



## *St. Andrew's United Church*

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### **FEBRUARY 2019**

**Minister:** Rev. Tim Bowman

**Music Director:** Deborah Handley

**Musician:** Jacob Greenan

**Bookkeeper:** Angela Darychuk

**Church Administrator:** Eileen Arnold

#### **FEBRUARY READERS**

Feb. 3 – Judith

Feb. 10 – Nancy

Feb. 17 – Myrna

Feb. 24 – Cathy

#### **FEBRUARY GREETERS**

Feb. 3 – Lyle & Russell

Feb. 10 – Barb & Russell

Feb. 17 – Lyle & Russell

Feb. 24 – Beate & Barb

#### **MEMBERS OF JOINT COMMITTEES WITH GLADWIN HEIGHTS UC**

**Joint Board** – Judith, Myrna, Beate

**Joint M & P** – Cherie, Lyle

**Joint Worship** – Linda, Deborah, Beate

#### **MEMBERS OF LIAISON COMMITTEE WITH ALL SAINTS AC**

Linda, Myrna

## 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

## ST. ANDREW'S COMMUNITY POTLUCK DINNER

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

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

Everyone is welcome so:

bring a friend, bring some food, and come and have fun together.

(There will be an opportunity to make a freewill offering  
for MY House (Mission Youth House).



## ANNUAL MEETING



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on

**Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>,**

immediately after the Worship Service.

(The worship service will begin at the regular time of 11:30 am.)

## EVENTS & MEETINGS IN FEBRUARY

- Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>** - 7:30 am – ROMEO Breakfast at JoJo's Bana Restaurant, Abbotsford  
- 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  
- 11:30 am – V.S.T. Sunday – Joint Worship Service with Sunday  
School – Rev. Richard Topping, President of V.S.T. preaching  
- 12:30 pm – Worship Committee Meeting
- Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>** - 1:30 pm – Interfaith Sip & Stitch at Carrington House
- Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>** - 11:30 am – Meet & Eat Lunch at Ricky's Country Restaurant  
- 7:00 pm – Choir Practice – Sanctuary
- Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>** - 9:00 am – Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina – Sanctuary
- Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>** - 5:30 pm – Community Potluck Dinner – Downstairs Hall
- Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>** - 10:45 am – Joint Coffee & Fellowship Time with All Saints  
- 11:30 am – Worship Service (no Sunday School)
- Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>** - 10:15 am – Special Events Team Meeting – Office  
- 1:30 pm – Interfaith Sip & Stitch at Carrington House
- Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>** - 7:00 pm – Choir Practice – Sanctuary
- Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>** - 7:30 am – ROMEO Breakfast at JoJo's Bana Restaurant, Abbotsford  
- 9:00 am – Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina – Sanctuary
- Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>** - 10:45 am – Joint Coffee & Fellowship Time with All Saints  
- 11:30 am – Worship Service (no Sunday School)
- Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>** - 1:30 pm – Interfaith Sip & Stitch at Carrington House
- Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>** - 1:30 pm – Executive Board Meeting – Office  
- 7:00 pm – Choir Practice – Sanctuary
- Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>** - 9:00 am – Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina – Sanctuary
- Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>** - 10:45 am – Joint Coffee & Fellowship Time with All Saints  
- 11:30 am – Worship Service with Sunday School  
- 12:30 pm – Annual General Meeting
- Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>** - 1:30 pm – Interfaith Sip & Stitch at Carrington House
- Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>** - 7:00 pm – Choir Practice – Sanctuary

*Reminder!*



**Transfiguration Sunday Joint Worship Service  
with Communion**

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, at 9:30 am at Gladwin Heights UC**



**ST. ANDREW'S AFFIRMING CELEBRATION**  
**Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, at 3:00 pm**

Join us as we celebrate becoming an Affirming Ministry  
within The United Church of Canada.

We will be receiving our official Affirming Ministry certificate  
from Affirm United at this service. Refreshments to follow.

Please wear something bright to the service!  
Mark your calendars!

**SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER**

**March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm**  
**In the 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



**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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