

Announcements for Sept 7th, 2025



**We look forward to seeing you all this
Sunday at 9:30am in your pajamas!**

Rosemary Best – September 7
Lois Chatham – September 14
Sheila Flavelle – September 15



Minister's Message

Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

|| - *Matthew 35:34-40*

Siblings in Christ,

My understanding of Jesus Christ is that he shows us what the fullest presence of God looks like in a human being. Jesus is a particular case of a universal truth: that God is present in every human being. When we offer kindness to another human being therefore, we honour God Himself. The above passage demonstrates that the righteous are often surprised to be reminded of this. They help those in need just as a matter of course: without thought of honour and reward.

The flip side, as further verses will make clear, is that those who are cruel and selfish are also often surprised to hear that, in rejecting those in need, they have also rejected God.

One of the strengths of the United Church is that we are often willing to examine ourselves and confess those times when we have thus rejected God.

It is important to balance this, however, by recognizing and celebrating those times we do get it right. I want to share with you that twice in the last two weeks, I have had people come up to me after worship and tell me, "I saw the rainbow on the sign and I knew this was a safe place."

My friends, the church should be a safe place. You are doing it right. Thank you.

Yours in Christ,

Tim

Weekly Worship Elements

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ephesians 1:3-10

Psalm 104:24-30

Luke 5:1-11

HYMNS

“Sing for God’s Glory”

“Heleluyan”

VU 229 – “God of the Sparrow”

The Lord’s Prayer

VU 542 – “We Give You But Your Own”

MV 145 – “Draw the Circle Wide”

Gladwin’s Current Events



MURDER MYSTER GAME – PARTICIPANTS NEEDED!

Would anyone be interested in participating in a Murder Mystery game, held on **September 20 @ 1pm** at Gladwin? We have a few people wanting to participate but need more for a total of eight.

The scene is set in 1964, Elmdale High’s head cheerleader Sue McNaughton known as ‘Runaround Sue’, has been murdered. You were there at the Sugar Shack Cafe when it happened. You are one of the suspects and may have information to solve this mystery.

We are looking to fill the role of Chad Cunningham, the handsome captain of the football team....every girls dream...but had he ‘lost that loving feeling’?

A couple people are waiting to confirm if they can be there so I would like a few back ups in case peoples plans change.

If this is something you would like to participate in or want more information, please phone Ellen @ 604-853-9501

UCP POTLUCK MEETING There is change to our UCP meeting this year. It will be **September 17 @ 12pm** held at Ellen Alstad's residence. Please bring a dish to share. Coffee, tea and dessert will be provided. Any questions phone Ellen @ 604-853-9501.

Note: May want to carpool from the church. We can fit 6/7 vehicles in the yard.

HOLIDAY FAIR FRIDAY Gladwin Heights is pleased to announce they have merged their highly successful Fall Fair and Holiday Tea into one spectacular event! Holiday Fair **November 21st & 22nd**. We invited all those who have supported our Fall Fair and Holiday Tea to join us at this new event. More details to follow. Merry Christmas (sounds like it is early doesn't it - but less than 4 months)

GARAGE SALE Our annual garage sale and soft good collection will be held Saturday **April 18th, 2026**.

Unfortunately there is no storage at the church, please contact Ellen she can arrange something.

Gladwin's Recurring Events

5/2 MINISTRIES WITH B'HAI we are making sandwiches to distribute to those who are homeless. We meet at the church on the **first Tuesday of the month at 3:30pm**

Cluster & Shared Announcements

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!



FACEBOOK SERVICE We broadcast our in-house service via Facebook Live, for those of you who are unable to make it in person. Visit the Gladwin Heights Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/Gladwin-Heights-United-Church-699893126828536> and look for the Service by date. It can be viewed online anytime.

GLADWIN HEIGHTS IS A SCENT FREE ZONE

Please do not wear scented products in our building.

Coming soon

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

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



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