



St. Andrew's United Church

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MAY 2018

Minister: Rev. Tim Bowman

Music Director: Deborah Handley

Musician: Jacob Greenan

Bookkeeper: Angela Darychuk

Church Administrator: Eileen Arnold

MAY READERS

May 6 – Cathy

May 13 – Beate

May 20 – Nancy

May 27 – Frances

MAY GREETERS

May 6 – Russell & Dennis

May 13 – At Gladwin Heights UC

May 20 – Russell & Dennis

May 27 – Russell & Dennis

MEMBERS OF JOINT COMMITTEES WITH GLADWIN HEIGHTS UC

Joint Board – Judith, Myrna, Beate

Joint M & P – Cherie, Lyle

Joint Worship – Linda, Charlotte, Deborah

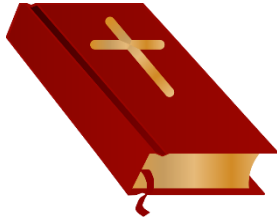
MEMBERS OF LIAISON COMMITTEE WITH ALL SAINTS AC

Linda, Myrna

MAY LECTIONARY

May 6th, 2018

6th Sunday in Easter
Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98 [VU 818]
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17



May 13th, 2018

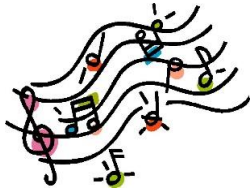
7th Sunday in Easter
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1 [VU 724]
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

May 20th, 2018

Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b [VU 827]
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

May 27th, 2018

Trinity Sunday
Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29 [VU 756]
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17



SERENATA SINGERS CONCERT

“The Road Home” - Songs of Exile and Return
Saturday, May 5th, 2018, 7:30 pm (Doors open at 7:00 pm)

at Calvin Presbyterian Church,
33911 Hazelwood Ave., Abbotsford, B.C.

Tickets (Adults \$15, Seniors & Students \$12, Children \$6, Under 6 free)
available at the Schuh Boutique, from Choir Members, or at the door.

SCOUTS MOTHER'S DAY HANGING BASKET SALE

Saturday, May 12th, 2018, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
at Centennial Park, Grand & 11th, Mission

Be sure to stop by and pick up a lovely hanging basket!
(Note the sale is only on Saturday this year)



LORNA ADAIR BRIDGE TOURNAMENT FOR HOSPICE

Thursday, May 17, 2018, 1:00 – 3:30 pm
in the downstairs church hall.

Food and “funtastic” prizes.

Donations will be accepted for the Mission Hospice Society.

To register, call the church office by Friday, May 11, at 604-826-8296.

You may register with a partner or as a single player.

EVENTS & MEETINGS IN MAY



- May 1st** - 1:30 pm – Interfaith Sip & Stitch at Carrington House
- May 2nd** - 11:30 am – Meet & Eat Lunch at Blackberry Kitchen
- 7:00 pm – Choir Practice – Sanctuary
- May 4th** - 9:00 am – Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina – Sanctuary
- May 5th** - 7:30 pm – Serenata Singers “The Road Home” Concert at
Calvin Presbyterian Church, Abbotsford
- May 6th** - 9:00 am – Affirming Committee – Office
- 10:45 am – Joint Coffee & Fellowship Time with All Saints
- 11:30 am – 6th Sunday in Easter Worship Service (no Sunday School)
- 12:30 pm – Outreach Meeting with light lunch provided after service
- May 8th** - 10:00 am – Special Events Team - Office
- 1:30 pm – Interfaith Sip & Stitch at Carrington House
- May 9th** - 7:00 pm – Choir Practice – Sanctuary
- May 11th** - 7:30 am – ROMEO Breakfast at JoJo’s Bana Restaurant, Abbotsford
- 9:00 am – Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina - Sanctuary
- May 12th** - 1:30 pm – Cluster Meeting at Aldergrove United Church
- 9:00 am – 4:00 pm–Scout Hanging Basket Sale – Centennial Park,
Grand & 11th, Mission
- May 13th** - 9:30 am – Joint Worship Service at Gladwin Heights UC, Abbotsford
- May 15th** - 1:30 pm – Interfaith Sip & Stitch at Carrington House
- May 16th** - 7:00 pm – Choir Practice – Sanctuary
- May 17th** - 1:30 pm – Lorna Adair Bridge Tournament for Hospice – Downstairs
Hall
- May 18th** - 9:00 am – Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina – Sanctuary
- May 20th** - 10:45 am – Joint Coffee & Fellowship Time with All Saints
- 11:30 am – Pentecost Sunday Worship Service (no Sunday School)
- May 22nd** - 1:30 pm – Interfaith Sip & Stitch at Carrington House
- May 23rd** - 1:30 pm – Executive Board – Office
- 7:00 pm – Choir Practice – Sanctuary
- May 25th** - 7:30 am – ROMEO Breakfast at JoJo’s Bana Restaurant, Abbotsford
- 9:00 am – Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina – Office
- May 27th** - 10:45 am – Joint Coffee & Fellowship Time with All Saints
- 11:30 am – Trinity Sunday Worship Service with Sunday School
- May 31st to June 3rd** - B.C. Conference 2018 General Meeting at Penticton
Convention & Trade Centre, Penticton, B.C.

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.
- Romans 14:1-4 (NRSV)

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Paul is here addressing Roman Christians on the theme of love for one another. He is encouraging them not to be consumed by quarrels over minor points of doctrine (such as whether or not it is necessary to observe dietary laws). Rather, they should trust that each is doing their best to be faithful to God as they know how, and to leave any judgment to God.

This passage comes to my mind the day after we heard Dr. Martha Dow speak at Gladwin Heights on the history of LGBTQ+ rights and her personal connection to it as a lesbian and a mother. Both of our Affirming committees are working on educating their congregations and at Gladwin we have set a date for the vote in June.

As I understand it, if a congregation votes to become Affirming (75% in favour is the threshold we have set at Gladwin), this becomes a ministry *of the congregation*. This means that all congregants are expected to live out this ministry, not just those who voted in favour.

By quoting the passage from Romans, I do not mean to imply that the question of Affirming LGBTQ+ people is a matter of indifference, a minor point of doctrine. What I want to say is this: it is possible to disagree about this and still be a good Christian. It is possible to disagree with each other on this and still be members of the same congregation and part of the body of Christ.

That being the case, I want to be clear that I am (or seek to be) a safe person to talk to regardless of your stance on the Affirming process. Regardless of your opinion I will listen to you. I will not chastise you for your questions or tell you that you're wrong or kick you out of the congregation. All who seek to follow Christ are welcome here because we are *Christ's* body, not mine or yours or anyone else's.

Yours in Christ, Tim