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**January 17, 2010**

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

Musical Prelude:

Welcome and Announcements

Words of Gathering:

This is the day which God has made,  
A day for us to rejoice and be glad

**With delight we rejoice in your faithful love**

**We rejoice and sing to you, God.**

**Earthmaker, Lifegiver, Eternal Parent.**

Allow the holiness and mystery of this hour  
to infuse you with light and wonder.

**With yearning hearts and open minds**

**We celebrate this day, and every day, with you.**

Hymn: 37 MV, Each Blade of Grass

Lighting Candles of Joy and Concern

Passing the Peace of Christ

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A Question from the Fish Bowl

Reading:

John 2:1-10

*P. 93 (of the New Testament)*

Fat Tuesday Word Jazz by Jim Burklo

One: God speaks through human voices.

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

Musical Pause

Sermon

Hymn: 153 MV, Body, Mind and Spirit

Offering:

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: **As we dedicate these offerings to the work of this church in service with you, we recognize that what we offer goes beyond what is on these plates. May we, each day, remember that we truly are your hands and feet, your heart and your love, in a world that is waking to the wonder of your presence all around. Amen**

## Installation of UCW Executive

Like Rebecca, the mother of Israel; like Ruth in her commitment to Naomi; like Mary, the handmaiden of God; and like Jesus, we have been called as servants, to God and to our sisters at Bethel United Church. In our work as UCW Executive for 2010, we will endeavour to hold each other and those whom we serve, with respect, and in prayer. We will listen with care to each other and to the women whom we serve. We will seek always to honour God and remember our calling as servants to all the people of this church.

## Women of the Church

**We, the United Church Women of Bethel, welcome you as the executive for 2010. We thank you for your willingness to serve. We, too, shall hold you and our sisters with respect and in prayer, and will also seek to honour God in all that we say and do.**

Prayers of and for the people and the prayer from Jesus

Hymn: 162 MV, Christ within Us Hidden

Benediction

Choral Amen: 974 VU

Postlude

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## The Life and Work of the Congregation January 17, 2010

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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:** Karen Baxter

**Today's bulletin** is sponsored by the UCW and the UCW are buying two plants in memory of past members.

**"Shining Light on the Path" will be held again on Monday, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The first two sessions will be held at the Alice Turner Library and then in February the series will be held at the Refinery (609 Dufferin Ave.), where it will continue until late April. The new session is an extension of the fall session.**

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

You will notice the **'Who's Who in the Pew'**. Please fill in your information and pass it on to the person next to you. When it reaches the person at the end of the pew, pass it back to where it started.

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. You can order a used copy of this book from Amazon.ca (online) for \$10.00 or less, or you can order it at Life Lines (the United Church bookstore on 8<sup>th</sup> St.) for \$22.95. It will take 2 weeks for the book to come in at Life Lines. Also, the library system has 5 copies to lend out and Norm has a copy to lend. Jeanette will see if there are some copies available at St. Andrews College.

Church Council will hold a Budget Meeting after the service today, Jan. 17, in the Upper Room.

Deadline for the Spring Newsletter is Sunday, February 21, 2010. Committees, groups and individuals are asked to submit information to Newsletter Editor, Gladys Kemmer (373-12205 or [dqkemmm@sasktel.net](mailto:dqkemmm@sasktel.net)). People news is welcome.

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 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.**

A few years ago **Bethel donated money** towards a **Bridge Project in Mozambique**. **Don Kossick** will give us an **update** on the project during coffee time after church on **January 24<sup>th</sup>**.

**Annual Reports** – It would be appreciated if you could please submit your annual reports to the church office no later than Tuesday morning, January 19, and (preferably by email). We hope to send the finalized version of the Annual Report to the printers by January 20, so everyone can obtain their copy in ample time before Bethel's Annual Meeting on Sunday, **Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you.

The following is an excerpt from the cover of Tom Harpur's book *The Pagan Christ*: "In sharing his personal exploration of spirituality, Tom Harpur has guided thousands of readers....*In The Pagan Christ*,...Harpur digs deep into the origins of Christianity. What he has discovered will change the way we think about religion...As he reconsiders a lifetime of worship and study, Harpur reveals a cosmic faith based on ancient truths....His message is clear....Only with a return to an inclusive religion where Christ lives within each of us will we gain a true understanding of who we are and who we are intended to become."

A note of **thanks** was received from **Fran McCauley** for flowers and prayers on her behalf.

The **Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide** is being shipped and hopefully will arrive soon.

**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:**

**St. Thomas Wesley United Church** is seeking a **Children's Church Coordinator**. Forward resume by January 22, 2010 – see bulletin board for job details and address.

**Music Workshop at St. Paul's United Church on January 30, 2010 at 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.** (Facilitator – Lori Erhardt.) Sun., Jan. 31 service - 10:30 am "Celebrating More Voices Together".

**Artists for Station 20** – Come out and support positive creative community development on **Sun., Feb. 7 - 8 p.m.** at **Grosvenor Park United Church**. This is a **fundraising event** featuring Andrea Menard, Yann Martel, Henry Woolk, Lawrence Roy, Jr., Gillian Snider & Teegan Jeffers. University of Saskatchewan Amati Quartet, Eileen Laverty, B.C. Read and Kent Allen with inhouse musicians and host, Brenda Baker. **Tickets available at McNally Robinson & Station 20 office.** See poster for more information.

**The lived Experience of Family Caregivers who Provided End-of-life Care to a Relative with Advanced Dementia. If you are: willing to talk about your experiences of caring for a relative who died with advanced dementia Shelley would like to talk with you. Shelley Peacock is conducting a study and is a registered nurse from Saskatoon and graduate student in the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Alberta. You will receive a small gift for participation in this study. Dr. Wendy Duggleby and Dr. Priscilla Koop are her supervisors. See posted information regarding details. You can contact Shelley Peacock at (306) 966-8527 or [speacock@ualberta.ca](mailto:speacock@ualberta.ca)**

**McClure Dessert Theatre** presents 'OUR TOWN' by Thornton Wilder on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Call 373-1753 for tickets. See poster for detailed information.

**"Embracing the Present Moment: Exploring Zen Buddhism"** A meditation retreat with Kim Hoben Hansen a trained Zen Buddhist of 13 years from North Shore Zendo in North Vancouver will cover basic mediation techniques, posture, breathing, etc. No previous experience or skills are necessary. Will be held at Calling Lakes on Friday, Feb. 5 to Feb. 7, 2010. See bulletin board for details and information about registration.

**United Church Moderator, Mardi Tindal**, prepares to deliver **Climate Change message** to Canadians on **Sun., Jan. 17**. The text of Tindal's letter from Copenhagen will be posted on the website ([www.united-church.ca](http://www.united-church.ca)) on Jan. 17. The email has been printed and is posted on the bulletin board; for more information on this contact [mdenis@united-church.ca](mailto:mdenis@united-church.ca)

**Meetings and events this week:**

**Monday:**

-Cubs, 7:00 (Social Hall)

**Tuesday:**

-Choral Society, 7:00 p.m. (Social Hall)

-Beavers, 6:30 (Social Hall)

**Wednesday:**

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

-Scouts, 7:00 (Gym)

**Thursday:**

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

**Scripture readings for Sunday, Jan. 24:**

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21

**Stewardship Seconds 2010 - Jan. 17:**

All gifts are gifts of the one Spirit. Our job is to find the best way to use what we have been given.