



BETHEL UNITED CHURCH

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January 3, 2010

2nd Sunday after Christmas

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Musical Prelude:
Welcome and Announcements

Words of Gathering:

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

Lighting Candles of Joy and Concern

Passing the Peace of Christ

A Question from the Fish Bowl

Readings:

Genesis 1:1-5 *p. 1 (of the Old Testament)*

John 1:1-5, 9-14 *p. 91-92 (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: 45 VU, Joy Is Now in Every Place

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 this offering, and all that we give of ourselves through this week, be as our light, shining throughout this church, this community, and the world. Amen**

Minute for Mission: 'McKee's Mills United Church'

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

Hymn: 59 VU, Joy to the World

Benediction

Choral Amen: 974 VU

Postlude

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The Life and Work of the Congregation January 3, 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 **Ying Qi** for providing us with music this morning.

This morning:

Head Usher: Peggy Amy

Ushers and Greeters: Peter Geres

Greeter and Lift Operator:

Reader: Marj McKinnon

Today's bulletin is sponsored by Lillian Genereux in loving memory of her husband, Henry.

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

The Christian Education Committee are 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 in 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 about it.

UCW General and Unit Meetings will be held on Thursday, January 7 at 1:30 pm in the Gym.

Extendicare on Preston – Today, January 3, 2010, Norm will be taking the worship service at Extendicare. You are most welcome to join in.

Bible Study resumes at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 in the gym.

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**.

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.

Other Church and Community events:

Holidays Basketball Skills Development Camps and Tournaments sponsored by Young Athlete Saskatchewan held at the Cosmo Civic Centre Sports Complex on Feb. 16-18 for age groups 9-11 and 12-14. Call 242-2425.

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