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## **JANUARY 2019**

**Minister:** Rev. Tim Bowman

**Music Director:** Deborah Handley

**Musician:** Jacob Greenan

**Bookkeeper:** Angela Darychuk

**Church Administrator:** Eileen Arnold

### **JANUARY READERS**

Jan. 6 – Myrna

Jan. 13 – Nancy

Jan. 20 – John

Jan. 27 – Beate

### **JANUARY GREETERS**

Jan. 6 – Russell & Lyle

Jan. 13 – Russell & Barb

Jan. 20 – Russell & Lyle

Jan. 27 – Russell & Beate

### **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

## JANUARY LECTIONARY

### January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Epiphany Sunday  
Isaiah 60:1-6  
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 [VU 790]  
Ephesians 3:1-12  
Matthew 2:1-12

### January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany  
Isaiah 62:1-5  
Psalm 36:5-10 [VU 762]  
1 Corinthians 12:1-11  
John 2:1-11



### January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Baptism of Jesus  
Isaiah 43:1-7  
Psalm 29 [VU 756]  
Acts 8:14-17  
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

### January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany  
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10  
Psalm 19 [VU 740]  
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a  
Luke 4:14-21

### **Celebration of Our Hidden Talents**

**A Mid-Fraser Cluster Family Event**

**Location: Gladwin Heights United Church  
3474 Gladwin Road, Abbotsford**

**Date: Sunday, January 13, 2019 Time: 2:00 pm**

**Cost of Entry: A potluck finger food**



Every family has some kind of hidden talent. Whether it's singing, playing a musical instrument, reciting poetry, we want to see and hear it!

So please share your secret with us by phoning or emailing the church office – 604-852-3984 or [info@gladwinheightsunitedchurch.org](mailto:info@gladwinheightsunitedchurch.org).

Please state the name of the talentee and their talent when you leave a message. We look forward to having fun being entertained by and with your talented family member.



**World  
Religion Day**  
20 January 2019

### **World Religion Day**

**“Faith & Refugees – Building One World Together”**

**Sunday, January 20, 2019, at 7:00 pm**

at the Matsqui Centennial Auditorium at City,  
32315 South Fraser Way, Abbotsford, BC

All faith communities share universal guidance such as:  
welcoming the stranger, offering hospitality and refuge,  
comforting the afflicted, alleviating suffering, and respecting diversity.

## World Religion Day (cont'd)

In this public forum -- comments, questions and suggestions from all participants are most welcome. This elevated discourse is intended to lead to positive community change by inspiring new and renewed work with refugees, while generating fresh outreach, cooperation and community-building initiatives.

More information is posted in the Narthex.

## EVENTS & MEETINGS IN JANUARY

- Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>** - 7:30 am – ROMEO Breakfast at JoJo's Bana Restaurant, Abbotsford
- Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>** - 10:45 am – Joint Coffee & Fellowship Time with All Saints
  - 11:30 am – Celebration of Epiphany Worship Service with Sunday School
  - 2:00 pm – Care Home Service at TRIM
- Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>** - 1:30 pm – Interfaith Sip & Stitch at Carrington House
- Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>** - 11:30 am – Meet & Eat Lunch at Brown's Social House
  - 7:00 pm – Choir Practice - Sanctuary
- Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>** - 9:00 am – Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina – Sanctuary
- Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>** - 10:45 am – Joint Coffee & Fellowship Time with All Saints
  - 11:30 am – Baptism of Jesus Worship Service (no Sunday School)
  - 2:00 pm – Celebration of Hidden Talents Show – Cluster Event at Gladwin Heights UC, Abbotsford
- Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>** - 10:15 am – Special Events Team – Office
  - 1:30 pm – Interfaith Sip & Stitch at Carrington House
  - 7:00 pm – Choir Practice – Sanctuary
- Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>** - 7:30 am – ROMEO Breakfast at JoJo's Bana Restaurant, Abbotsford
  - 9:00 am – Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina – Sanctuary
- Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>** - 1:30 pm – Cluster Meeting at Aldergrove United Church
- Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>** - 10:45 am – Joint Coffee & Fellowship Time with All Saints
  - 11:30 am – Worship Service with Sunday School
- Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>** - 1:30 pm – Interfaith Sip & Stitch at Carrington House
- Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>** - 1:30 pm – Executive Board Meeting – Office
  - 7:00 pm – Choir Practice – Sanctuary
- Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>** - 9:00 am – Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina – Sanctuary
- Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>** - 10:45 am – Joint Coffee & Fellowship Time with All Saints
  - 11:30 am – Worship Service (no Sunday School)
- Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>** - 1:30 pm – Interfaith Sip & Stitch at Carrington House
- Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>** - 7:00 pm – Choir Practice – Sanctuary



## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

*But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'). - Luke 2:19-23*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Jesus bursts onto the scene with angelic choirs and pronouncements, but with the departure of the shepherds, the action returns to a more human scope. Mary is left to contemplate the meaning of these events. Mary and Joseph circumcise Jesus in the Hebrew tradition, Mary is purified according to the law, and they make an offering to God to redeem him, because the firstborn male child was understood to be designated for God's service. While they are there, they meet Simeon and Anna, two elders who recognize Jesus' significance.

These human-scaled events in the days and weeks after Jesus' birth tend to be overlooked, but a recent conversation with a colleague made me think about them. "We tend to be so busy making Christmas happen," she said, "that Christmas Day has come and gone before I have really had a time to contemplate the meaning of the season and experience its holiness. Fortunately, someone reminded me that Christmas isn't just a day; it's a season!"

Did you know that the Twelve Days of Christmas, from Christmas Day to Epiphany, are the church season of Christmas? They are a time, as my friend said, to be quiet and think about the meaning of the promise fulfilled once again on Christmas Eve, before the Good News is proclaimed to the whole world at Epiphany.

It is a season, according to Luke, for pondering these things in our hearts, a time for enjoying tradition and our place in it, a time for giving thanks to God and for quiet preparation.

I hope that Christmas was a blessing for you, and the season of Christmas a time of contemplation. May we enter the season of Epiphany rested, and with a deeply felt sense of the wondrous nature of the good news we now proclaim!

Yours in Christ, Tim