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**January 24, 2010**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> week after Epiphany**

Musical Prelude:  
Welcome and Announcements

Words of Gathering:

One: Friends, know this:

God surrounds you with love  
and envelops you with grace.

All: **"You are my Child and servant," God says.**  
**"Trust in Me. The destiny of the world is in your hands."**

One: Truly, we belong to God, the one who is always near.

All: **It is in God that we live, and move, and exist.**  
**We celebrate God who, through us,**  
**brings the world to wholeness.**

Hymn: 312 VU, Praise with Joy the World's Creator

Lighting Candles of Joy and Concern

Passing the Peace of Christ

A Question from the Fish Bowl

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Readings:

1 Corinthians 12:12-30 p.174 (of the New Testament)  
Luke 4:14-21 p. 61 (of the New Testament)

One: God speaks through human voices.

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

Musical Pause

Sermon

Hymn: 87 VU, I Am the Light of the World

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: **May the offerings we make on this day be multiplied into blessings of abundance for us and for those whom we serve. Amen**

Minute for Mission: "Medi-Plantas"

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

Hymn: 699 VU, Live into Hope

Benediction

Choral Amen: 974 VU

Postlude

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## The Life and Work of the Congregation January 24, 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**.

### This morning:

**Head Usher:** Leonard Schwanke

**Ushers and Greeters:** Gladys Kemmer  
Don Kemmer

**Greeter and Lift Operator:** Don Kemmer

**Reader:** Sheila Scott

**Today's bulletin** is sponsored by Gladys and Don Kemmer.

**"Shining Light on the Path"** will be held again on **Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** This session 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.** Rev. Lorne Calvert, Principal of St. Andrew's College, will be the guest speaker.

**Norm** will be conducting the service at **Oliver Lodge** on **Thursday, Jan. 28, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.** You are welcome to attend this service.

**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 the service today, January 24<sup>th</sup>.**

If you wish to donate to Haiti relief through Bethel, make the cheque payable to Bethel United Church, **mark it and your envelope** "Haiti Appeal" and Bethel will send one cheque for all donations received to The United Church of Canada. Tax receipts will be issued for all donations. Alternatively, cheques may be made payable to The United Church of Canada, marked "Haiti Appeal", and mailed directly to: 3250 Bloor Street West, Suite 300, Toronto, Ontario M8X 2Y4.

**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.

Please note, we are no longer taking a silver collection for coffee after the Sunday morning service. Instead, if you wish to make a donation to the coffee fund, put it on the offering plate, indicating your name, the amount and "Coffee Fund" on the envelope. Tax receipts will be issued for all marked donations.

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**.

**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 [dgkemm@sasktel.net](mailto:dgkemm@sasktel.net)). People news is welcome.

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."

The **Christmas Tree** by the Lectern has become a mitten tree. Any donations of hats, scarves, mitts etc. would be appreciated and will be delivered to Inner City Ministry after February 1st.

**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.

**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.

**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. 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)

**Spectrum Core Community Services** is a registered charity, working to alleviate the effects of poverty for two groups of vulnerable individuals and their families in the Core Neighbourhoods of Saskatoon. With St. Thomas Wesley and the Rainbow Community Centre, they provide basic services for the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless. More information is posted as to what they provide for disadvantaged people. **Send donations to Spectrum, 808 – 20<sup>th</sup> Street West, Saskatoon, SK S7M 0Y3.** Donations of warm winter clothing will also be gratefully accepted at the Rainbow Community Centre.

**“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. At Calling Lakes on Fri., Feb. 5 to Feb. 7, 2010. See bulletin board for details and information about registration.

**Calling Lakes Centre** is pleased to be offering two Healing Pathways programs from the Narmata Centre, including Healing Pathways 1, which is a hands on introduction to a Christian centered “healing touch”. Many people in our congregations have experienced and benefited from energy work in a secular setting, as they experience healing from Reiki, Reflexology or different types of Therapeutic Touch. You, or members of your community may want to consider attending Healing Pathways Phase 1 to start a healing ministry in your area. Information about Healing Pathways Phase 1 & 2 is posted by the office. You may be eligible to access funds from your conference and presbytery to attend these sessions.

McClure Place is looking for a casual cook who would be responsible along with one or two assistants for preparing the noon meal for 21 residents and the evening meal for approx. 30 – 60 residents. Apply to McClure Place Association Inc., 1825 McKercher Drive, Saskatoon, SK S7H 5N5

**Exploring the Bible Part 3** with Rabbi Marci Prager “Abraham: A Journey of Faith as a Model for a Spiritual Seeker” starting March 5 to March 7. Remember financial assistance is available – Call 306-332-5691 for info or to register. Calling Lakes also has a bursary fund that you may access. For reduced registration fee you must register before Feb. 12.

**Third Annual United Band Blast** with worship bands from Grace-Westminster, McClure, St. Martin’s and Meewasin Valley United Church. All funds collected will be donated to River Bend Integrated Community Ministries. This event will be held on **Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Grace-Westminster United Church.**

**Meetings and events this week:**

**Monday:**

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

**Tuesday:**

-Beavers, 6:30 p.m. (Social Hall)

-Choral Society, 7:00 p.m. (Sanctuary) 7:45 p.m. (Social Hall)

**Wednesday:**

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

-CHEP Good Food Boxes, (delivered to Saskatchewan Market Place)

-Scouts, 7:00 p.m. (Gym)

**Thursday:**

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

-Bethel at Oliver Lodge, 2:00 p.m.

**Scripture readings for Sunday, Jan. 31:**

Psalm 71:1-6 VU (*Part One*)

Luke 4:21-30

**Stewardship Seconds 2010 - Jan. 24:**

Generosity sometimes means sharing our knowledge as well as our more tangible gifts.