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**October 25, 2009**  
**Reformation Sunday**  
**10:30 a.m. Worship Service**

Musical Prelude:

Welcome and Announcements

Words of Gathering:

One: We stand in awe of your wonder, O God.

All: **We are blessed that you choose to be  
in relationship with us  
and that you call us by name to be with you.**

One: Open our ears...

All: **to hear your voice  
speak afresh to us this day  
calling us to see the goodness with which you  
surround us.**

One: Open our hearts...

All: **to embrace all of life, and all in life.  
Guide us always in your way of peace.**

Hymn: 12 MV, Come Touch Our Hearts  
(Verses 1-4)

Lighting Candles of Joy and Concern

Passing the Peace of Christ

A Question from the Fish Bowl

Readings:

Genesis 27:41-45, 33:1-11 *p.24 & p.30*

One: God speaks through human voices.

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

Musical Pause

Story Time:

Hymn: 79 MV, Spirit, Open My Heart

Offering and Prayer of Dedication: **Generous God, we see  
that creation is teeming in abundance and we are  
blessed by your loving generosity. From the abundance  
that is ours, we share, trusting that these offerings will  
bless those whom they serve. Amen**

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

Hymn: 684 VU, Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Benediction

Choral Amen 974 VU

Postlude

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## The Life and Work of the Congregation October 25, 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:** Leonard Schwanke

**Ushers and Greeters:** Lilah Brehon  
Marguerite Irvine

**Greeter and Lift Operator:** Leonard Schwanke

**Reader:** Glen Baxter

**Today's bulletin** is sponsored by Clara Johnston in loving memory of her husband, Mervin Johnson.

**UCW Bazaar will be held on Saturday,  
November 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Soup and Sandwich Lunch  
Bazaar and Bake Sale**

**REMINDER to UCW members** that your assistance will be appreciated on **Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am – PROJECT – Turkey Pies.**

At coffee time we hope you will sit with someone that you do not usually sit with or with a new person to our congregation.

**Adult Discussion Group – Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> to Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 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 started on Sept. 21 and will continue on the following dates: **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).

We encourage you to use hand sanitizer which is provided.

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.**

**Men's Breakfast – Saturday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**The Outreach Committee has arranged for an evening of fun and fellowship.** We will go to the **Station Arts Centre** at **Rosthern, Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>** 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**. You can leave a **cheque** at the church office for that amount and make it **payable to Jeanette Liberty-Duns**.

**Bethel Name Tags** – please contact the main office at 343-6085, if you are interested. We have a list of names and this will be the last reminder as we will soon be ordering.

**Other Church and Community events:**

**Grosvenor Park - Covenanting Service between Rev. David Kim-Cragg and Grosvenor Park United Church will be held on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Dainties and refreshments will follow.**

**A Covenanting Service for Rev. Lorne Calvert as Principal of St. Andrew's College** will be held on **Wednesday, October 28 at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Chapel of the College**. We hope you will be able to join us in this special celebration in the life of our College. For further information, please contact Melanie Schwanbeck at 966-8973 or by email at [melanie.schwanbeck@usask.ca](mailto:melanie.schwanbeck@usask.ca)

**Cloth for Kids** (Brian and Sharon Elder) – We have been asked for a goodly supply of mitts for large hands, older teens. At this time, we have quite a good stock of smaller sizes. 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. Thanks so much if you are able to help out. Just a reminder we are only at sewing on Thursday's between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm. There are quite a few bags of requested stuff to be picked up. Contact [bselder@USA.net](mailto:bselder@USA.net).

**Spiritual Religious Care Awareness Week – October 26 to 31, 2009.** Spiritual Care is the unconditional acceptance of, and caring for, individuals on their spiritual journeys. **Mission** - is to promote and regulate spiritual care as a clinical discipline as part of the healthcare team.

**McClure United Church** is having their **Fall Event** on **Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**, along with a book sale, bake sale, craft tables and Xmas ornaments sale (9 am - 2 pm). If you would like to rent a table for display/sale of your crafts, please call Glenn at 374-2505. Pancake Breakfast (8:00 am - 11:00 am), hot dog lunch (11:30 am - 1:30 pm). Everyone welcome!

**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**.

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

**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.

**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 KAIROS week of action on climate justice, October 17-24, is here! There are ways to get involved; learn more on website [www.united-church.ca/getinvolved/takeaction/090908](http://www.united-church.ca/getinvolved/takeaction/090908)

KAIROS would love to hear what United Church folks are planning – worship, education sessions, public witness, and more – for this week, and to share it with others.

**St. Martin's United Church Turkey Dinner** on Saturday, **Nov. 7, 2009**. All tickets will be pre-sold. Phone 343-7101.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Emerging Artist Christmas Art Fair by Saskatchewan Aboriginal and Refugee Artists & Craft Makers Nov. 21 9:00 am – 5:00 pm sponsored by St. John's Cathedral Outreach and to be held at St. John's Cathedral Hall (Spadina).

The Salvation Army needs volunteers to help again this Christmas season to "Ring The Bells".

Department of Spiritual Care – RUH on Oct. 14, 2009 (posted).

**Crisis & Trauma Resource Institute Inc. De-escalating Potentially Violent Situations (2 days) Dec. 7 & 8/2009.**

For those who work in an environment where there is a potential for violence, it is important to develop the skills needed to defuse dangerous situations. How to assess the potential for violence and respond with a diverse set of interpersonal tools and strategies to defuse potentially violent situations. **Family Violence - Strategies for Intervention (2 days) Nov. 9 & 10.** The final portion of the workshop deals with strategies to help children who are at risk of abuse (a total of 8 topics will be covered). For more information call toll free - **phone 877-353-3205** or email [info@ctrinstitute.com](mailto:info@ctrinstitute.com)

**"Feast Day of St. Andrew" - Wed., Nov. 18** at 11:40 am to 1:30 pm. Will begin with Worship in the Chapel if you plan to attend call Melanie Schwanbeck at 966-8973 or email her at [Melanie.schwanbeck@usask.ca](mailto:Melanie.schwanbeck@usask.ca)

**Meetings and events this week:**

**Sunday:**

- Adult Discussion, 9:15 am (TDR) prior to Sunday service at 10:00 am

**Monday:**

- Ladies Fitness, 9:15 am (Gym)

- 22<sup>nd</sup> Bethel Hallowe'en Party, 7:00 (Social Hall)

- Shining Light on the Path, 7:00-9:00 pm (Alice Turner Branch Library)

**Tuesday:**

- 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.

- Scouts, will NOT meet (Gym)

**Thursday:**

- Ladies Fitness, 9:15 am (Gym)

**Scripture readings for next Sunday, Nov. 1:**

Psalm 51 VU

**Stewardship Seconds 2009 - October 25:**

Does your faith and the stories you tell make you and others well?

Here are some guidelines which came from last Sunday Morning's Discussion Group about church membership. Most of the information is from the Manual of the United Church.

A person becomes a member of the Christian Church and our congregation through Baptism. If this is done as an infant, then when that person reaches an age of maturity s/he confirms the promises the parents made through Confirmation. If a person hasn't been baptized and becomes a member as an adult, baptism and confirmation occur at the same time.

#### Membership Benefits:

- responsibility for the day to day operation of the congregation
- the calling or appointment of a minister
- the election of members to the Church Board/Council
- the order of worship
- the discipline of other members or adherents
- the amalgamation of the congregation
- such property matters that require presbytery consent

Members of a congregation who are entitled to vote at all meetings on all matters of the congregation relating to its life and work are persons in full membership whose names are on the Roll of that congregation. To be kept on the Roll a member needs to take communion or to contribute financially to the congregation at least once a year. With the consent of these members, adherents who contribute regularly to the support of the congregation may vote on non-spiritual matters that pertain to the daily life, work, and finances of a congregation.

**And most importantly,** you support and are a part of a joyous, loving community where you expand your heart within a Christian framework. *Nothing beats that!*

Your membership empowers Bethel Church. Your membership allows the continued growth of our community. What you derive from membership is priceless and often cannot be put into words, but without the price we can't offer the service.

## Spiritual Religious Care Awareness Week

**October 26-31, 2009**

**"Bringing spiritual health and  
wellness together"**

**United Church Of Canada  
NORTHERN SASKATCHEWAN HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY  
Re. Sheila Krueger (chaplain) 227-8707  
Joan Brown (on call chaplain) 277-8707  
Office: 407 Cumberland Ave. S., Saskatoon, Sk., S7H 2L3**

The Chaplaincy is an outreach ministry of the United Church to provide pastoral/spiritual care to United Church patients and families whose congregations are at a distance to the hospitals and to those patients, families and others who self identify a need for spiritual care.

#### **How to Contact the Chaplain:**

If you, or someone in your care, is going to be in hospital in Saskatoon and would like a visit from a United Church chaplain please let us know. You can leave a message by phoning 227-8707 or by email [eskrueger@sasktel.net](mailto:eskrueger@sasktel.net).

Committee Members:

Brenda Stone, Chair, Sandy Hoenecke, Treasurer,  
Ray Purdie member at large, Nancy Steinbachs (Tamarack)  
John Sellwood (Prairie Pine), Pat Lyster (Good Spirit),  
vacant (River Bend)

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT** comes from:

- **Tamarack, Good Spirit, Prairie Pine,  
River Bend Presbyteries**
- **Mission and Service Grants (M&S)**
- **Individual donations.**

#### **How You Can Support Chaplaincy**

- **Prayer** for the chaplaincy; patients chaplains, and committee
- Be informed-**ask questions**, contact committee members, chaplains & your minister
- **Share** your **experiences** of chaplaincy
- **Volunteer to be a Lay visitor**
- Share your knitting talents by creating **Prayer shawls**
- **Contribute** to United church **Mission and Service Fund**
- **Provide individual donations**