



## BETHEL UNITED CHURCH

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Minister: Rev. Norm Laird

**August 16, 2009**

**Eleventh after Pentecost**

**10:30 a.m. Worship Service**

Musical Prelude:

Welcome and Announcements

Words of Gathering:

To disciples, then and now, Jesus says: 'You are the light of the world . . . let your light so shine before all that they may see your true nature and give thanks to God.'

**We have come together to be community, to receive light, and to be light. To this end we dedicate ourselves.**

We are windows through which the divine light of God's love shines forth into the world.

**Yes, we are windows of light and love. We celebrate with, and sing of the source of our light: God, the Holy One, creator of Heaven and Earth.**

Lighting Candles of Joy and Concern

Passing the Peace of Christ

Hymn: 245 VU, Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

A Question from the Fish Bowl

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Scripture:

Matthew 25:31-40

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One: God speaks through human voices.

Response: **God's words are heard in human hearts and minds.**

Musical Pause

Sermon:

Hymn: 177 MV, This Is My Body

Minute for Mission: "Extreme Church"

Offering and Prayer of Dedication:

**You, our God, have spoken of justice, peace and wholeness for all. We choose to hear and respond. With our gifts and with our lives we seek to bring about, and live in, your realm of love. Amen**

Prayers of and for the people and the prayer from Jesus (translation p.916 VU)

Hymn: 598 VU, When Pain of the World

Benediction and Blessing

Halle! Halle! Halle! 958 VU (3x)

Postlude

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## The Life and Work of the Congregation August 16, 2009

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**Welcome!** We are glad you came! **Visitors** are asked to sign our guest book in the vestibule. **All are invited** to the auditorium following the service for refreshments and visiting.

**Coffee (regular and decaf.) and juice** are being served in the narthex each morning before the service. This is an opportunity to socialize prior to the Sunday worship services and is one way congregations are engaging in the **Emerging Spirit Campaign**.

**Thank you to Sarah Makins** for providing us with music for worship this Sunday.

### This morning:

**Head Usher:** Peggy Amy

**Ushers and Greeters:** Marilyn Sagi

**Greeter and Lift Operator:**

**Reader:** Marj McKinnon

**Musical Accompanist:** Sarah Makins

**Today's bulletin** is sponsored by Glen and Karen Baxter in celebration of their 20<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on August 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Norm will be on vacation from August 17 to August 31.** **Jeanette Liberty-Duns** will be in charge of Pastoral Care for the first week (**17 to 23**).

Also, **Norm** has been taking Monday as a day off. Beginning in **September** this will switch to **Fridays** (Friday & Saturday off). Please note the change for your convenience in contacting him.

**Upper Room** – the issue for Sept-Oct 2009 is now available.

**Meals on Wheels: Volunteers** are needed to continue delivering meals. The sign-up calendar is on the literature table. **Bethel's** coordinator is **Shirley McKay (374-4883)**.

**The Communication and Contact Committee is coordinating a "phoning tree" to keep in contact with the congregation. The Committee will be contacting members of the congregation to see if they would be willing to become a "phoner". The duties will be to contact about 10 – 12 people approximately 3 times per year to inform them about upcoming events and to let them raise any concerns they might have. If you would like to volunteer, please call Enid Smith at 343-7451 or the church office.**

There is a **green sign-up sheet** in the narthex for usher greeters, readers for Aug. 23 & Aug. 30. If you are able to assist with any of these duties, please sign up indicating the dates when you will be available.

**Check out Bethel's website** for general information about our church, our service and news and events. The site address is: [www.bethelsaskatoon.com](http://www.bethelsaskatoon.com) or go to the WonderCafe site and do a church search using either the church name or postal code. **Any information for our website** must be forwarded through the church office. Information from a source, other than the church office, will not be posted.

### Other Church and Community events:

**United Church Banff Men's Conference 2009 – Giving Voice to our Faith - "making connections and working to create more inclusive communities". Conference will be held on October 16, 17 & 18 at Banff Centre. Copies of registration forms can be obtained – see bulletin board. Speaker is Bill Blaikie and music director is Blair Odney**

United Church Responds to Critique of Middle East Proposals – The United Church has responded to concerns raised by the Canadian Jewish Congress regarding four proposals on the Middle East that are coming before the August meeting of the United Church's 40<sup>th</sup> General Council for consideration and can be adopted, amended, or defeated. Detailed info is posted on the bulletin board and it lists a website to check and phone #.

**Just Jammin' 🎵**  
*Music By Seniors, For Seniors*  
 Friday, August 21, 1:30 pm  
 McClure United Church Auditorium  
 Proceeds to McClure Place Foundation  
 Tickets: \$10 at McClure Place Office  
 and  
 Sat., August 22, 1:30 p.m. at  
 St. Martin's United church  
 2627 Clarence Avenue S.  
 Proceeds to the Refugee Fund  
 Tickets \$10 – available at church office  
 call 343-7107

**Saskatoon Health Region - Palliative Care Services** – **"Walk of Memories"** will be held on **Sun., August 30/2009** at the **Kiwanis Memorial Park Band Shell** (Spadina and 20<sup>th</sup> Street) and walking to the **W.A. Edwards Family Centre** (333 – 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.) - **parking available at Saskatoon Funeral Home.** Everyone is invited to participate in the Walk of memories to remember loved ones and support Palliative Care Services. There is no cost to participate. Shuttle service is available between sites. **Gathering** time is **1:30 p.m.** – **Walk** begins at **2:00 p.m.** Refreshments are at 3:00 p.m. Check bulletin board by the church office to obtain an info card.

**Family Connection Accompaniment & Transportation** – new business, which is available in Saskatoon and central Saskatchewan to assist older adults and people with special needs. Trained personnel will provide friendly, courteous, caring service and transport you to medical appointments and outings around the city or province. Phone (306) 291-4491 or email [info@familyconnection.ca](mailto:info@familyconnection.ca) – information brochure posted

**Call for Writers** – this is an invitation to submit an article to be used in the National Camping Awareness Kit (part of a broader campaign). The **General Council Office Camping staff** and the **members of the National Camping Task Group** are currently working on the creation of a **National Camping Awareness Kit**. This kit is being created to raise awareness that United Church camping is important to our church's outreach to and nurturing of children, young teens and youth. The kit will include a print resource, DVD, a poster series, brochure, How-To Use the Kit and additional resources. It will be available by January or February 2010. Resources will be available online and in the camping newsletter. More about this is posted on the bulletin board.

**Scripture readings for next Sunday, August 23:**

Acts 16:16-34  
 John 17:20-26  
 Psalm 97 VU

**Stewardship Seconds 2009 - August 16:**

This day is a lavish gift God has given us. Rejoice and be glad that God has so blessed us.