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September 27, 2009

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Musical Prelude:

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: 104 MV, Know That God Is Good

Words of Gathering:

One: Friends, come. Rejoice in the One who is!

Let yourself be lost in the wonder of the Divine.

All: **Yes, there is such ecstasy in losing ourselves,
as we revel in Holy Wonder.**

One: Become soaked by the Ocean of Love
which is the primordial source of life.

With joy we dive into the Deep.

To be refreshed, uplifted, and energized!

Hymn: 30 MV, It's a Song of Praise to the Maker

Lighting Candles of Joy and Concern

Passing the Peace of Christ

A Question from the Fish Bowl

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Readings:

Genesis 1:24-31

Did You Hear That Bird Sing? Anthony De Mello

One: God speaks through human voices.

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

Musical Pause

Sermon:

Hymn: 106 MV, I Am the Dream

Minute for Mission: "M & S Keeps Us in Touch"

Offering and Prayer of Dedication:

**We give because it is natural to give. Compassion
stirs us to care for our brothers and sisters, and for all
of creation. May these gifts be blessings of wholeness
in our world. Amen**

Prayers of and for the people and the prayer from Jesus

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

Benediction and Blessing

Choral Amen 974 VU

Postlude

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The Life and Work of the Congregation September 27, 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**.

Thank you **Sarah Makins** for providing music for us today.

This morning:

Head Usher: Jim Reid

Ushers and Greeters: Steve Rambally
Diane Rambally

Greeter and Lift Operator:

Reader: Steve Rambally

Musical Accompanist: Sarah Makins

Today's bulletin is sponsored by Marj and Dennis McKinnon in memory of Martha McKinnon.

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

Another Successful Turkey Supper

Thank you to everyone who helped and for all the food that was donated to make the supper a success. Many compliments were heard about the very delicious food, especially the turkey. Bethel's net profit realized was \$4,949.00.

Freda and Corrinne

**Bethel United Church
Welcome to our Fall BBQ
Come and see who we are
October 4, 2009
Church Service – 10:30 a.m.
followed by BBQ lunch**

Pastoral Care Committee will meet, **Sunday, Sept. 27th** following the worship service in the Trudy Doidge Room.

Ministry and Personnel Committee will meet at **10:00 a.m.** on **Tuesday, Sept. 29th** in the Upper Room.

Outreach Committee will meet, **Tuesday, Oct. 20th** at **7:00 p.m.** in the Upper Room.

Men's Breakfast – Saturday, October 3 at 9:00 a.m. in the Social Hall. We will hear the account of our church's ministry in the core neighbourhood of our city.

All men are welcome

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).

Anyone interested in attending **Shining Light on the Path** and would like a ride, rather than drive, let us know by calling 343-6085; we can make transportation arrangements for you.

'Thank you' to everyone for the tribute you paid to me last Sunday. I could not have done it all without your support. Allan McDougald once said, "No one can say NO to Freda". I don't know if this is true or not, but I have certainly received a lot of support over the years. They say – "It takes a whole village to raise a child". Well, it takes the whole congregation to be successful in any of our undertakings. Thank you to Enid, Lloyd, Judy, Marguerite, Craig and Karen for the most entertaining skit. I think it was a roast rather than a skit. If you have not picked up your pots and pans, please do so. Thank you once again. Freda

Keeping in Touch – "A Phoning Tree" has been organized by the Communication & Contact Committee. We hope to have this in operation this fall. The **next meeting** for **C & C Comm.** is on **Oct. 14** at **1:30 p.m.** in the Kitchen.

Sunday Morning Adult Discussion Group - held at **9:15** to **10:00 a.m.** during **Oct.** and **Nov.** in the **Social Hall.**

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.**

Scripture Reading 101 will be 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.

Other Church and Community events:

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.

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

Garage Sale – Saturday, Oct. 3 at 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at St. Thomas Wesley United Church, Ave. H & 20th Street West. Bake table with homemade pies, preserves, etc.

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.

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

The Spiritual Care Education Department of St. Paul's is offering "**Foundations of Spiritual Care Giving**" on Sat., Oct. 17, and on Tues. Evenings, October 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17 and Sat., Nov. 21. Everyone is welcome. Call (306) 655-5827 to register or have any questions. Information posted.

Perhaps you have heard of the Enneagram and are curious to find out more about this tool of personal understanding or are looking to better understand those around you. Calling Lakes is offering an Introduction to the Enneagram weekend on October 23-25. Brian Mitchell-Walker has trained with the Enneagram Institute. Cost is \$240 (before October 9) on Oct. 9 and after the cost will be \$265.00 for registration. This includes meals and lodging (private bathroom). **Friday, Oct. 23** (6:00 pm supper) to **Sunday, Oct. 25** (1:00 pm). Information is posted.

Would you like to become a skilled **lay hospital visitor**? 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

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 – they suggest that you call early as there are a limited number of tickets.

Lay Worship Leadership Program at Calling Lakes. There are 6 weekends over 2 years, with the first weekend starting Friday, October 30 (4 pm) to Sunday, November 1 (1 pm) at Calling Lakes Centre, Fort Qu'Appelle, SK. Leadership: Marg Janick-Grayston, Eva Stanley, David Cathcart, Norma Hain. Cost is \$240 before Oct. 16 and \$250 after Oct. 16. To register call (306) 332-5691. or email register@callinglakes.ca Information is posted. Website: www.callinglakes.ca

St. David's Trinity United Church – 'Painters and Crafters' Arts and Crafts Display on Oct. 3 from 2:00 pm-4 pm (items for sale include Joey Kiss Paintings) and a Silent Auction and Tea.

Meetings and events this week:

Monday:

- Cubs, 7:00-8:30 pm - Social Hall

Tuesday:

- M & P Meeting, 10:00 am – Upper Room

- Beavers, 6:30-7:30 pm – Social Hall

- Choral Society, 7:00 am – Sanctuary and Social Hall

Wednesday:

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

- Scouts, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Thursday:

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

Saturday:

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

Found - A pair of **sunglasses** and you can claim them at the church office.

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

Scripture readings for next Sunday, October 4:

Mark 2:1-12

Stewardship Seconds 2009 - September 27:

Blessed be the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Praising God is part of our stewardship!