



BETHEL UNITED CHURCH

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October 4, 2009

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Musical Prelude:

Welcome and Announcements

Words of Gathering:

One: Know who you are, beloved of God.
Know that through the deepest love, you are.

All: **We are formed in God's image,
shaped out of the imagination of the Divine.**

One: The same love that made light appear out of darkness,
The same love that poured out the seas and pulled up
the mountains,
**has shaped us, and made us. It holds us.
Divine love has moulded us so that we, too, can
be
love.**

Hymn: 1 MV, Let Us Build a House

Lighting Candles of Joy and Concern

Passing the Peace of Christ

A Question from the Fish Bowl

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Readings:

Mark 2:1-12 *p. 36*

Matthew 6:7-15 *p. 5 - 6*

One: God speaks through human voices.

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

Musical Pause

Sermon:

Hymn: 364 VU, Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

Minute for Mission: "M & S PAR skit"

Offering and Prayer of Dedication:

**Let there be no anxiety in our giving, no worry of our
own needs. We give freely, fully, knowing that even
as we give, God gives to us. Blessed are these gifts.
Blessed are those who receive. Blessed are we, the
givers. Amen**

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

We Eat and Drink at the Table of God.

Hymn: 424 VU, May the God of Hope Go with Us

Benediction and Blessing

Choral Amen 974 VU

Postlude

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The Life and Work of the Congregation October 4, 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**.

We are happy to announce that Sarah Makins is our new Music Director.

This morning:

Head Usher: Doug Winmill

Ushers and Greeters: Doug Winmill
Karen Winmill

Greeter and Lift Operator: Brian Gamble

Readers: Jeanette Liberty-Duns
Judy Killoh

Today's bulletin is sponsored by Cherry Ann Harris in memory of her parents Wilfred and Agnes King.

Norm will be conducting the service at **Extendicare** today, **Sunday, October 4th** commencing at **2:30 p.m.**

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.

**Bethel United Church
Welcomes you to our Fall BBQ
following the church service
today, October 4, 2009**

Bethel Steering Committee will meet on **Wed., Oct. 7** at **7:00 pm** in the Social Hall.

Communication & Contact Committee will meet **Wed., Oct. 14th** at **1:30 p.m.** in the Kitchen.

Adult Discussion Group – Oct. 18th to Nov. 20th 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.

Thanksgiving Sunday, October 11th - Please bring non-perishable items next week for the Food Bank.

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. 5, 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).

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

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.**

November/December issue of the **Upper Room** is available in the narthex.

We encourage everyone to use hand sanitizer that is provided on the table in the narthex and on the table at coffee time.

Other Church and Community events:

Saskatoon Friendship Inn – Thanksgiving Dinner on October 11th from **11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at 619 – 20th Street West. If you are wishing to **donate food, volunteer time** or **cash donations**, please call the Inn at **242-5122**. The Inn has been open for 40 years serving those less fortunate in our community.

Meewasin Valley United Church, 327 Pinehouse Drive invites you to their **Fourth Annual Grand Slam Dessert Bridge** on **Oct. 16 at 1pm – 4 pm**. Bring your own foursome \$10/person. There is lots of parking. **R.S.V.P. to 242-6264 (Iris Borsa) or 242-0933 (Madge Bevan).**

Caregiver Forum – McClure United Church on Thursday, October 22, 2009. Registration Deadline is October 20, 2009 call Caregiver Information Centre at 652-4411 (posted).

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

Sherbrooke Community Centre – Opportunity for Lay Visitor Ministry. We are seeking volunteers to be participants in our Lay Companionship Program of Spiritual Care Visitation. Training is available - call 655-3697 or 655-3748.

No Nukes – Go Renewables! Rally & Parade TODAY (Sunday, Oct. 4) at **1:00 pm. Meet at the Bowl** on the **U of S Campus, parade to the Rally** at the **Bandshell** (Spadina Crescent E. and 20th Street) **or just come for the Rally at 2:00 pm.** Music, Entertainment, Speakers featuring Winona LaDuke, Peter Prebble, Larissa Shasko, Ryan Meili & Jim Harding. **Show your support for a positive vision of Saskatchewan**, renewable energy, green jobs, healthy communities. **Not costly nuclear reactors and a nuclear waste dump.**

The Saskatchewan Conference Office of the United Church of Canada is searching for an **Administrative Support Person**. This is a **full time position**. We are looking for a person with a minimum of one year previous experience in an administrative support position, who has strong computer skills and a proven ability in Microsoft Office applications and Front Page (or willingness to learn). The ideal candidate would be able to work both collaboratively and independently, have planning and organizational skills with the ability to prioritize tasks, as well as the ability to meet and greet people and foster a welcoming environment. A familiarity with the ethos, structure, and practices of the United Church of Canada would be considered a strong asset. Please visit our website at www.sk.united-church.ca to view the position description. Applicants are to submit resume by 12:00 noon Oct. 9/09 to:

Administrative Office Staff Search Committee
c/o Saskatchewan Conference Office
418 A MacDonald St., Regina, SK S4N 6E1

Or via fax: (306)-721-3171 or e-mail: ucskco@sasktel.net

Turkey Supper at Mayfair United Church at 902-33rd St. West (**today**) Sunday, **October 4**. **Sittings at 4:00 p.m., 5:15 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.** Tickets - call 382-6446 or 244-4884.

St. David's Trinity United Church - Fall Turkey Supper Sunday, **Oct. 18** sittings at 4:45 pm & 6:00 pm adults \$10, children (6-12) \$5.00, 5 and under are free. Wheelchair accessible. Advanced tickets only – call Gerri at **382-8480**.

Harvest Turkey Supper at Third Avenue United on **Saturday, Oct. 24**, sittings at 4:30 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. For tickets call the church office at **652-6812** or **224-5158**.

Meewasin Valley United Church Fall Supper will be held on **Sunday, Oct. 25 – sittings at 4:15 pm and 6:15 pm**. Adults - \$11:00, Children (6-12) - \$5.00, five and under are free. Call 242-9851 for tickets it is suggested that you call early as there are a limited number of tickets.

Enneagram - is a tool of personal understanding to help you better understand those around you. **Introduction to the Enneagram** on **October 23-25** at Calling Lakes with **Brian Mitchell-Walker**. Reg. is **\$240 (before Oct. 9)** after Oct. 9 cost - \$265.00, meals/lodging included. Information is posted.

If you are interested in providing a **Ministry of Visiting to United Church people** who are hospitalized, this is your opportunity to get the training and support you need. The United Church Hospital Chaplain, **Rev. Sheila Krueger** is looking for Lay Visitors to visit and the training called **"Foundations of Spiritual Care Giving"** is provided by St. Paul's Spiritual Care Educator, **Rev. Brian Walton**. For more information contact **Sheila Krueger** at 227-8707 or eskrueger@sasktel.net

Hunger for Justice – Fri., Oct. 16 - 6:00 pm at McClure.

Writing Workshops on Tues., Oct. 13 - Mayfair United.

Meetings and events this week:

Monday:

- Cubs, 7:00 pm-8:30 – Social Hall
- Shining Light on the Path, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm – Alice Turner Branch Library

Tuesday:

- Staff Meeting, 9:30 am – Trudy Doidge Room
- Beavers, 6:30-7:30 pm – Social Hall
- Choral Society, 7:00 am – Sanctuary and Social Hall

Wednesday:

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

Scripture readings for next Sunday, October 11:

Mark 2:15-17, 23-28

Stewardship Seconds 2009 - October 4:

Jesus came that we may have life and have it in abundance. Abundance for all, not some!