



BETHEL UNITED CHURCH

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January 10, 2010

1st Sunday after Epiphany

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Musical Prelude:

Welcome and Announcements

Words of Gathering: 51 MV, Yahweh Be Praised

Hymn: 224 VU, Sing a Happy Hallelujah

Lighting Candles of Joy and Concern

Welcome to new Members:

**As your sisters and brothers in Christ,
we rejoice in who you are
and in the gifts that you bring to us.
We welcome you into the life and work
of Bethel United Church.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

A Question from the Fish Bowl

Reading:

2 Chronicles 36:5-7, 19-20 *P. 420 (of the Old Testament)*

Psalms 127

Psalter 851, VU

One: God speaks through human voices.

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

Musical Pause

Sermon

Hymn: 150 MV, Spirit God, Be Our Breath

Offering: 191 MV, What Can I Do?

We consider those who are visiting with us this morning to be our guests. As a guest, when the offering plate is passed by you, please do not feel obligated to place anything on it.

Prayer of Dedication: **Our desire in our giving, O God, is that these offerings will bear fruit that is life-giving and nurturing for all whom they reach. We thank you as you bless these gifts, and bless us in our giving. Amen**

Minute for Mission: 'Silently Speaking'

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

Hymn: 633 VU, Bless Now, O God, the Journey

Benediction

Choral Amen: 974 VU

Postlude

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The Life and Work of the Congregation January 10, 2010

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 **Tannis Schmidt** for providing us with music today.

This morning:

Head Usher: Beverley Andres

Ushers and Greeters: Ervin Neudorf
Deanna Neudorf

Greeter and Lift Operator:

Reader: Peter Geres

Today's bulletin is sponsored by Lynne and Larry Fowke in memory of Stan Fowler and Helen and Vernon Fowke.

We are very pleased to welcome three new members to our congregation today:

David Crossley
Elaine Wanhella
Rhonda Young

This Sunday, Jan. 10th, the Christmas decorations will be put away. Please plan to stay after coffee for a short while, if you can, to help take down and pack away the decorations.

Bethel is looking for someone to co-ordinate the Men's Breakfast for Saturday, February 6th, 2010.

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 Christian Education Committee will hold an Adult Book Study conducted by Barb Martin and Jeanette Liberty-Duns in the Upper Room on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. The study will start on February 21, 2010 and will continue until March 21, 2010 (5 Sundays). The book they will be studying will be 'The Pagan Christ' by Tom Harpur. Several copies of this book can be ordered online at amazon.com for a cost of \$10.00. Anyone wanting to order a book should see Jeanette Liberty-Duns or David Crossley; they can obtain a copy for you at a cost of \$10.00, but please contact them soon.

The Communication and Contact Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. in the Trudy Doidge Room.

The Christian Education Committee is looking for a Sunday School teacher who can teach on the first Sunday of February, March, April and May (4 Sundays only). They have people who will teach for the other Sundays during those months. Please call Karen Winmill (477-2780) or Norm (343-6085) if you can help out with teaching or if you require more information regarding this.

Bible Study resumes at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 13/2010 and will be held in the gym as usual.

Annual Reports – It would be appreciated if you could please submit your annual reports to the main office as soon as possible (preferably by email), if not by email in hard copy form.

The Christmas Tree by the Lectern has become a 'mitten tree'. Any donations of hats, scarves, mitts and socks are welcome. Waterproof ones are best, if you buy them. **After February 1, the items will go to Inner City Ministry.**

Lillian and Alec Hofmeister sent a thank you card to Bethel congregation and UCW for card and flowers received at Christmas time. The card is on the bulletin board.

Dates that are available (from now until June) for **bulletin sponsorship** are as follows: March 7, 14, 21, April 2, 11, 25 and May 2, 2010. Please contact the church office at 343-6085.

Meals on Wheels: Volunteers are needed to continue delivering meals. The sign-up calendar is on the literature table. **Bethel's coordinator is Shirley McKay (374-4883).**

Other Church and Community events:

Sock Hop – held Saturday, January 30 at 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at Third Avenue United Church with Judy of Dance with Class DJ's. Bring the whole family, cost for Adults is \$10.00 (see posted information).

Hand-Drumming Workshop at St. Martin's United Church on Sat., Jan. 16, 2010, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The cost for the whole day is \$10.00 (lunch is included). Facilitators for the workshop are Brenda and Katie Curtis. Bring your own drum, if you can otherwise instruments will be provided. Registration deadline is Wed., Jan. 13, 2010. Registration forms are available from Keith Hall at keith.st.martin@shaw.ca

McClure Dessert Theatre presents 'OUR TOWN' by Thornton Wilder on March 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 2010. Call 373-1753 for tickets. Cost is \$17.00 per person, doors open at 6:30 p.m. - dessert and Play to follow. See poster for detailed information.

Effective Co-Parenting: 'Putting Kids First' is an education program for separated and divorced parents that will increase understanding of the developmental needs of children for self-esteem and security. It will offer skills about managing diverse shared parenting situations, provide strategies for improving communication, etc. and provide a supportive group environment to assist in planning and management of their children's needs. It is sponsored by Family Service Saskatoon and starts on February 23 to March 30, 2010 - see poster.

An email was sent from **Moderator Mardi Tindal** entitled "**Epiphany 2010**" – You may view the contents of the email and see others comments on her blog at the following website: www.united-church.ca/moderator Her email is also posted.

Meetings and events this week:

Monday:

-Cubs, 7:00 (Social Hall)

Tuesday:

-C & C Committee Mtg., 9:30 a.m. in the Trudy Doidge Room

-Beavers, 6:30 (Social Hall)

Wednesday:

-Bible Study, 10:00 a.m. (Gym)

-CHEP Good Food Boxes arrive, 2:00 p.m.

-Scouts, 7:00 (Gym)

Thursday:

-Ladies Fitness, 9:15 a.m. (gym)

Stewardship Seconds 2010 - Jan. 10:

Good news! We have gifts to share!