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" [Tune: VU 111]

"Community of Christ"

MV 154 - "Deep in Our Hearts"

MV 185 – "Ev'ry Day is a Day of Thanksgiving"

VU 178 - "Because You Live, O Christ" - V2 and Refrain.

VU 178 - "Because You Live, O Christ" - V1 and Refrain

This week at St. Andrew's

Lectio Divina (bible study)- Wednesdays at 10:30 in the chapel.

Choir Practice Sunday after Worship Service. Check with Deborah for the schedule.

Upcoming Happenings

Meet and Eat April 9, 2024, at 11:30. At the Mandarin Palace. Contact Myrna for more information. (604) 826-6313

Board meeting April 24, 2024 at 1 pm. All are welcome.

Regional Prayer Cycle for April 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.

Apr 7 [St. David's By The Lake](#)

Apr 14 [Vancouver Japanese](#)

Apr 21 [Hartley Bay: Emmanuel](#)

Apr 28 [Chemainus-Crofton](#)

Cluster Events

Spring into gardening with **Brian Minter** who brings a fresh look at the value of plants: for people, wildlife, and the planet.

When? April 7th 7:00-9:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:30.

Where: Trinity Memorial United Church

33737 George Ferguson Avenue, Abbotsford

Tickets: \$20 from your church rep or Don Strangway:

778-808-5835

This fundraiser is for UC Earth Stewards. We plant life giving trees... 900 in the last 2 years!

Gladwin Heights United Church

Soft Goods drive (FUNDrive with Value Village). May 3, 2024. Gladwin Heights are again collecting clothing, soft goods including towels, bedding, footwear, belts, handbags in clean condition. They will take items that are torn, stained, and frayed. Value Village will sell the gentle used items and the rest is recycled and repurpose. Drop off will be at the church, lower hall AFTER preschool has left at 3pm on May 3. Tell your friends and families.

Garage sale Saturday May 4, 2024, 9:00 to 12 at Gladwin Heights United Church

All Saints Annual Plant Sale Pick up an order form from the Narthex. Delivery April 26-27 Orders and payment due April 21st, 2024.

Trinity Memorial United Church

UCW spring plant and bake sale 33737 George Ferguson Way, Abbotsford, BC

Date: Saturday May 4th 9:00 to 12 noon

Featuring plants, baking, crafts & more

Donations are appreciated:

1) plants that are potted up early so they look like “Garden Centre Beauties”!

2) baked items for the Bake Table --- Please use transparent packaging that allows customers to see the goodies and feel free to add some Spring Decorations! NOTE: Please do NOT bring any goodies that include whipped cream or custard or need refrigeration. Thanks so much.

3) garden décor in good condition.

DONATION DROP OFF FRIDAY MAY 3RD FROM 9:00 TO 12 NOON

Coming soon

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

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.

Reach Tim at 778-791-3545 or bowmantimothy@gmail.com.

St Andrew's United Church

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