



## BETHEL UNITED CHURCH

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**January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**2nd Sunday after Epiphany**

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

### **THE APPROACH**

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Awareness Meditation

Words of Gathering:

God is indeed in our world.

**From dawn to dusk,**

**from twilight hours to the first light,**

**God is near us and around us.**

God speaks to our world, to us.

**God speaks gently in love,**

**with a voice that comforts and cheers,**

**with a voice that renews and strengthens.**

**Speak God, your children are listening.**

Adapted from Psalms Now by Leslie Brandt

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Passing the Peace of Christ

Hymn: 30 MV, It's a Song of Praise to the Maker

Prayer of Humility (together)

**Incredible God of love, you know us better than we know ourselves. We come today to learn more of you and of ourselves. We come without pretence and in humility, brave enough to open ourselves to you and your continual transforming power. May we feel the fire of Divine Spirit burning within us, in power and in love...(continue to pray as you choose...)**

Assurance of Love

Hymn: 567, Will You Come and Follow Me

Children's Time

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

Scriptures:

1 Samuel 3:1-10

*p.247*

*Samuel's Calling and Prophetic Activity*

Psalm 139, VU p. 861

John 1:43-51

*p. 92*

*Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael*

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: Come Touch Our Hearts -Gordon Light  
(Anthem is #12 in *More Voices*)

*Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,  
From failing embers build a blazing fire;  
Love strong enough to overturn injustice,  
To seek a world more gracious,  
Come touch and bless our hearts.*

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Sermon

### **THE RESPONSE**

Hymn: 589, Lord, Speak to Me

Minute for Mission: "Small Yet Mighty"

Installation of UCW Executive:  
UCW Executive:

Like Rebecca, the mother of Israel; like Ruth in her commitment to Naomi; like Mary, the handmaiden of God; and like Jesus, we have been called as servants, to God and to our sisters at Bethel United Church. In our work as UCW Executive for 2009, we will endeavour hold each other and those whom we serve, with respect, and in prayer. We will listen with care to each other and to the women whom we serve. We will seek always to honour God and remember our calling as servants to all the people of this church.

Women of the Church:

We, the United Church Women of Bethel, welcome you as the executive for 2009. We thank you for your willingness to serve. We, too, shall hold you and our sisters with respect and in prayer, and will also seek to honour God in all that we say and do.

Offering and Prayer of Dedication: (together)

**Here, God, is our commitment to you. We will use these gifts for the betterment of the church, for the well-being of our community, and for service in the world. We will use the totality of our lives for the same purpose. Amen**

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

Hymn: 563 Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Benediction and Blessing

Choral Amen

Postlude

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## **The Life and Work of the Congregation January 18<sup>th</sup>, 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: Bev. Andres

Ushering and greeting: Kathy Bazin, Mary Rowell,  
Marilyn Sagi and Adele Sowter.

Scripture reader: Lillian Genereux

Reading Minute for Mission: Bea Nicholson

**Today's bulletin** is sponsored by the Bethel United Church Women.

**The plant** on the communion table this morning is from the UCW in memory of past members.

**Church Council Budget Meeting** will be held following the service this morning. (Upper Room)

**The Pastoral Care Committee** will meet in the small meeting room following the service this morning.

**Norm** is away Thursday to Sunday this week, attending a meeting of the national Faith and Theology Committee. He will be in the office as usual on Tuesday the 27th. **Joyce Picklyk** will be conducting the service January 25<sup>th</sup>.

**The tables and chairs** used at coffee time this morning can remain as they will be used at the '100 Mile Potluck Supper' today.

**'100 Mile Potluck Supper': Today at 5:30** in the gym, hosted by the Outreach Committee. Please bring a dish in which the main ingredient(s) will have been produced or grown within 100 miles of Saskatoon or within Saskatchewan. Amy Joe Ehman will speak to us about the benefits of eating locally-grown produce, meat, etc.

**'January Book Discussion' – Awareness** by Anthony DeMello, Sunday mornings, **9:15-10:15, beginning next Sunday until February 15<sup>th</sup>**. Sign-up sheet is on the coffee table. Books (cost approx. \$20) will be available for those planning to participate.

**To help prevent the spread** of colds and flu-like illnesses, please remember to use the **hand sanitizer** that is provided on the table in the narthex and on the table at coffee time.

**The Christmas Tree** by the Lectern has become a 'mitten tree'. Any donations you wish to make of hats, scarves, mitts and socks are welcome. If you purchase mitts, the waterproof ones are best. **After February 1<sup>st</sup>, the items will be taken to the Inner City Ministry.**

**Copies** of the statement received from the national church, titled "United Church Moderator Calls for a Ceasefire in Gaza" are available from the literature rack at the back of the church.

**Bethel United Church Council** wishes to recognize Bev Andres for her 19 years of loyal, dedicated service as the church's secretary. A luncheon in her honour will be held after church **on February 1st**. Please plan to attend to give her your best wishes.

**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.

**"Interesting/Educational Things To Do"** – (Described on pages 3 and 4 of the Advent 2008 Newsletter):

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

**'Movie Night':** **Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30 p.m.**, at the home of Glen and Karen Baxter, 205 Tucker Crescent (955-6262). What's Playing? – "What Dreams May Come". See sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

**'Finding Stillness in a Hectic Life'.** Discussion on this topic will be held **February 3<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:15 p.m. at Bethel.**

**People get ready...** Mary Gonzales -teacher of Barack Obama- and Sue Engh - director of congregation based community organizing for the ELCA (a Lutheran church body in the US), will be sharing their experience of community organizing to fight poverty and seek justice. **Friday, January 23, 2009 at 7:30 pm at Redeemer Lutheran Church,** 812 Preston (at Main). Music by The Four Elements, a gospel rock band with a social justice theme. Free-will offering for Station 20 West. Come and learn how to make a difference in our world! (See posters on the bulletin board)

**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 January 25, February 1, March 1, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 10 (Good Friday), 12 (Easter Sunday), 19, May 24, 31, June 14, 21, July 26, August 23, 30, September 6, 13, October 11 (Thanksgiving), 25, November 1, 15, 22, December 27.

**Congregational Annual General Meeting  
Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

Immediately following the morning worship service.

Everyone is invited to join in a potluck sandwich lunch,  
followed by the meeting.

The meeting is expected to last from about noon to 2:00.

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

Please plan to attend this important meeting.

**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.

**Knox United Church** is currently seeking a Christian Education Coordinator. This position would be part-time (.4) and will be available July 1, 2009. For more information, contact the chair of the Knox Search Committee, Wendell Owen, [wowen@shaw.ca](mailto:wowen@shaw.ca), 374-2160.

**Mayfair United Church is in need of a Facilities Manager** to work 20 hours per week, starting immediately. Duties include maintenance and care of the Church premises (both inside and outside) and set up/take down for events and rental within the Church. For more information, contact Ron Fehr, Facilities Manager Search Committee, 382-6446.

**Other Church and Community events:**

- **Women's Retreat – Saturday, January 24 at Mayfair United Church.** Theme: "Grandmothers to Grandmothers, Mothers to Mothers, Daughters to Daughters". Come and spend a day set apart for rest, play and worship. Cost: \$20, includes breakfast and lunch. Call 382-6446 or email [mayfairunited@sasktel.net](mailto:mayfairunited@sasktel.net) for more information or to register.

- **Cotton Patch Gospel** - Grace-Westminster United Church (505 - 10th Street E.) will be presenting a dinner theatre on **Saturday, January 24, 2009.** Dinner will be at 6:00 pm with the show at 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$25; show only \$15 and are available by calling the church office at 382-0402.

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

- Nurturing Motherhood:Retreat Mornings for Moms**, Monday Mornings, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., January 19, February 16 and March 23.

- Sixth Annual Ecumenical Scripturefest "That They May Become One in Your Hand"**, Saturday, Jan. 24, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

- Women in Ministry:Lives Taken, Blessed, Broken & Shared**, Sunday, February 15-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)

- **Awakening/Deepening Our Sacred Relationship with the Living Earth** will be the topic of the next **Friends of Sophia** presentation by Sr. Judy Schachtel, **Thursday, January 29, at 7:30 pm, Room 231, St. Thomas More College.** Sr. Schachtel, an educator with a passion for eco-spirituality has a MA in Culture and Spirituality and spent four years at the Centre for Earth and Spirit on Vancouver Island. More info: Ursula at 966-8500, or [www.usask.ca/mfca/friendsofsophia/](http://www.usask.ca/mfca/friendsofsophia/)

**Mayfair United Church** is looking for a musician to direct their choir. Applicants for the position will have experience with SATB choirs and be able to encourage and direct music readers and non-readers alike. Please send in applications and resumes to: Music Search Team, Mayfair United Church, 902 – 33 St. W., Saskatoon, SK S7L 0W6

### **Meetings and events this week:**

#### **Today:**

- Council Budget meeting, 11:45 (Upper Room)
- Pastoral Care Committee, 11:45 (Small meeting room)
- '100 Mile Potluck Supper', 5:30 (Gym)

#### **Monday:**

- Bethel Art Group, 9:30 (Upper Room)
- Cubs, 7:00

#### **Tuesday:**

- Staff Meeting, 9:30
- Beavers, 6:30
- Outreach Committee, 7:00 (Upper Room)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Bethel Scouts Group Admin. Team, 8:00 (Kitchen)

#### **Wednesday:**

- Bible Study, 10:00 (Gym) (Come at 9:30 for coffee, if you wish).
- CHEP Good Food Boxes arrive approx. 2:00
- Choir Practice, 7:00 p.m.
- Scouts, 7:00

#### **Friday:**

- 'Movie Night', 7:30 p.m. at the home of Glen and Karen Baxter, 205 Tucker Crescent. See sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

#### **Friday - Sunday:**

- Scouting Wood Badge I

### **Scripture readings for next Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>:**

Jonah 3:1-5,10 Psalm 62:5-12 Mark 1:14-20

### **Stewardship Seconds 2009 - January 18<sup>th</sup>:**

Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit;  
good stewardship is practising good self-care.

**This morning's service** includes the Dedication and Installation of the 2009 Executive of the Bethel United Church Women. Members of the Executive are:

President	Bea Nicholson
Vice-President	
Past President	Shirley McKay
Secretary and Press	Lillian Genereux
Treasurer	Kathy Bazin
Finance/Nominations	Shirley McKay
Supply and Social Assistance	Bea Nicholson
Community Friendship	Ellen Richert/Shirley McKay
Christian Education	Stella Loeffler
Stewardship	
Projects/Kitchen	Freda Crossman
Oliver Lodge Auxiliary	Shirley McKay/Bea Nicholson/Joyce Picklyk
St. Andrew's College Guild	Marion Brown/Mary McPherson/Lilah Brehon
Pastoral Care	Bev. Andres

#### **Representatives to Church Council:**

Christian Education	Stella Loeffler
Communication & Contact	Adele Sowter
Outreach	Marilyn Sagi
Pastoral Care	Bev. Andres
Property	Cherry Anne Harris
Stewardship	
Worship	

#### **Unit Leaders or Contacts:**

Happy Unit	Freda Crossman
Holliston Unit	Bea Nicholson
Muriel Unit	Cathy Bell
Naomi Unit	Trudy Doidge