

# Gladwin Heights United Church

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## FEBRUARY 2019

**Minister:** Rev. Tim Bowman

**Pianist:** Jacob Greenan

**Custodian:** Rick Frier

**Office Administrator:** Eileen Arnold

### FEBRUARY READERS

Feb. 3 – Jenny  
Feb. 10 – Jan  
Feb. 17 – Florine  
Feb. 24 – TBA

### FEBRUARY WORSHIP HOSTS

Feb. 3 – At St. Andrew's UC  
Feb. 10 – TBA  
Feb. 17 – TBA  
Feb. 24 – TBA

### BOARD MEMBERS

Chair – Gayle  
Secretary – Gina  
Treasurer – Muriel  
Presbytery Rep – Sheila  
M & P Rep – Patricia  
Spiritual Care Liaison – Rita  
Property – Jenny  
Sunday Morning Coordinator –  
Gladys  
Public Relations – Ray

### MEMBERS OF JOINT COMMITTEES

#### WITH ST. ANDREW'S

**Joint Board:** Jenny  
Sheila  
Arlene  
**Joint M & P:** Lois  
Patricia  
**Joint Worship:** Rita  
Carlene  
Arlene



## FEBRUARY LECTIONARY

### **February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
Jeremiah 1:4-10  
Psalm 71:1-6 [VU 789]  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
Luke 4:21-30



### **February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany  
Jeremiah 17:5-10  
Psalm 1 [VU 724]  
1 Corinthians 15:12-20  
Luke 6:17-26

### **February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany  
Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13)  
Psalm 138 [VU 860]  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Luke 5:1-11

### **February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany  
Genesis 45:3-11, 15  
Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 [VU 763]  
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50  
Luke 6:27-38

### **Gathering of Women Valentine Gift Bag Project Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 7:30 pm**

The Gathering of Women will meet on February 11<sup>th</sup>,  
at 7:30 pm at Arlene's  
to put together the Valentine Gift Bags for Peardonville House.

If you are able to help with this important project,  
please talk to Arlene or call the church office.



## **ANNUAL MEETING**



**Annual General Meeting**  
**Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019,**  
immediately after the Worship Service.  
Mark your calendars!

### **St. Andrew's Community Potluck Dinner**

**Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at 5:30 pm**

at St. Andrew's UC, 33077 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Mission in the downstairs hall.

**Join us for fun and entertainment by the Valley Singers!**

Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend and some food to share and come  
and have fun together. (There will be an opportunity to make  
a freewill offering for MY House (Mission Youth House).)



## EVENTS & MEETINGS IN FEBRUARY



- Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>** - 7:30 am – ROMEO Breakfast at JoJo's Bana Restaurant  
- 9:00 am – Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina – Sanctuary
- Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>** - 10:00 am – Mid-Fraser Cluster Environment Project Meeting at Trinity Memorial UC, Abbotsford
- Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>** - 10:45 am – Joint Coffee & Fellowship Time at St. Andrew's UC, Mission with Rev. Richard Topping  
- 11:30 am – V.S.T. Sunday - Joint Worship Service at St. Andrew's UC, Mission – Rev. Richard Topping, President of V.S.T. preaching
- Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>** - 7:00 pm – Choir Practice – Sanctuary
- Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>** - 9:00 am – Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina at St. Andrew's
- Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>** - 5:30 pm – St. Andrew's Community Potluck Dinner at St. Andrew's UC, Mission
- Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>** - 9:30 am – Worship Service  
- 1:30 pm – Senior Worship at MSA Manor
- Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>** - 7:30 pm – Gathering of Women Meeting at Arlene Kropp's for Valentine Gift Bags
- Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>** - 2:00 pm – U.C.W. Meeting
- Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>** - 1:00 pm – Board Meeting  
- 7:00 pm – Choir Practice – Sanctuary
- Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>** - 7:30 am – ROMEO Breakfast at JoJo's Bana Restaurant  
- 9:00 am – Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina at St. Andrew's
- Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>** - 9:30 am – Gogos Meeting
- Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>** - 9:30 am – Worship Service
- Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>** - 3:15 pm – Sandwich Group
- Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>** - 7:00 pm – Choir Practice – Sanctuary
- Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>** - 9:00 am – Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina at St. Andrew's
- Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>** - 9:30 am – Worship Service  
- 1:30 pm – Senior Worship at The Mayfair
- Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>** - 7:00 pm – Choir Practice – Sanctuary



### Transfiguration Sunday Joint Worship Service with Communion

March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, at 9:30 am at Gladwin Heights UC  
Mark your calendars!



**St. Andrew's Affirming Celebration**  
**Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, at 3:00 pm**

Join St. Andrew's UC as they celebrate becoming an Affirming Ministry within The United Church of Canada.

Refreshments to follow the service. Mark your calendars!  
(St. Andrew's UC is located at 33077 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Mission.)

**St. Andrew's Shrove Tuesday**  
**Pancake Dinner**

**March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm**  
**in St. Andrew's downstairs hall**

Admission is by donation with all proceeds going to the Ecole Mission Central School Breakfast Club program.  
Come & join us for pancakes & sausages and fellowship  
Mark your calendars!

*Shrove Tuesday*  
*Pancake Dinner*



**MINISTER'S MESSAGE**

*While everyone was amazed at all that he was doing, he said to his disciples, 'Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands.' But they did not understand this saying; its meaning was concealed from them, so that they could not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask him about this saying.*

*An argument arose among them as to which one of them was the greatest. But Jesus, aware of their inner thoughts, took a little child and put it by his side, and said to them, 'Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me; for the least among all of you is the greatest.'*

*John answered, 'Master, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he does not follow with us.' But Jesus said to him, 'Do not stop him; for whoever is not against you is for you.'*

- Luke 9:43b-50

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

This passage seems, among other things, to be about expecting opposition when speaking the truth, and about humility when deciding what the truth is and who possesses it.

In reading it I was reminded by a recent article by a Vancouver School of Theology faculty member (unfortunately I can't put my hands on it now) about the Principle of Charity. Put simply, it says that you should really seek to understand a point of view before subjecting it to critique, in order to arrive at the truth instead of merely your own preconceptions.

In this age of social media and instant outrage, maybe Jesus calls us disciples to apply the Principle of Charity: when we encounter a statement we disagree with, even an outrageous one, perhaps we are called to understand how it makes sense to the speaker. From there, we might proceed to questions like, "What is the need which is crying out here? What is the good that this person is trying to accomplish?"

If we stop a moment to consider the human behind the action or comment, we might discover a fellow would-be disciple, even if they would not name Jesus as their teacher. From that common ground, we might together discover that we are both seeking God, even if that person does not follow our own group of disciples. We might discover that we have more friends, and fewer enemies, than we all first assumed.

May it be so.

Yours in Christ,

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