



BETHEL UNITED CHURCH

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Minister: Rev. Norm Laird

August 30, 2009

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Pulpit Guest Rev. Jack Carr

Musical Prelude:

Welcome and Announcements

Words of Gathering:

One: Let us pray together

All: **My soul praises you, O God.**

One: Thank you God, for the gift of life and for this day.

Whether it brings us joy or sorrow, pain or ease,
may we take it as a gift.

Something to puzzle out or treasure

Something that leads us closer to you.

All: **My soul praises you, O God.**

One: Whether we sit alone or dance in the company of
friends, help us to hear your Spirit calling to us:

a call to faithfulness;

a call to stillness, to work, to play;

a call to prayer, to study, to silence

May we answer,

All: **My soul praises you, O God!**

Lighting Candles of Joy and Concern

Passing the Peace of Christ

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Hymn: 341 VU, Fairest Lord Jesus

A question from the Fish Bowl

Scripture:

James 1:17-27

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Hearing and doing

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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The things that make a person unclean

One: God speaks through human voices.

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

Musical Pause

Sermon: "Matters of the Heart"

Hymn: 162 MV, Christ within Us Hidden

Minute for Mission: "Building Relationships"

Offering Prayer and Dedication:

**Trusting in your justice, hoping for your mercy, we
lay these gifts before you, O God! Tenderly receive
them, lift them and the givers to your heart. Use the
gifts and we who give them as you will, that the
world may know your love. Amen**

Prayers of and for the people and the prayer from Jesus

Hymn: 594 VU, O Christian, Love

Benediction and Blessing

Postlude

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The Life and Work of the Congregation August 30, 2009

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 **Rev. Carr** for leading our worship service today. Rev. Jack Carr, minister emeritus of Mayfair United Church, retired seven years ago after serving Mayfair for some 17 yrs. His previous charges were Third Ave. in North Battleford and the Maymont Larger Parish. In retirement he serves as the Pastor in Residence at St. Andrew's College and continues, with his wife Louise, to sing in the Mayfair church choir.

Thank you **Gladys Kirk** for providing us with music for worship this Sunday.

This morning:

Head Usher: Peggy Amy

Ushers and Greeters: Doreen Froom

Greeter and Lift Operator:

Reader: Karen Winmill

Musical Accompanist: Gladys Kirk

Today's bulletin is sponsored by Ivy Gunderson in memory of her parents and family.

Norm will be on vacation until August 31st. **Rev. Barbara Martin** will be in charge of **Pastoral Care** until and including **August 31st.**

Turkey Supper, Saturday, September 19

We need ALL HANDS ON DECK to: sell and buy tickets (550), prepare food (veggies and pies), set up, clean up, serve and help with the many other duties necessary to make this event a success. It is important for all of us to pull together and do our very best. If you cannot contribute in any other way, please consider a cash donation to assist with the purchase of the turkeys and the remainder of the supplies. After the service today, you will find the sign-up charts and tickets in the gym. Bring your families, neighbours and friends for one of the best turkey dinners in the city.

UCW General/Unit Meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 3, 2009.

Church Council meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 24, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.

Sunday School starts on Sept. 13th and there will be a Welcome Back BBQ held that Sunday.

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).**

Please pick up the newsletter from your church mailbox, so it does not have to be mailed out; it would be helpful if you could deliver one to a neighbour or friend.

Communication and Contact Comm. meeting is on Tues., Sept. 1/09 at 1:30 p.m. in the Trudy Doidge Rm.

SHINING LIGHT ON THE PATH – An Exploration of Modern Mystical Spirituality. **Instructor Norm Laird** who wrote the book **“Just Another Creation Myth”** will be teaching this six-week course on the following dates: **Starting on Sept. 21, Oct. 5, Oct. 19, Oct. 26, Nov. 16 & Nov. 30/2009 at 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Alice Turner Branch Library, 110 Nelson road.** Cost is \$5.00 per session or \$25.00 for all six sessions. Sponsored by **Bethel United Church** (343-6085).

The Communication and Contact Committee is coordinating a “phoning tree” to keep in contact with the congregation. If you would like to volunteer, please call Enid Smith at 343-7451 or the church office.

Check out Bethel’s website for general information about our church, our service and news and events. The site address is: 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.

FROM THE ROAD – an evening of music at **St. Martin’s United Church** on **Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** You will be entertained by a Barbershop quartet and Bluegrass Gospel Band. Tickets are \$15.00 and \$10.00 (children) and can be obtained from the church office – phone 343-7101.

Darrel Kuzub with **Crystal Communications** will work with your church to create a customized **photofabric banner** – if you are interested you can reach him at Ph.# (306) 229-1253.

Family Service Saskatoon – ‘Fall 2009 Group Programs’. Week-end workshop for couples and marriage prep to be held Nov. 20 & 21, 2009. Also sponsoring **“Midlife Madness”** on **Thursday, Sept. 17, 2009 at TCU Place.** Guest speaker is **Margaret Trudeau** – for tickets call **244-0127.** See posted information on the bulletin board in the gym or visit the website **www.familyservice.sk.ca**

Raul Rumbolt has a new album, **SongSmith**, and he is planning a tour through Saskatchewan this year. Paul spent 20 years as an ordained United Church minister in Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Quebec and Alberta. Paul’s worship music is used extensively in congregations and can be found in More Voices. He will be in Saskatchewan from **Oct. 23 to October 27** and **Nov. 4 to Nov. 8.** You could enjoy his wonderful musical story telling by **hosting him in an evening of singing and song, a workshop or Sunday morning worship.** You may contact him as follows:
ericandbrenda@paulrumbolt.com or
eric@bandeservices.ca or **phone (604) 886-5989**
or **fax (866) 657-7911.**

Sherbrooke Community Centre – Opportunity for Lay Visitor Ministry. We are seeking volunteers to be participants in our Lay Companionship Program of Spiritual Care Visitation. In the program volunteers are matched with residents of Sherbrooke for one-on-one visitation and, if willing, are offered the opportunity to support residents in the end stages of life by sitting with them. Training is available - call 655-3697 or 655-3748.

Scripture readings for next Sunday, September 6:

Stewardship Seconds 2009 - August 30:

Let your life, lived out, be a sign that you are a steward of the gospel!