



## *St. Andrew's United Church*

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### **SEPTEMBER 2018**

**Minister:** Rev. Tim Bowman

**Music Director:** Deborah Handley

**Musician:** Jacob Greenan

**Bookkeeper:** Angela Darychuk

**Church Administrator:** Eileen Arnold

#### **SEPTEMBER READERS**

Sept. 2 – Myrna

Sept. 9 – John

Sept. 16 – Cherie

Sept. 23 – Nancy

Sept. 30 – Aroon



#### **SEPTEMBER GREETERS**

Sept. 2 – Lyle & Dennis

Sept. 9 – Russell & Dennis

Sept. 16 – Russell & Dennis

Sept. 23 – Russell & Dennis

Sept. 30 – 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

## SEPTEMBER LECTIONARY

### Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
Genesis 1:1-25  
Psalm 33:1-9 [VU 760]  
Romans 1:18-23  
John 1:1-14



### Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
Genesis 1:26-28  
Psalm 8 [VU 732]  
Philippians 2:1-8  
Mark 10:41-45

### Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
Jeremiah 4:23-28  
Psalm 19:1-6 [VU 740]  
Philippians 2:14-18  
Mark 15:33-39

### Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
Isaiah 65:17-25  
Psalm 48:1-11 [VU 772]  
Romans 8:28-39  
Mark 16:14-18

### Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22  
Psalm 124 [VU 848]  
James 5:13-20  
Mark 9:38-50

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018

during the Worship Service downstairs in the church office  
Classes will continue on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> and every other Sunday.



## GLADWIN HEIGHTS FALL FAIR & VINTAGE MARKET

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**

**9:00 am to 1:00 pm**



Vintage Items, Unique Crafts & Gift Items  
Cards and Gift Bags, Jewelry, Scarves and Belts  
Garden Centre, Baking & Cookie Tables  
Used Books, Whole Congregation Garage Sale  
Coffee, tea & lunch available.

**Everyone welcome!**

## EVENTS & MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>** - 10:45 am – Joint coffee & fellowship time with All Saints –  
Downstairs Hall  
- 11:30 am – Worship Service – Sanctuary
- Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>** - 1:30 pm – Interfaith Sip & Stitch at Carrington House
- Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>** - 11:30 am – Meet & Eat Lunch at Fog on the River  
- 7:00 pm – Choir Practice – Sanctuary
- Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>** - No Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina Service
- Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>** - 10:45 am – Joint coffee & fellowship time with All Saints –  
Downstairs Hall  
- 11:30 am – Worship Service (no Sunday School)  
- 12:30 pm – Vote on New Vision Statement & Going Forward as an  
Affirming Church
- Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>** - 10:00 am – Special Events Team – Church Office  
- 11:30 am – Joint M & P Meeting at Gladwin Heights UC  
- 1:30 pm – Interfaith Sip & Stitch at Carrington House
- Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>** - 7:00 pm – Choir Practice – Sanctuary
- Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>** - 7:30 am – ROMEO Breakfast at JoJo's Bana Restaurant, Abbotsford  
- 9:00 am – Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina – Sanctuary
- Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>** - 10:45 am – Joint coffee & fellowship time with All Saints –  
Downstairs Hall  
- 11:30 am – Worship Service with Sunday School Registration
- Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>** - 1:30 pm – Interfaith Sip & Stitch at Carrington House
- Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>** - 1:30 pm – Executive Board – Office  
- 7:00 pm – Choir Practice – Sanctuary
- Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>** - 9:00 am – Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina – Sanctuary
- Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>** - 9:00 am to 1:00 pm – Gladwin Heights United Church Fall Fair
- Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>** - 10:45 am – Joint coffee & fellowship time with All Saints –  
Downstairs Hall  
- 11:30 am – Worship Service (no Sunday School)
- Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>** - 1:30 pm – Interfaith Sip & Stitch at Carrington House
- Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>** - 7:00 pm – Choir Practice – Sanctuary
- Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>** - 7:30 am – ROMEO Breakfast at JoJo's Bana Restaurant, Abbotsford  
- 9:00 am – Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina – Sanctuary
- Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>** - 1:00 pm – Cluster Meeting at Gladwin Heights UC followed  
by Fresh Start Workshop
- Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>** - 10:45 am – Joint coffee & fellowship time with All Saints –  
Downstairs Hall  
- 11:30 am – Worship Service with Sunday School  
- 2:00 pm – Care Home Service at TRIM  
- 4:00 pm – All Saints Pet Blessing Service - Sanctuary



## **MINISTER'S MESSAGE**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

September is again upon us. As the natural world begins to slow down and prepare for winter, the human world is winding up again: Sunday School, the school year, even the Church year as the choirs return, autumn fairs approach and we begin to plan for Advent.

I suppose I am noticing this rhythm even more now that I have a school-aged daughter. The new year is a mix of the new and the old: excitement about new experiences mixes with trepidation about unknown challenges. We reassure her by pointing out how well she did in kindergarten, both academically and socially.

Indeed, it is rare that any challenge or experience is wholly new. Everything builds on what has come before. While Christmas 2018 may be different than Christmas 2017, many things will be similar: we will likely sing many of the same hymns; we will hear the same scripture readings. Each Christmas evolves from previous Christmases, we stand in a long tradition of Christian practice stretching back to the early Church.

Even experiences that are wholly new to us as individuals are not new to Christ's disciples as a whole. If we suffer unjustly and wonder why, Job dwells in sorrow with us and is equally impatient with those who assure us that we must have somehow deserved it. If we are wondering whether to take risks to stand up to injustice, Esther wonders alongside us. If we are convinced we are worthless and not good enough for God, Martin Luther reminds of Paul's assurances that worth is not something we acquire through our own efforts, but through the grace of God in Christ.

Despite whatever challenges the turning seasons may bring you, you have the resources to face them: in your own life experiences, in the depth of the Christian tradition, in your faith and in God's faithfulness.

Blessings on your new beginnings as Autumn approaches!

Yours in Christ,

Tim

