

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH 33077 Second Avenue Mission, BC V2V 1J7 Church Office: 604-826-8296 E-mail: mission.uc@shaw.ca Website: www.saintandrewsunited.church



We are called to be the United Church. Mission is our home. We foster belonging; provide spiritual accompaniment; and ask the deep questions

St. Andrew's is a member church of Affirm United





Glen Robertson – July 10 Russell Reist – July 12 Nancy Mawson – July 25 Taylor Galbiati – July 28

Our Prayer List

Please hold these people and families in your heart and prayers.

John & Daryl & Ted & Janice & Maggie Myrna & family & Sherry & Adrian & Glen McTaggart & Jacob Hine

Blessings, Pastoral Care Team

Ministers Message

HE SAID TO THEM, "BUT WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?" SIMON PETER ANSWERED, "YOU ARE THE MESSIAH, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD." AND JESUS ANSWERED HIM, "BLESSED ARE YOU, SIMON SON OF JONAH! FOR FLESH AND BLOOD HAS NOT REVEALED THIS TO YOU BUT MY FATHER IN HEAVEN. AND I TELL YOU, YOU ARE PETER, AND ON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH, AND THE GATES OF HADES WILL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST IT. - MATTHEW 16:15-18

Siblings in Christ,

I have just returned from the final session of (Re)Generate: The Moderator's Leadership Program. In addition to the wonderful content of the program, with such topics such as church finance, fundraising, strategic planning, and time management, I was blessed and awed by the way we were always affirming each other. As church leaders (and congregations) we can sometimes fall into the competitive mindset that is so common in our world, tearing each other down rather than building each other up. But in this course, we named the qualities we saw in others. Receiving this reflection and affirmation, we could take pride and confidence in those qualities and plan to improve our strengths.

In the above passage, Jesus gives Simon a new name: Petros (Peter), a Greek name meaning rock. In so doing, he affirms him for his insight and also states that he will be foundational to the new church. Peter struggles but eventually succeeds in becoming the reliable, foundational disciple that Jesus sees in him. It is a powerful act to affirm others. If we are called to follow in the footsteps of our brother Jesus, then we also are called to affirm others and reflect to them a vision of their best selves.

June and July are the season of Pride festivals. I recently sat with someone who was reduced to tears as they contemplated the gender box on their passport application. What was the best compromise between being who they know themselves to be, and avoiding trouble at border crossings? They should not have to choose. Respecting people's pronouns and affirming their sexuality reflects their identity to them and strengthens them to be who God calls them to be. It is an act of discipleship; an act of human decency and respect.

Affirming someone's gifts, calling, and identity is one of the most powerful things we can do. Each of has this power. Thank you for using your power for those whom God loves.

Yours in Christ,

Tim

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JULY 6TH

Galatians 6:7-16 PFAS 30C – "All with Joyful Exultation" Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

HYMNS FOR JULY 6TH

VU 28 – "Herald! Sound the Note of Gladness"
MV 156 – "Dance with the Spirit"
"Prepare the Way With Quietness"
VU 960 - The Lord's Prayer
MV 185 – "Ev'ry Day is a Day of Thanksgiving"
MV 219 - "Ameni"

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| DATE | LOCATION | REVEREND |
| July 6 | St. Andrew's | Tim Bowman |
| July 13 | St. Andrew's | Tim Bowman |
| July 20 | St. Andrew's | Tracy Fairfield |
| July 27 | Gladwin Heights | Tracy Fairfield |
| August 3 | Gladwin Heights | Tim Bowman |
| August 10 | Gladwin Heights | Tracy Fairfield |
| August 17 | Trinity Memorial | Tim Bowman |
| August 24 | Trinity Memorial | Tracy Fairfield |
| August 31 | Trinity Memorial | Tim Bowman |
| Please bring your offering envelopes! | | |

Ongoing Events at St. Andrew's

LECTIO DIVINA (BIBLE STUDY) Wednesdays at **11am** in the chapel.

CHOIR PRACTICE Sundays after service. Check with Deborah for full schedule.

MEET & EAT DATES & LOCALS

July 8 - Five Forks – <mark>cancelled!</mark> Aug 12 - Ocean Pizza Planet Sept 9 - Five Forks Oct 14 - The station Grill

Cluster & Shared Announcements

CAMP SPIRIT the Mid-Fraser Church Cluster presents a week of fun and faith at Gladwin Heights United Church August 5th-8th for ages 6-14. For more information and to register, please visit <u>www.campspirit.ca</u>

ROMEO Retired Old Men Eating Out: **Every second Friday**, **7am** at JoJo's Restaurant, Abbotsford. For more information, contact Don Strangway at Trinity.

Please Note!

100[™] ANNIVERSARY PHOTOS We are looking for photos you may have taken on June 14th for a potential memory book to be made. Please send your photos to the office email at <u>mission.uc@shaw.ca</u>. Thank you.

BROADCAST WORSHIP SERVICE St. Andrew's offers our service by Zoom. Link for Zoom services: For Video – click here:<u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89052449596?pwd=NFVtMIIj</u> elMwM0NmdU9wcVdnZ0toZz09 Passcode: 432554 Join via Telephone – 1 778 907 2071. Meeting ID: 890 5244 9596 Passcode: 432554

Please continue to sing and pray while on Mute.

Coming soon

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

Minister: Rev. Tim Bowman Music Director: Deborah Handley Pianist: Jacob Greenan Office: Melissa Boisclair

Church Reception Hours

St. Andrew's Office

Monday 8:30am-4:30pm Wednesday 8:30am-2:30pm Gladwin's Office

> Tuesday 8:30am-4:30pm Thursday 9am-12pm

Reverend Tim

10am-5pm

