



## BETHEL UNITED CHURCH

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Minister: Rev. Norm Laird

Organist and Choir Director: Robert Don

**March 1, 2009**

**First Sunday in Lent**

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

Welcome

Introit: 7 MV, Gather Us in

Passing the Peace of Christ

Hymn: 20 MV, God of Still Waiting

Children's Time

Scripture:

Genesis 9:8 - 17

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The covenant between God and Noah.

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.**

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Choir Anthem: When We Gather at the Table

Words: Walter Farquharson, 1995 French translation: David Fines, 2006

Music: Ron Klusmeier, 2006

(Anthem is #198 in More Voices)

When we gather at the table

wine is poured and bread is broken.

Then love claims us, offering healing,

we hear welcome, gently spoken.

Sermon

Hymn: 143 MV, We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

Offering: **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**

Announcements and Prayer Time: Prayer time will be a little  
longer and meditative. There will be opportunity to light  
candles and post prayer thoughts during this time.

Eating and Drinking at the Table of God

Hymn: 402 VU, We Are One

Benediction

Hymn: 145 MV, Draw the Circle Wide (Chorus 2x)

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## The Life and Work of the Congregation March 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**.

**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.

### **This morning:**

**Head Usher:** Peggy Amy

**Ushers and Greeters:** Earl Killoh  
Doreen Froom

**Communion Servers:** Enid Smith  
Marj McKinnon  
Jan Lahti

**Greeter and Lift Operator:** Earl Killoh

**Reader:** Doreen Rowell

**Today's bulletin** is sponsored by: Clara Johnston in memory of her husband, Mervin Johnston who passed away on Jan. 20, 2005.

Throughout Lent, as usual, there will be a Wednesday morning prayer breakfast at 7:15 a.m. This year it is being hosted by Nutana Park Mennonite Church. Bethel is responsible for the April 8<sup>th</sup> breakfast.

The discussion around Ethics with Rob Brown has been postponed to a later date, most likely in the fall.

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.

### **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.

**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".

**Deadline for the Spring Newsletter is Sunday, March 15:**

Committees, groups and individuals are asked to submit information to Newsletter Editor, Gladys Kemmer (373-1205 or [dgkemm@sasktel.net](mailto:dgkemm@sasktel.net)). 'People news' is always welcome.

Thanks, Gladys

**'Movie Night': Friday, March 27th, 7:30 p.m.,** at the home of Glen and Karen Baxter, 205 Tucker Crescent (955-6261). What's playing? – "What the Bleep Do We Know".

**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).

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

**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.

Camp Christopher is offering future leaders a wonderful opportunity to develop their leadership skills. If you are in Grade 9 or older, take advantage of the Skills Week. The NEW Leader-in-Training program will be offered July 2 – 10/09. Please visit [campchristopher.ca](http://campchristopher.ca) for a registration form. Enrolment is limited, so register today!

Are you looking for meaningful summer employment? Camp Christopher is looking for staff for this summer. The Camp needs a Program Director, Waterfront/Recreation Director, Leadership Director, Maintenance Manager, Kitchen Manager, Kitchen Assistant and Camp counsellors.

Please see the information brochures and application forms on the counter net to the church office or visit the website: [www.campchristopher.ca](http://www.campchristopher.ca) or [info@campchristopher.ca](mailto:info@campchristopher.ca)

**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.

**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.

## Music Director Required

Are you: Energetic? Inspirational? Creative? Enthusiastic? Bethel United Church requires a Music Director to assume duties of pianist, organist, accompanist & choir director. Applicant should be able to play a range of styles, and will be expected to work with the Worship Committee and Minister to develop an ongoing program of music that reflects the spirituality that our church embraces. For more information, please contact our Church Office at 343-6085 or visit our web site at [www.bethelsaskatoon.com](http://www.bethelsaskatoon.com). Deadline for applications is March 17th.

**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.

### Other Church and Community events:

**Effective Co-Parenting:** Putting Kids First. Professional Facilitation Seminar to be held on Friday, March 6, 2009 at St. Paul's United Church. See poster on bulletin board in gym.

**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 or ask Barb Martin.

Irish Stew Supper & Variety Programme at Grosvenor Park United Church Friday, March 13 at 6:00 p.m. Pre-sold tickets are required. More details on bulletin board.

St. David's Trinity United Church, 3318 Merritt St., Saskatoon is holding a Beef Supper on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> Advanced tickets only. Call 382-8480 for tickets - see bulletin board for details.

**St. Andrew's College** will be holding its 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 – limited tickets 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](http://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

### Meetings and events this week:

#### Monday:

- Bethel Art Group, 9:30

#### Tuesday:

- Staff Meeting, 9:30

#### Wednesday:

- Bible Study, 10:00 (Gym) (Come at 9:30 for coffee, if you wish).
- Sanctuary will be open during noon hour for meditation/prayer
- Choir Practice, 7:00 p.m.

#### Thursday:

- UCW General and Unit Meetings, 1:30 (Gym)

### **Scripture readings for next Sunday, March 8:**

2 Kings 24:10-16      Mark 1:16-20

### **Stewardship Seconds 2009 - March 1:**

Stewards help to create a new heaven and a new earth by living as though they are already here.

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**Learning Event for Congregations**

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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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