



BETHEL UNITED CHURCH

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August 9, 2009

Tenth after Pentecost

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Musical Prelude:

Welcome and Announcements

Words of Gathering:

Let us proclaim with our entire being the greatness of our God.

May all that is within us rejoice in God, who is life.

God sees us as we are, and welcomes us in love.

The wonder of God is magnificent to behold.

We rejoice and sing in thanksgiving to our God.

Lighting Candles of Joy and Concern

Passing the Peace of Christ

Hymn: 122 MV, This Is the Day

A Question from the Fish Bowl

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Scripture:

Matthew 7:1-5

p.6-7

One: God speaks through human voices.

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

Musical Pause

Sermon:

Hymn: 157 MV, I Am a Child of God

Minute for Mission: "News from Geneva"

Offering and Prayer of Dedication:

Let there be no anxiety in our giving, no worry of our own needs. We give freely, fully, knowing that even as we give, God gives to us. Blessed are these gifts. Blessed are those who receive. Blessed are we, the givers. Amen

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

Hymn: 232 VU, Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

Benediction and Blessing

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

Postlude

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The Life and Work of the Congregation August 9, 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 to Sarah Makins for providing us with music for our worship service today.

This morning:

Head Usher: Peggy Amy

Ushers and Greeters: Gladys Kemmer

Greeter and Lift Operator: Don Kemmer

Reader: Lilah Brehon

Musical Accompanist: Sarah Makins

Today's bulletin is sponsored by Takako Watanabe-Travis in loving memory of her Father, Sakutaro Watanabe.

For the past year, **Norm** has been taking Monday as a day off. Beginning in **September** this will switch to **Fridays**. Please note the change for your convenience in contacting him.

Upper Room – the new issue for September-October 2009 is available in the narthex.

Fall Newsletter: Please contact Gladys Kemmer by **today, August 9th** if you have news you would like included in the Newsletter. Committees, groups and individuals are encouraged to submit their reports. People news is especially welcome. Contact Gladys at 373-1205 or dgkemm@sasktel.net

Sunday Bulletin not yet sponsored at Bethel United Church for the remainder of the year is November 1. Please contact the church office if you would like to sponsor this bulletin or for information.

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 call 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 ushers, greeters, readers for the summer months. If you are able to assist with any of these duties, please sign up indicating the date 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 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.

We encourage everyone to use hand sanitizer that is provide on the table in the narthex and on the table at coffee time.

Other Church and Community events:

UC 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**.

Hiroshima Day – Nagasaki Day: Sunday, **August 9, 12:00 to 4:00 pm** at **St. Joseph's Church Hall**, (535-8th St. E., in Saskatoon. Music, Paper Crane Making, Inspirational Presentations. **Eliminate Nuclear Weapons Forever**. For more information see: www.saskatoonpeace.tk or call (306) 665-2154.

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 40th 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 #.

Foster Care Program - Foster Families are needed. If you are able help, please contact the Saskatoon office at 933-6018.

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 20th Street) and walking to the **W.A. Edwards Family Centre** (333 – 4th 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 – a 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 – information brochure posted.

Global Partners Institute urgently needs host families for 2 female students coming to Saskatoon on August 29, 2009. Following is information and contact person:

Our host families:

- Need to have 2 or more related people living in the home at the time of hosting
- Provide a bedroom (may share with a host sibling of a similar age, but this is not the best situation)
- May be hosting another international female student at the same time
- Take on the role of parent
- Must speak English in the home
- Be interested in youth and cultures
- pays an honorarium to the hosting families during the final week of each month - \$600.00/month
- Provides support to the student, the family and the school throughout the time the student will be staying

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Stephen Lewis, Aissatou Diajate (SLF Director of Programmes) and Gillian Mathurin (SLF Communications Officer) have just arrived in Africa! They will visit six grassroots organizations in South Africa and Uganda, over a three-week period, to see first-hand how these projects support women, grandmothers, orphans and people living with HIV and Aids. This October, Stephen Lewis is challenging Canadians to participate in "A Dare to Remember: ordinary people doing extraordinary things".

St. Martins United Church is holding a fun Family event on **August 14 & 15** – beginning at 6:30 on Friday. Bible adventures continues through the Summer August 9 – Sept. 6 at 9:30. Check bulletin board for more information.

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 16:

Matthew 25:31-40

Stewardship Seconds 2009 - August 9:

In a hungry generation, we rejoice that Jesus is the bread of life.