



BETHEL UNITED CHURCH

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July 5, 2009

**Fifth after Pentecost
10:30 a.m. Worship Service**

Musical Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

Words of Gathering:
Rejoice Good friends rejoice!
Celebrate God and the life that is yours.

**We sing to our God with joy and thanksgiving,
grateful for the gift of our being.**

Rest in God, be at peace.

You are loved more than you know.

**Tenderly, tenderly, God holds us and cares for us.
We give honour to our compassionate God.**

Lighting Candles of Joy and Concern

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

A Question from the Fish Bowl

Scripture:

2 Corinthians 12:2-10 *p.185*

Mark 6:1-13 *p. 40*

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One: God speaks through human voices.

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

Musical Pause

Sermon

Hymn: 278 VU, In the Quiet Curve of Evening

Minute for Mission

Offering and Prayer of Dedication: **You, God, are extravagant and you have made an extravagant creation. We are blessed by the abundance of nature. We share from that abundance, so that all may know the fullness of life. Amen**

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

We are Nourished at God's Table

Hymn: 153 MV, Body, Mind and Spirit

Benediction and Blessing

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

Postlude

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The Life and Work of the Congregation July 5, 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 Gladys Kirk for providing us with music for our worship service today.

This morning:

Head Usher:

Ushers and Greeters:

Greeter and Lift Operator:

Reader: Marj McKinnon

Musical Accompanist: Gladys Kirk

Communion Servers:

Lillian Genereux	Marguerite Schwanke
Freda Crossman	Shirley McKay
Bill Young	Judy Killoh

Today the bulletin is sponsored by Peter and Joyce Picklyk in memory of family.

Congratulations to **Norm and Sarah** on your marriage and welcome back from your vacation.

Bethel at Extencicare – Norm will be leading the service at Extencicare today, **Sunday, July 5**, starting at **2:30 p.m.** Elaine Wanhella will provide music for this service.

There is a green sign-up sheet in the Narthex for ushers, greeters, readers for the summer months. you are able to assist with any of these duties, please sign up indicating the date when you will be available.

In order to publicize the fall activities at Bethel in a timely manner the Fall Newsletter will be published in mid August. Please keep in mind that the deadline for the newsletter is August 9. Contact Gladys Kemmer at 373-1205 or dgkemm@sasktel.net with your news.

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)**.

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).

Bethel United Church receives appreciation from Extencicare – the Church received a certificate of grateful appreciation and thanks for the contributions made by Bethel United Church to the residents and staff at Extencicare.

The Jakes family wishes to invite anyone who can attend to their parent's 60th wedding anniversary. Frank and Peggy Jak will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Sat., July 25 at 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. to be held in the gym at Bethel Church

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.

Other Church and Community events:

Events at Calling Lakes Centre – Creation Vacation & Heather Bishop in Concert (July 6 – 10). Summer Oasis – (July 11) and Summer at the Centre (July 12 – 16). See posted information.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

CAMP E.D.G.E. Vacation Bible School at Third Avenue United Church – for children ages 4-12 will be held August 17-21/2009. Registration fee is \$10.00 - call Philip Bray at 230-1421 to register. Donations of craft materials or camping supplies would be appreciated - posted.

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 Hele Smith-McIntyre by email or phone at (306) 717-5110 or helensmithmcintyre@hotmail.com

Meetings and events this week:

Wednesday:

- CHEP Good Food Box, 1:00 to 2:00

Lectionary readings for next Sunday, July 12:

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

Psalm 24 (VU pgs. 750-751)

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29

Stewardship Seconds 2009 - July 5:

As we are open to possibilities, opportunities abound.