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October 18, 2009 World Food Day 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Musical Prelude:

Welcome and Announcements

Words of Gathering:

One: You who are hands, feet, heads and arms,
you who are eyes, ears, fingers and legs.
Draw near to one another.

All: **We have come as individuals,
but here, we are one.
We are body, we are unity.**

One: See how God is gathered together.
See how the Spirit of many becomes one Spirit.

All: **We join together and are made whole.
One God, one body, one in love.**

Hymn: 320 VU, Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

Lighting Candles of Joy and Concern

Passing the Peace of Christ

A Question from the Fish Bowl

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Readings:

James 2:5-13 *p.229*
What's in a play?

One: God speaks through human voices.

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

Musical Pause

Sermon:

Hymn: 276 VU, O God Who Shaped Creation

Minute for Mission: "Thinking Green"

Offering and Prayer of Dedication: **O God, we remember, in joy,
all we have been given. From what has been given to us,
from what we have earned, is this offering of money. We also
offer ourselves and all that we have and are. May we, and
these gifts, be used in joyful service in our world. Amen**

Prayers of and for the people and the prayer from Jesus

Hymn: 598 VU, When Pain of the World

Benediction

Choral Amen 974 VU

Postlude

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The Life and Work of the Congregation October 18, 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**.

This morning:

Head Usher: Peggy Amy

Ushers and Greeters: Doreen Froom
Marilyn Sagi

Greeter and Lift Operator:

Reader: Peter Geres

Today's bulletin is sponsored by Adele Sowter in memory of her husband, Ray.

Here we go! We are starting from scratch. Come sing in the choir. You don't have to know anything; you don't have to be good. You just have to want to learn some, enjoy yourself when singing. **Choir meets at 9:30 Sunday mornings here in the sanctuary.**

Scripture Reading 101 will be held on Oct. 25th. The Worship/CE Committees are planning a hands-on session about reading scripture which will provide helpful speaking tools as well as the opportunity to practice and have an open discussion on this topic.

Adult Discussion Group – Oct. 18th to Nov. 22nd at 9:15 am - 10:00 am on Sunday mornings. Meet in the

Trudy Doidge 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:

- 1) Why be a member of the United Church? How do you become one and what are the benefits and responsibilities?
- 2) Why don't we serve alcohol in our churches and what is the church's stand on gambling? You might be surprised.
- 3) What is a sacrament? How many do we have and how do they differ from other denominations? We'll discuss the meaning of baptism and communion.
- 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.

Bethel Name Tags – if anyone is interested in getting a name tag for Bethel, please contact the main office at 343-6085. We will compile a list of names and send in an order.

Outreach Committee will meet **Tuesday, October 20th at 7:00 pm** in the Upper Room.

We encourage the use of hand sanitizer, which is provided.

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 started on Sept. 21 and will continue on the following dates: **Oct. 19, Oct. 26, Nov. 16 & Nov. 30/2009 at 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Alice Turner Branch Library, 110 Nelson road.** Cost is \$5.00 per session or \$25.00 for all six sessions. Sponsored by **Bethel United Church** (343-6085).

Financial Statements – A new procedure for people on Church Council who do not have email access. We will put one copy of the financial statements in the envelope marked **Latest Reports to Church Council** which is located outside the office and a copy in the church narthex. If people find that this is not a satisfactory arrangement let Bernice know.

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.**

Bethel's Outreach Committee has arranged the next visit in our multi-faith visit on this **Friday, October 23rd**. We will be going to the **Congregation Agudas Israel Synagogue**, 715 McKinnon Avenue. We will meet there at **7:00 P.M.** and will have approx. 45 minutes of orientation to the rituals of **Judaism**. We are then invited to the **service** that begins at **8:00 P.M.** We invite and encourage you to come to increase your knowledge of other religions.

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**'. We will be going in a school bus that will pick everyone up at **Bethel** at **5:00 P.M.** Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. and the play begins at 8:00 p.m. The bus holds 48 people and we have sold all of the tickets. The cost for the Dinner and play is **\$42.00** and the bus is **\$7.00 per person**. You can leave a **cheque** at the church office for that amount and make it **payable to Jeanette Liberty-Duns**. If for some reason you are not able to attend, please find someone to take your place. There is a confirmed list of people attending and Jeanette is responsible for your reservation; you will not receive tickets in advance.

Other Church and Community events:

McClure United Church is having their **Fall Event** on **Saturday, November 14th**. Along with a Book Sale, Bake Sale, and craft tables. If you would like to rent a table for display/sale of your crafts, please call Glenn at 374-2505.

Knox United Church - Radio Music Hall on **Nov. 5, 6, & 7** at **7:30 p.m.** **Reserved tickets \$15.00** and rush seats \$10.00. Tickets at **McNally Robinson** telephone **955-3599**.

Grace-Westminster United Church - Saskatoon Brass Band and Bridge City Brass Band present a Sunday afternoon concert of light concert music on **Oct. 18/09** at **2:30 pm.**, conducted by Terry Heckman and Roy Sydiaha. Admission: Adults \$10, Seniors and Students \$5.00, children age 13 & under are free. Sponsored by TKB Law – see poster.

PHOTOVOICE EXHIBIT

Grosvenor Park United Church Congregational Life and Outreach Committee extends a public invitation to all to view the exhibit on Saturday, October 17 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. in Schnell Hall. Refreshments will be served – all are welcome.

Oliver Lodge is looking for **volunteers** to help with their recreation programs. Contact Kristen Smith 382-4111 Ext. 33.

Clavet United Church Fall Supper to be held in **Clavet Hall** on **Sun., Oct. 18, 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** Tickets at the door.

St. David's Trinity United Church - Turkey Supper Sun., Oct. 18 - 4:45 pm & 6:00 pm. Advanced tickets - **382-8480**.

Turkey Supper at Third Avenue United on **Sat., Oct. 24,** 4:30 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. For tickets **652-6812** or **224-5158**.

Meewasin Valley United Church Fall Supper on **Sunday, Oct. 25 – sittings at 4:15 pm & 6:15 pm.** Call 242-9851.

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

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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.

The Salvation Army needs volunteers to help again this Christmas season to "Ring The Bells". They work to ensure that people who are facing financial difficulties because of unforeseen circumstances will receive food, clothing, shelter, and of course toys for the children. They would like to thank you in advance for making Christmas a happy and joyous season for all.

St. Martin's United Church Turkey Dinner on Saturday, **Nov. 7, 2009**. All tickets - presold. Sittings at 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30 pm. Prices range from \$12-\$5, and preschool are free. Takeout meals available. Phone 343-7101.

Christmas Dinner Theatre – Friday, December 11, 2009 and **Saturday, December 12, 2009** at Humboldt Uniplex. **"Guys On Ice"** - a side splitting comedy of ice fishing the Saskatchewan way. Silent Auction both nights. Cost is \$35.00 per person, tickets went on sale Oct. 1/09. Info posted.

McClure United Church's Annual Fall Supper will be held on October 25th. Sittings at 4:30 and 6:30. Call the church office at 373-1753 for information and tickets.

Meetings and events this week:

Monday:

- Ladies Fitness, 9:15 am (Gym)
- Cubs, 7:00-8:30 pm (Social Hall)
- Shining Light on the Path, 7:00-9:00 pm (Alice Turner Branch Library)

Tuesday:

- Beavers, 6:30-7:30 pm (Social Hall)
- Choral Society, 7:00 pm (Sanctuary and Social Hall)
- Outreach Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm (Upper Room)

Wednesday:

- Bible Study, 10:00 am (Gym) Come at 9:30 for coffee, if you wish.
- CHEP Good Food Box is delivered, 2:00 pm
- Scouts, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm (Gym)

Thursday:

- Ladies Fitness, 9:15 am (Gym)

Stewardship Seconds 2009 - October 18:

The place God calls you is the place where your deep gladness and the world's hunger meet. - Frederick Buechner