



St. Andrew's United Church

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NOVEMBER 2018

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NOVEMBER READERS

Nov. 4 – Myrna

Nov. 11 – Judith

Nov. 18 – Karen

Nov. 25 – Catherine



NOVEMBER GREETERS

Nov. 4 – Russell & Dennis

Nov. 11 – Russell & Dennis

Nov. 18 – Russell & Dennis

Nov. 25 – Russell & Dennis

MEMBERS OF JOINT COMMITTEES WITH GLADWIN HEIGHTS UC

Joint Board - Judith, Myrna, Beate

Joint M & P - Cherie, Lyle

Joint Worship - Linda, Deborah

MEMBERS OF LIAISON COMMITTEE WITH ALL SAINTS

Linda, Myrna

NOVEMBER LECTIONARY

November 4th, 2018

24th Sunday After Pentecost
Ruth 1:1-18
Psalm 146 [VU 868]
Hebrews 9:11-14
Mark 12:28-34



November 18th, 2018

26th Sunday After Pentecost
Children's Sunday
1 Samuel 1:4-20
1 Samuel 2:1-10
Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25
Mark 13:1-8

November 11th, 2018

25th Sunday After Pentecost
Remembrance Sunday
Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
Psalm 127 [VU 851]
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

November 25th, 2018

27th Sunday After Pentecost
Reign of Christ Sunday
2 Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18) [VU 855]
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

St. Andrew's Christmas Cookie-Plus Corner with All Saints Christmas Bazaar

**Saturday, November 17th – 12 noon – 3:00 p.m.
in the downstairs hall**



We will have our traditional cookie table plus preserves.
Start your cookie baking early and load up your freezer in preparation!

Come on November 17th and buy some cookies and preserves
and then enjoy the All Saints traditional Christmas Bazaar.

Mark your calendar!



Joint Worship Service at St. Andrew's on Sunday, November 25th, 2018, at 11:30 am

Join us for our joint worship service
on Sunday, November 25th, at 11:30 am.

We will be welcoming our brothers & sisters from Gladwin Heights.

Come for coffee and fellowship beginning at 10:45 am.

Rev. Kate Jordan will be presiding as Rev. Tim will be away.

EVENTS & MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER



- Nov. 2nd** - 9:00 am – Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina – Sanctuary
- Nov. 4th** - 2:00 am – Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 10:45 am – Joint Coffee & Fellowship Time – Downstairs Hall
- 11:30 am – Worship Service (no Sunday School)
- Nov. 6th** - 1:30 pm – Interfaith Sip & Stitch at Carrington House
- Nov. 7th** - 11:30 am – Meet & Eat Lunch at Corona’s Mexican Restaurant
- 7:00 pm – Choir – Sanctuary
- Nov. 9th** - 7:30 am – ROMEO Breakfast at JoJo’s Bana Restaurant, Abbotsford
- 9:00 am – Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina – Sanctuary
- Nov. 10th** - 1:30 pm – Cluster Meeting at Trinity Memorial UC, Abbotsford
- Nov. 11th** - 10:45 am – Joint Coffee & Fellowship Time – Downstairs Hall
- 11:30 am – Worship Service with Sunday School
- Nov. 13th** - 10:15 am – Special Events Team – Office
- 1:30 pm – Interfaith Sip & Stitch at Carrington House
- 7:00 pm – Fraser Presbytery Full Court Meeting at The United Churches of Langley
- Nov. 14th** - 7:00 pm – Choir Practice - Sanctuary
- Nov. 16th** - 9:00 am – Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina – Sanctuary
- Nov. 17th** - 12 noon – 3:00 pm – Christmas Cookie-Plus Corner at the All Saints Anglican Church Bazaar – Downstairs Hall
- Nov. 18th** - 10:45 am – Joint Coffee & Fellowship Time – Downstairs Hall
- 11:30 am – Worship Service (no Sunday School)
- Nov. 20th** - 1:30 pm – Interfaith Sip & Stitch at Carrington House
- Nov. 21st** - 1:30 pm – Executive Board Meeting - Office
- 7:00 pm – Choir Practice – Sanctuary
- Nov. 23rd** - 7:30 am – ROMEO Breakfast at JoJo’s Bana Restaurant, Abbotsford
- 9:00 am – Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina Service – Sanctuary
- Nov. 24th** - 10:00 am – Vendor Fair at All Saints – Downstairs Hall
- Nov. 25th** - 10:45 am – Joint Coffee & Fellowship Time – Downstairs Hall
- 11:30 am – Joint Worship Service at St. Andrew’s with Sunday School
- Nov. 27th** - 1:30 pm – Interfaith Sip & Stitch at Carrington House
- Nov. 28th** - 12:00 noon – All is Calm Luncheon Concert – Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm – Choir Practice – Sanctuary
- Nov. 30th** - 9:00 am – Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina Service – Sanctuary



ALL IS CALM ADVENT LUNCHEON CONCERTS

Wednesdays through the Advent season
beginning November 28th from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm
in the church sanctuary

Bring your lunch and enjoy an hour of music in our sanctuary.

Come and join us.

Nov. 28th – Piano & violin duets by Antje Neumann & Rafael Brisbois

Dec. 5th – Medieval carols from England & Spain
with Deborah Handley & Mina Lee Saas

Dec. 12th – TBA

Dec. 19th – Music by Cathy Hardy

WHITE GIFT SUNDAY – DECEMBER 2nd, 2018



We will be having our White Gift Sunday on December 2nd.
We ask that everyone who can bring a non-perishable food item
and an item for a Christmas gift (**must be a new item**)
to the church service on Sunday morning.

Suggestions for the gifts: Toys, hair accessories, books, gift cards,
bubble bath, etc., jewelry, cash that can be given to the Christmas Bureau
to purchase items they are in need of, “one size fits all” clothing items.
Items for men and boy & girl teens are especially needed!

Christmas Carols at Trinity

The 6th Annual Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long
at Trinity Memorial United Church

(33737 George Ferguson Way, Abbotsford)

Wednesday, December 5th, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Mark your calendars!



JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE AT GLADWIN HEIGHTS

on the Second Sunday of Advent
December 9th, 2018 at 10:30 am
with a Christmas Potluck Lunch following.



(Note the change in service time.)

Gladwin Heights will supply the turkey.
Bring your favourite side dish or dessert to share and join us
at Gladwin Heights for worship, food and fellowship.



CHRISTMAS MINI-BAZAAR AT GLADWIN HEIGHTS

also on Sunday, December 9th after the worship service

There will be a Bake Sale, Crafts, Vintage Items and Books.
Come and buy your baking, jams and jellies for Christmas.
Mark your calendars!

6th ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF TREES & DRAMATIC READING OF "A CHRISTMAS CAROL"

Tuesday to Saturday, December 11th to 15th, 2018
in the downstairs hall of All Saints & St. Andrew's.
Mark your calendars!



ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16th, WE WILL BE HOSTING OUR ANNUAL WASSAIL!

We will meet in the downstairs hall at 6:00 pm.
As usual, St. Andrew's will be providing warm drinks,
including tea, coffee, hot chocolate and mulled cider to keep us cozy.
So, gather your children, friends, and neighbours,
bring a small plate of Christmas savouries (or sweets)
and join us for an evening of carolling.
If you have them, bring along your instruments
to add to the joyful noise.

Mark your calendars!



MINISTER'S MESSAGE

I appeal to you, [sisters and] brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

- 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17-18

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Recently a colleague shared an article with me that contemplated our deepest societal disagreements. It suggested that many of them are intractable because they consist not merely of differing conclusions, but of different facts and of different criteria for evaluating facts. Given the recent civic elections and the coming provincial ones, this seemed like a timely topic.

Suppose for example that we disagree about the species of a bird in the garden. If we are both intellectually honest and of good will, we will realize that the existence of a disagreement is cause to doubt our conclusions. We can settle the matter by reference to a field guide to birds.

On a societal issue such as climate change, for example, there is disagreement not only about whether the Earth is warming and whether the warming is human-caused, but also about who the experts are and what constitutes evidence for or against the claim.

Furthermore, one's position on the issue has become a sign of one's political affiliation. Those on the left tend to accept climate change as real; those on the

right tend to deny it. Try being a leftist while denying climate change; you will soon be made to feel that you do not belong.

This suggests to me that many societal disagreements are conflicts of values instead of conflicts of facts. We tend to take a position that supports our values and then evaluate facts based on whether they support or oppose that position, and evaluate means of obtaining and validating facts based on whether they produce favourable facts.

For example, if climate change is real then it demands collective action; if not, then individuals can do as they please. Those who value autonomy above all will tend to favour the latter conclusion.

I wonder if Christianity provides us with a fundamental principle or value, a means of discovering and evaluating moral facts, with which we can reach consensus? For Paul, the cross of Christ is his central value, his Truth; he calls the Corinthian church to resolve their disagreements in light of that. I would say that the core of Christianity is, "Every human is a child of God, and every dog, rock and tree participates in the reality of God. Jesus of Nazareth, in his life, death and resurrection, models a life lived in that awareness."

It would be nice if the love of God in Christ could be the core of our national epistemology (knowledge about knowledge, or how we come to know things and evaluate facts). At the very least, it should be at the core of Christian life and advocacy in private and political life.

How about you? How would you state the core Truth of your faith? How does that guide your life and decision-making?

May our faith guide our life, and the love of God in Christ be known in the world.

Yours in Christ,

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