



BETHEL UNITED CHURCH

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February 22, 2009

Last Sunday after Epiphany

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

THE APPROACH

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Awareness Meditation

Words of Gathering:

Friends, this is the moment of your life.

In this moment, we encounter God.

There is no other time, no other place.

**Here and now, we centre ourselves;
we find renewal and peace.**

We are in sacred time, sacred space.

We are in life and in love, with God.

Passing the Peace of Christ

Hymn: MV 156, Dance with the Spirit

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Prayer of Humility: **Our God, give thanks for this, the day that you have made. May it be that we enter fully into today, with rejoicing and in thanksgiving. May we find our freedom in this hour of peace together...**(continue to pray as you choose...)

Assurance of Love

Hymn: VU 412, This Is the Day

Children's Time

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture:

2 Kings 2:1-13 *p. 332*

Elijah is taken up.

Mark 9: 2-9 *p. 44*

The transfiguration of Jesus.

Reader: This is the Word of God as it is written
in our Christian scripture.

**All: The written word of God is enlightened
by the living Word of God that is within us.**

Choir Anthem: God Says - Mary Bittner

(Anthem is #172 in More Voices)

God Says, be still so you may hear the
words I whisper in your ear.

If you will listen, you will know I'm with
you always where you go

Sermon

THE RESPONSE

Hymn: MV 157, I Am a Child (omit v. 3)

Minute for Mission: Gilmore Park Vision Fund

Offering and Prayer of Dedication: **Blessed by abundance, blessed by love, we share our blessing with others. These monies and our lives are dedicated to growing the spirit of love and peace throughout the world.**

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

Hymn: MV 37, Each Blade of Grass

Benediction and Blessing

Choral Amen

Postlude

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Norm will be in his office for part of the day Tuesday to Friday most weeks. Feel free to drop in if you see his car parked in its spot. In an effort to be more easily accessible, Norm will for sure be in his office Tuesday evenings 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. and Thursday mornings 9:00 – noon. Again, feel free to drop in or call during these times.

To the Bethel Congregation:

Thank you to everyone who attended my retirement luncheon on February 1st. Charles and I and members of our family had a lovely time!

Thank you, also, for the Holstein cow with monetary gift. I consider it a privilege to have served our church as secretary during the past 19 years.
- Bev

**The Life and Work of the Congregation
February 22, 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**.

This morning:

Head Usher: Jim Reid

Ushers and Greeters: Members of 22nd Bethel Scouting Group

Greeter and Lift Operator: Tanner & Pam Barmantloo

Reader: Members of 22nd Bethel Scouting Group

Today's bulletin is sponsored by 22nd Bethel Scouting Group

Beginning with **Ash Wednesday, February 25th**, and on each Wednesday in Lent, the church will be open during the noon hour for personal quiet prayer and reflection. All are welcome to come and 'waste time' with God in the sacred space of our sanctuary.

During the five Sundays of Lent our worship service will have a different format than usual. The services will be a little less formal and will allow for more active participation. This announcement is to allow you some time to prepare for the alternate format.

Scout-Guide Sunday is February 22, 2009 – the 22nd Bethel Scouts are in attendance today.

'Finding Stillness in a Hectic Life'

We all have the same 24 hours each day which often does not seem to be enough. But what can we give up? How do we make room for stillness? Where is the balance in life? This four-session seminar helps us to answer these questions and reduce the stress of everyday living through an examination of life values and priorities, and by introducing the practice of Centring Prayer. **Discussion on this topic will be held Tuesdays, February 3rd – 24th, 7:15 p.m. at Bethel in the Upper Room. No charge.**

U.C.W. Soup n' Sandwich Lunch

will be held on Sunday, March 1, 2009,

in the gym following the Church service.

This is a fund-raiser to buy a water heater

for the dishwasher (approx. \$4,000.00).

Please bring a friend.

Samples of the 2009 Bulletin Covers are in the church office. If you wish to sponsor a bulletin to honour a loved one, a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion, the cost is \$30. All contributions are tax deductible. Dates available are March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 10 (Good Friday), 12 (Easter Sunday), May 24, 31, June 14, 21, July 26, August 23, 30, September 6, October 11 (Thanksgiving), 25, November 1, 15, 22, December 27.

Passion for Action Against Homelessness – Feb. 26, 2009. Come for Soup and Conversation 5:00 p.m. at the Rainbow Community Centre. Vigil - 6:30 p.m. Rainbow Community Centre.

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).

Camp Christopher located on scenic Christopher Lake approx. 60 kms north of Prince Albert. It is a shared ministry of the Synod of Saskatchewan Presbyterian Church in Canada and River Bend Presbytery United Church of Canada. Please see the information brochures and application forms on the counter net to the church office or visit the website: www.campchristopher.ca or info@campchristopher.ca

'Movie Night': Friday, February 20th, 7:30 p.m., at the home of Glen and Karen Baxter, 205 Tucker Crescent (955-6262). What's playing? – "What Dreams May Come". Robin Williams stars in a serious role dealing with life and death. There is no sign-up sheet; could you please bring a snack. Movie Night in March will be on Friday, March 27th; the title of the movie is "What The Bleep Do We Know".

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.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast – At the next Men's Fellowship Breakfast on March 7, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. we will be welcoming Geselle Doel, Director of Friendship Inn. Geselle will be telling the story of the Inn and of the service that it seeks to provide to a special segment of our society. Also, we are issuing a special invitation to the wives of the "Breakfast Club" and to the ladies of the congregation as well. If you are able to accept this invitation, you can expect "a friendly welcome, good coffee, and interesting conversation".

Creating Spirit Gallery Art Show and Sale - Photography by Sharon Ferguson-Hood will be offered for sale and will include images recorded from Sharon's travels and pilgrimages to Nepal and Tibet. Regular gallery hours Tuesday – Friday, 9 – 12 noon & 1 – 4 p.m. Different feature artist every 2 months.

Looking for PIANISTS!

Oliver Lodge is recruiting pianists to play for Sunday morning interdenominational worship services from 10:30-11:00. The goal is to recruit 6 volunteers and schedule everyone on a 6 week rotation. Please contact Kristen Smith, Director of Recreation and Volunteer Services, at 382-4111 ext. 33 for more information.

Other Church and Community events:

World Day of Prayer – March 6th at 2:00 p.m. to be held at St. Peter & St. Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, 10th St. & Munroe Avenue.

St. Andrew's College will be holding its 3rd annual "Alive and Well" fund-raising dinner on Monday, April 20, 2009 at McClure United Church. Tickets are \$100.00 to obtain them you must contact the college at 966-8973. Great after dinner entertainment – tickets are limited so call soon.

Queen's House Retreat & Renewal Centre, 601 Taylor Street West, (telephone 242-1916) is offering the following events:

- 'Lenten Retreat: Encountering Jesus Christ'**,
March 27-29;
- 'Hope for the Future of Humanity'** April 13-16;
- Women's Retreat, Meet the "Mother of the Canadian Church"**, May 29-31. website: www.queenshouse.org

McClure United Church Dinner Theatre Proudly Presents
It's A Scream!! A HORRORbly Funny Comedy By David De Boy
March 4-7, 4025 Taylor St. E. Saskatoon Telephone 373-1753
Produced by Special Arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

Sacred Circle Dance Workshop – Saturday, March 21, 10 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at McClure United Church, 4025 Taylor St., East, Saskatoon, SK. Cost is \$30.00. See advertisement as posted.

G4G: Grandmothers for Grandmothers Fundraising Dinner – Friday, March 6th at the Western Development Museum. Reception at 5:30 p.m. dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$25.00 – Guest speaker Marlee Ritchie. Entertainment, silent auction. For tickets, call Julia at 373-4357 or Lily at 652-8209. Deadline is March 2nd.

Effective Co-Parenting: Putting Kids First. Professional Facilitation Seminar to be held on Friday, March 6, 2009 at St. Paul's United Church. Cost is \$100.00. Phone 244-0127 (see poster on bulletin board in the gym for more details and agenda).

Is Renewable Do-Able? Can renewable energy meet our needs? A panel discussion will be held **Tuesday, February 24th**: (two times) **2:00 p.m.**, Room 241, (Neatby-Timlin Theatre), Arts Building, U. of S., and at **7:00 p.m.**, Frances Morrison Library Auditorium, 311 – 23rd St. E. (see poster)

Meetings and events this week:

Monday:

- Bethel Art Group, 9:30

Tuesday:

- Staff Meeting
- "Finding Stillness in a Hectic Life", 7:15 p.m.-see announcement.

Wednesday:

- Bible Study, 10:00 (Gym) (Come at 9:30 for coffee, if you wish).
- Sanctuary will be open during noon for meditation
- CHEP Good Food Boxes arrive, 1:00 p.m.
- Choir Practice, 7:00 p.m.

Scripture readings for next Sunday, February 22:

Genesis 9: 8 - 17

Stewardship Seconds 2009 - February 22nd:

Stewards of the gospel are transfigured through Christ's light shining out of the darkness.

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Cost: \$300 for a team of 6, additional team members \$40; individuals \$75.

Please speak to Norm if you are interested in attending with him. Bethel will pay the registration cost for any who wish to go. Any donations toward the registration cost would also be appreciated.

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