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July 12, 2009

Sixth after Pentecost

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Words of Gathering:

It is blessing that you are here.

Blessing for you, blessing for your neighbor.

**Through the power of Holy Spirit within us,
We make God great in this place.**

Do not hold back,

Be open to the new life God brings this morning.

We are here to be renewed.

By God's grace, let it be so.

Lighting Candles of Joy and Concern

Passing the Peace of Christ

Hymn: 28 MV, God of the Bible

A Question from the Fish Bowl

Scripture:

2 Samuel 6:1-8 *p. 280*

One: God speaks through human voices.

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

Musical Pause

Sermon

Hymn: 222 VU, Come, Let Us Sing

Minute for Mission

Offering and Prayer of Dedication: **Our God, the wonder of you is your continual outpouring of love upon us, through all time and forever. The security of your love frees us to live and to give. Use us and these gifts to bring wholeness to the world. Amen**

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

Hymn: 232 VU, Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

Benediction and Blessing

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

Postlude

The Life and Work of the Congregation July 12, 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 Marge Koep for providing us with music for our worship service.

This morning:

Head Usher: Peggy Amy

Ushers and Greeters: Doreen Froom
Marilyn Sagi

Greeter and Lift Operator:

Reader: Glen Baxter

Musical Accompanist: Marge Koep

Today the bulletin is sponsored by Marguerite Irvine in memory of her parents, Reid and Kay McLeod.

Church Office summer hours from **July 2** until **August 31**; the office will be open **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings** only (8:30 a.m. to noon). Bernice Braaten is on vacation July 15, 16 & 17. Beverley Andres will be working in the office on those days.

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 Jakes family wishes to invite anyone who can attend to their parent's 60th wedding anniversary celebration. Frank and Peggy Jakes will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Saturday, July 25th at 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the church gym. Bethel UCW will provide the lunch.

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.

These Days Daily Devotions for Living by Faith – copies of the new issue for July, August & September are in the narthex.

Sunday Bulletins not yet sponsored at Bethel United Church for the summer months are July 26, August 23 and August 30.

Other Church and Community events:

McClure Handbell Choir – Bronze Reflections is in the process of recruiting new ringers. If you read music well, are free Wednesday evenings from 6:00 – 7:45 p.m. please call Betty Alexander at 374-1173 or jackbetty@sasktel.net no later than July 15th. Bronze Reflections Handbell Choir shares their varied repertoire with other churches and the community.

Women's Journey of Faith – 10th Anniversary Annual Conference will be held on November 7, 2009 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at TCU Place in Saskatoon. Registration up to **Oct. 1** is **\$69.00** and \$79.00 after that date. Please see posted information regarding this conference.

Foster Care Program - Foster Families are needed. Children and Youth are our greatest resource. Let's work together to ensure they will be there for us tomorrow, by being there for them today. As a member of your community, you can offer your skills and support by working with the Community Resources and Employment to help children and youth in need of a home. If you are able to offer your home to children and/or youth, please contact the Saskatoon office at phone # (306) 933-6018.

Courage to Lead Seasonal Retreat Series – based on the work of Parker J. Palmer. This is a series of 4 retreats where trained facilitators will assist participants engaged in spiritual leadership - will be held at Calling Lakes starting Oct. 7/09. See posted information.

The **Iraqi Assyrian Christian community** here in Saskatoon needs the support of United Churches and their members. There are almost two million refugees from Iraq in neighbouring countries, mostly Syria. Both the UNHCR and Amnesty International are opposed to Iraqis being deported back to Iraq. The Minister of Immigration has increased the target level for privately sponsored refugees out of Iraq by 2,500 for the year 2009. The department has staffed the Damascus office so as to expedite processing. Many are arriving in Saskatoon now. Refugees keep calling and pleading for help. Can you or your church help to sponsor some Iraqi Christian families? Financial obligation is limited and the rewards are many. There is a refugee claimant, residing in Saskatoon who needs odd jobs over the summer – cutting grass, painting fences, cleaning windows and more for \$10.00 per hour. If you have mattresses and box springs that are in good condition to give to refugee families please contact Helen Smith-McIntyre by email or phone at (306) 717-5110 or helensmithmcintyre@hotmail.com

Sounding the Bamboo – A Conference for Racialized Women – May 13-16, 2010 at the Canadian Mennonite University, Winnipeg, MB. Call (416) 231-7680 – see posted information.

Parachute Band – July 23 at 7:00 p.m. Regina Apostolic Church (808 Assiniboine Avenue, Regina. For ticket information phone: (306) 789-1234.

'WHOLiF' Wholeness and Wellness Journal of Saskatchewan – new issue for July & August 2009 are in the narthex.

Bethel United Church received a 'thank you' note from Rochelle Nault of Saskatchewan Environmental Society for the donation of \$104.00 that was sent to them. They will use this money to help educate the public on energy, water and toxic chemical issues.

Family Camp 2009 (August 21 – 23/2009) contact Kathy Ahern (ph. 343-7101) at St. Martin's United Church to register or for more details.

Treaty Days at fort Qu'Appelle, Friday, Sept. 18 to Sept. 20 at Calling Lakes Centre. Cost is \$240 (\$265 if registering after Sept. 4). Call (306) 332-5691 for more information.

Meetings and events this week:

Scripture readings for next Sunday, July 19:

Ephesians 2:11-22

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Stewardship Seconds 2009 - July 12:

Our actions and decisions today form our ongoing legacy.