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November 1, 2009

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Musical Prelude:

Welcome and Announcements

Words of Gathering:

One: To disciples, then and now, Jesus says: 'You are the light of the world...

let your light so shine before all that they may see your true nature and give thanks to God.'

All: **We have come together to be community, to receive light, and to be light. To this end we dedicate ourselves.**

One: We are windows through which the divine light of God's love shines forth into the world.

All: **Yes, we are windows of light and love. We celebrate with, and sing of the source of our light: God, the Holy One, creator of Heaven and Earth.**

Hymn: 264 VU, Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Lighting Candles of Joy and Concern

Passing the Peace of Christ

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A Question from the Fish Bowl

Readings:

God and the Priest, A Rare Book

One: God speaks through human voices.

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

Musical Pause

Sermon

Hymn: 573 VU, Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ

Offering and Prayer of Dedication:

On this day our loving God, we dedicate anew our being and our gifts, to you, and to our sisters and brothers in need. Amen

Minute for Mission

Prayers of and for the people and the prayer from Jesus (translation p.916 or 906 VU)

Hymn: 172 MV, God Says

Benediction

Choral Amen 974 VU

Postlude

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The Life and Work of the Congregation November 1, 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: Cliff Hayes

Ushers and Greeters: Ken McKnight

Dorothy McKnight

Greeter and Lift Operator: Ken McKnight

Reader: Marj McKinnon

Today's bulletin is sponsored by Jack Newman in honour of his twin sister, Joan.

**UCW Bazaar will be held on Saturday,
November 14th at 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Soup and Sandwich Lunch
Bazaar and Bake Sale
Turkey Pot Pies**

Men's Breakfast – Saturday, Nov. 7th at 9:00 a.m.
We are pleased to have Charlie Clark, a member of City Council, to share with us what led him to enter political life and also the dreams that he has for our city. **All men are invited.**

Adult Discussion Group – Nov. 1st to Nov. 22nd at 9:15 am - 10:00 am on Sunday mornings. Meet in the **Upper Room**. Have you ever wondered what the United Church believes about various issues? There will be a time for discussing what we believe and why. We will explore the following topics:

- 3) What is Progressive Christianity and what isn't it? Come and have a discussion.
- 4) Does the United Church believe in pacifism? If so, why does the U.C. have so many military chaplains? If you are a pacifist what would you say to a person in military uniform who sits beside you in a pew?
- 5) What do we mean by Social Justice? Why has the United Church been called a "justice" church? Is justice an integral part of Christianity?
- 6) What is M & S? What is Stewardship? You might be surprised at what you already know and what you might learn.

SHINING LIGHT ON THE PATH – An Exploration of Modern Mystical Spirituality. Instructor **Norm Laird** who wrote the book **"Just Another Creation Myth"** is teaching this six-week course which continues on the following dates: **Nov. 16 & Nov. 30/2009 at 7:00 p.m.–9:00 pm - Alice Turner Branch Library, 110 Nelson road.** Cost is \$5.00/session or \$25.00 for all six. Sponsored by **Bethel United Church (343-6085).**

We are looking for **MUSICANS and SINGERS** who might like to participate in our **Sunday services**. If you are one of the musical, or know of someone who is, **please speak to Sarah.**

The **deadline** for submissions to the **Advent Newsletter** is **November 15th**. Please contact Gladys Kemmer at 373-1205 or dgkemm@sasktel.net with your committee reports, event information, people news, etc.

BULLETIN COVERS for 2010 have arrived and will be displayed in the gym after Church. 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.

The **2010 Canadian Church Calendar** is a celebration of the **85th anniversary of The United Church of Canada**. Buy a calendar to support the work of your congregation. Calendars will be for sale after church in the gymnasium for \$5.00 or are available at the church office.

The Outreach Committee has arranged for an evening of fun and fellowship. We will go to the **Station Arts Centre at Rosthern, Saturday, December 5th** for dinner and the play which will be a retelling of **'A Dickens Christmas'**. The cost for the Dinner and play is **\$42.00** and the bus is **\$7.00 per person**. Everyone will meet at Bethel at 5:00 pm to catch the bus; the dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the play starts at 8:00 p.m. Please leave a **cheque** in the amount of **\$49.00** at the church office or pay Jeanette directly, make cheque **payable to Jeanette Liberty-Duns**. **We encourage you to pay for this a.s.a.p. if you have not already done so.** Thanks very much.

The Saskatoon Sai Centre meets every **Friday** at **Sri LakshmiNarayan Temple**, 107, La Ronge Road, between **7:30 pm** and **8:30 pm** for prayers and spiritual discussions. The first Friday is devoted for the Study Circles and we have started a new series on **"SELF TRANSFORMATION - TO HIGHER LEVELS OF SPIRITUALITY"** from different religious perspectives. We had Tibetan Buddhism in September, will have Islam in October and Christianity in November and hopefully Judaism in December, followed by Hinduism in January 2010. **Norm has been asked to do the Christian presentation on November 6th.**

Other Church and Community events:

Grosvenor Park - Covenanting Service between Rev. David Kim-Cragg and Grosvenor Park United Church will be held today, Sunday, November 1st at 7:00 p.m. Dainties and refreshments will follow.
Note: The time change to 7:00 p.m. instead of 7:30 p.m.

Grace-Westminster United Church (505 – 10th St. E.) **Tranquility Tea** will be held on **Nov. 21, 2009 at 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** Bazaar & Bake Sale. Admission by donation – there is a door prize.

Cloth for Kids (Brian and Sharon Elder) – We have been asked for a goodly supply of mitts for large hands, older teens. We do have many bags of yarn, waiting to be used. If there are any knitters out there, willing and able to help out, cloth for kids will supply the yarn. Just a reminder we are only at sewing on Thursday's between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm.

Mount Royal Emmanuel United Church Turkey Supper Sun., Nov. 8/09. Sittings at 4:30 pm and 6:00 pm. Advanced tickets only - call 382-7617. UCW bake table.

A Jewish Theologian Speaks Out – Does Judaism Equal Israel? **Professor Marc Ellis** takes on the hard moral questions about Jewish support for the state of Israel. **Thursday, Nov. 19 at 7:30 pm – Rm. 146 Arts Building** at the **University of Saskatchewan campus**. Sponsored by the Dean's Office and several departments in the College of Arts & Science.

The United Church of Canada, Saskatchewan Conference - Sexual Abuse Policy of the United Church of Canada - In February 2008 all churches received a letter about the Sexual abuse Policy of the UCC. In order that pastoral charges might be able to respond effectively we are asked that every charge appoint an officer of the court to guide us should there be a complaint. If you have not already done so, please appoint one now. There may be members of the congregation that have an understanding of this issue through their professional lives (teachers, social workers, etc). Our Committee will be offering a workshop for River Bend Presbytery to be held on **January 16, 2010** at **Grace-Westminster United Church** from **10:00 am to 4:00 pm**. Please name your officers now, and have them attend this workshop. Your Pastoral Charge is responsible for covering travel and food costs for your officer(s) to attend.

Children's Discovery Museum at **Market Mall** an all-day fair – will be presented by non-profit or volunteer organizations throughout the Mall on **Fri, Nov. 20, 2009** from 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. **Admission to the Museum will be free**. See poster for more information.

Benefit Concert for Sanctuary at Third Avenue United Church on Nov. 6th at 7:00 p.m. Tickets \$20.00 (adults), \$10.00 (students), children 5 & under are free. For tickets call the church office at 652-6812.

Life Lines Board of Directors is seeking a 2/3 time (26.6 hrs/wk) Manager for the Book Room in Saskatoon, effective no later than December 1, 2009.

'**Uniting Ministries**' is a General Council Office publication. You can sign up now to receive this free electronic newsletter and learn about other United Church ministries. Six times a year subscribers receive the newsletter in an email with links to feature articles and additional resources on the UCC website.

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Meetings and events this week:

Sunday:

- Adult Discussion, 9:15 am (TDR) prior to Sunday service.

Monday:

- Ladies Fitness, 9:15 am (Gym)

- Cubs, 7:00 (Social Hall)

Tuesday:

- Staff Meeting, 9:30 am (Trudy Doidge Room)

- Beavers, 6:30 (Social Hall)

- Choral Society, 7:00 pm (Sanctuary and Social Hall)

Wednesday:

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

- CHEP Good Food Boxes arrive at 2:00 pm.

- Scouts, 7:00 pm (Gym)

Thursday:

- Ladies Fitness, 9:15 am (Gym)

- UCW General/Units Meeting, 1:30 pm (Gym)

Saturday:

- Men's Breakfast, 9:00 am (Social Hall)

Scripture readings for next Sunday, Nov. 8:

Psalm 149 *p.583*

Matthew 10:34-36 *p. 11*

Stewardship Seconds 2009 - Nov. 1:

Trusting God's abundance, even in perceived scarcity, helps generate a culture of generosity.