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**February 8, 2009**

**5th Sunday after Epiphany**

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

### **THE APPROACH**

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: 115 MV, Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New

Words of Gathering:

God is alive; an ever present source of strength and peace.

There is reason for rejoicing.

**There is a God to worship and love.**

**God's beauty is manifest in the creation; God's being is manifest in our lives.**

Open your eyes; open your hearts. See and feel God with you and within you.

**We rejoice in the God who blesses us.**

**We celebrate the wonder of divine love lived through us.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

Hymn: 375, Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness<sup>2</sup>

Prayer of Humility: **All that we are, O God, we bring into this place and offer up to you. Our hopes, dreams, joys, fears, worries, and weariness, we entrust to your care. Touch us anew this day so that we might live more fully in the power of your grace...** (continue to pray as you choose...)

Assurance of Love: 96 MV, And When You Call for Me

Children's Time

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

Scripture:

Isaiah 40:28-31 *p. 668*

Matthew 14:22-33 *p. 16*

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.**

Anthem:

Sermon

## **THE RESPONSE**

Hymn: 278, In the Quiet Curve of Evening

Minute for Mission:

“Journeys of Black Peoples in The United Church of Canada”

Offering and Prayer of Dedication:

**Our God, it is our desire to never give out of duty or habit alone. Always, may we be stirred by your divine love that gives so generously. We pray a blessing upon all who are touched by our gifts and our love. Amen**

Prayers of and for the People and the prayer from Jesus

Hymn: 145 MV, Draw the Circle Wide

Benediction and Blessing

Choral Amen

Postlude

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## **The Life and Work of the Congregation February 1, 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**.

**This morning:**

**Head Usher:** Doug Winmill

**Ushers and Greeters:** Verna Larson, Mary Rowell  
Tanner and Pam Barmantloo

**Greeter and Lift Operator:** Beverley Andres

**Reader:** Enid Smith

**Today's bulletin** is sponsored by Larry and Lynne Fowke in memory of Vern and Helen Fowke.

**Church Office Secretary: Bernice Braaten** has been engaged as secretary for Bethel and joined Bev. in the office on January 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Hearing Assist Headsets:** All batteries for the two types of headsets have been refurbished. People are welcome, and are encouraged, to use them. If you use a headset and you do not receive good, quality sound from it, please inform the Head Usher.

**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.

**A martial arts group** will be meeting in the gymnasium this evening. Please stay for a few minutes after the Annual Meeting, if you can, and help put away the tables and chairs. Thank you.

### **'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 3<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:15 p.m. at Bethel in the Upper Room. No charge.**

### **Just give two cents !**

Ever wonder what United Church Planned Giving is all about? Or maybe your congregation has recently started a Planned Gifts Fund and you would like to know more? Are you grateful for the United Church in your life and would like to grow in your discipleship? **Then this evening is for you.** You are invited to join **Kathryn Hofley**, United Church Gift Planner, for an evening of education and conversation. We have asked Kathryn to start at the beginning again and share with us the purpose and the joy of **Planned Giving**, as well as, some of the "how to" stuff we all need to know. She has great stories to warm the heart and lots of important information. This is a great event for congregations with established Planned Giving funds, those just starting, or those who simply want to know what Planned Giving is all about. Please join your brothers and sisters at Mayfair United Church on **Wednesday Evening February 11, 7:00 pm.** There will be sweets and hot beverages to follow. All are welcome.

**AN EVENING OF SONG:** The St. Andrew's College Alumni/ae Association proudly presents a recital featuring Donna Slusar, soprano, Brenda Nightingale, piano, with guest, Terry Sturge, cello, on **Tuesday, February 10, @ 7:30 pm** at Grace Westminister United Church. Tickets - \$15 or \$10 from the Bethel Church Office or at the door. All proceeds to go to support the College.

**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.

**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).

**Greeter and Lift Operator:** Please see the sign-up sheet on the coffee table.

**'Dessert & Discussion':** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, 7:15 p.m., at Tastebuds, 1624 Lorne Avenue.

**Grosvenor Park United Church** is having a Valentine's Day Ham Supper on Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Tickets cost \$10.00 for adults, \$6.00 for children age 10 and under. For tickets phone **374-7766** – there is limited seating.

### **Congregational Annual General Meeting today.**

Immediately after the morning worship service we will share in a lunch. The meeting will follow and is expected to last until about 2:00 p.m.

At the meeting, officers will be elected and a budget set for the coming year. Please plan to stay.

**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.

## 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:

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

-**Women in Ministry: Lives Taken, Blessed, Broken & Shared**, Sunday, February 15 to Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.

-**'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](http://www.queenshouse.org)

• **Canadian Bible Society** Annual Inventory Clearance Sale at 1034 Louise Avenue for One Week Only – Monday ( Feb. 9) to Sat. (Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>).

• **Grosvenor Park United Church** Annual Old Fashioned Bean Supper and Silent Auction, **Saturday, Feb. 7** at 4:30-6:00 p.m.

• **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.

**Is Renewable Do-Able?** Can renewable energy meet our needs? A panel discussion will be held **Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**: (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 – 23<sup>rd</sup> St. E. (see poster)

See posters on bulletin board next to the Church Office.

## Meetings and events this week:

### Monday:

-Bethel Art Group, 9:30 (Upper Room)

-Cubs, 7:00

### Tuesday:

-Staff Meeting, 9:30

-Beavers, 6:30

-“Finding Stillness in a Hectic Life”, 7:15 p.m.-see announcement p.5.

### Wednesday:

-Bible Study, 10:00 (Gym) (Come at 9:30 for coffee, if you wish).

-Choir Practice, 7:00 p.m.

-Scouts, 7:00

### Thursday:

-U.C.W. General /Unit Meetings – 1:30 (Gym)

### Saturday:

-Men's Fellowship Breakfast – 9:00 a.m. (Social Hall)

## **Scripture readings for next Sunday, February 15:**

2 Kings 5:1-14

Mark 1:40-45

## **Stewardship Seconds 2009 - February 8th:**

As stewards of the gospel, our rewards are in receiving its blessings.

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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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