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Announcements for October 5th, 2025



**We look forward to seeing you
this Sunday with St. Andrew's at
9:30am!**



Joe Showers – October 8
Tom Ryan – October 9
Laura Bailey – October 18
Muriel Thomas – October 22

Minister's Message

*But you are a chosen people, a royal
priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order
that you may proclaim the excellence of him who
called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.*

*Once you were not a people, but now you are
God's people;
once you had not received mercy, but now you have
received mercy.*

*Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to
abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war
against the soul. Conduct yourselves honorably*

among the gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honorable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge.

- 1 Peter 2:9-12

Siblings in Christ,

I am writing this from our rented apartment in Paris as Zoë and Jennifer explore the neighbourhood and look for a good bakery for breakfast tomorrow.

We just had a nice though expensive meal at a cafe and, though I wasn't quite sure what exactly I was ordering, it turned out fine. This is, I suppose, the reason we vacation in foreign places: for that unsettled experience of being somewhere new, where you don't quite know the rules. It takes you out of your everyday routines, makes you question your assumptions, forces you to turn off your autopilot and notice the life you're living.

Living in Korea was a similar experience but after six months I got tired of how everything seemed subtly "wrong," how I had to think about how to accomplish tasks that, at home in Canada, would have been mundane. There is a reason we like routines: the alternative is draining. I would go to the expatriate district once a week for a meal that felt familiar.

This, I think, is what the writer of 1 Peter is holding up as a model for the Christian life. We are to live in the world like the Jewish exiles in Babylon did, participating in society but still remembering who and whose they were. We are not to uncritically adopt the accepted wisdom of the world, but to always hold it up to scrutiny and compare it to the ways of our true home, the kingdom of God.

We are not to do this in a superior way so as to alienate people, but to be just and kind in all our actions. At the same time, I know that to live as a foreigner, looking at everything with fresh eyes, can be draining; so do not be

afraid to carve out for yourselves islands of familiarity, and to be gentle with yourselves and rest.

Christianity is not just about our politics, but also something deeper. To be a Christian is to live in a two-level world: to allow the transcendent, the spiritual, to break into our awareness of the everyday. A Christian is equally stunned by the cruelty of oppression, and the beauty of a robin's flight.

Siblings in Christ, this world is our home, because it is God's. Because it is God's, we share God's dream that it can be even better, kinder, more beautiful. Do not let the ugly and the terrifying blind you to what is beautiful and awe-inspiring.

Bonne nuit!

- Tim

Weekly Worship Elements

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

READER: GINA HARTLEY

Lamentations 1:1-6

Lamentations 3:19-26, with refrain [VU 831]

Luke 17:5-10

HYMNS:

VU 409 – “Morning has Broken”

TLUS 84 - “Heleluyan”

VU 307 - “Touch the Earth Lightly”

VU 542 – “We Give You But Your Own”

MV 206 - “Holy, Holy, Holy”

MV 207 – “Memorial Acclamation”

MV 208 – “Great Amen”

“Come, to the Table of Grace”

“The World God Imagines”

From MV 145 “Draw the Circle Wide”

Gladwin's Events

WORLD COMMUNION POTLUCK SUNDAY October 5th is a joint potluck celebration with St. Andrew's at Gladwin! Please bring your favourite dish to share!



MURDER MYSTER GAME – POSTPONED!

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'?

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



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.

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



TREE PLANTING The Earth Stewards will be planting trees **October 4th from 10am to 12pm** at Horn Creek Park. Everyone is welcome to join. The City of Abbotsford will have holes pre-dug for planting, so it is relatively easy for most ages and abilities. Contact the office for the mapped locations or grab it off our website.



ZOOM CLUSTER BOOK STUDY Starting **October 14th at 7pm**, Norman Greene will be leading the book study discussion about disruption, decline, and new hope for the beloved community, "The Church Cracked Open" by Stephanie Spellers. She was the theme speaker for the recent Pacific Mountain Region AGM. You will be responsible to obtain your own book. To receive a zoom invitation, email donald15@telus.net

ARE YOU HUNGRY? Coming up **October 10th** Abbotsford Gogo's will have an order link for the Neufeld Farm Frozen Food Fundraiser for you to stock up your freezer for the holiday season; main courses, sides, wings, desserts, etc. The delivery will take place at Gladwin on November 15th at 10am sharp. **Don't be late!**



FREE CONCERT Message Canada presents SOULBOX, a UK evangelistic band, concert at Cedar Valley Church on **October 15th, 7pm**. 32860 Cherry Ave.



PURDY'S CHOCOLATE Gogo's will have a sale so you can shop for treats for those who you might like to thank (ie: mechanic, vet, church administrator 😊😊) Of

course a little self indulgence is not out of order. They hope to have the link set up by late October or early November and pick up will be at the Gogo's Bake Sale in December.

GOGO'S BAKE SALE 4th annual bake sale at Gladwin Heights **December 6th at 9am to 12pm**

ROMEO Retired Old Men Eating Out: **October 3rd, 7am** at JoJo's Restaurant, Abbotsford. For more information, contact Don Strangway at Trinity.

Please Note!



CALENDAR ORDERS It's time to get your 2026 calendar orders in! Please put your name down on the list in the office or email ghuc@shaw.ca if you would like one by October 5th, this will make delivery possible at the UCW event on October 21st. They are \$9.50 each.



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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