

# Tsawwassen United Church

4th Sunday After Epiphany

Feb. 1, 2009, 10:00 AM

*Jan. 6, which follows on the twelve days of Christmas, is known as Epiphany when we read of the visit of the magi to the infant Jesus and his family. During the season of Epiphany we celebrate the various ways in which Jesus is shown forth to the world.*

*Portions of the service printed in **bold** are spoken by the whole congregation. At the points marked “\*”, those who are able are invited to stand.*

## THE PEOPLE GATHER

PRELUDE: Just As I Am

~ arr. by Todd Kendall

PROCESSING THE BIBLE AND CHRIST CANDLE

WELCOME

\*OPENING HYMN: You Servants of God

VU 342

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Listen, God is calling!

Come, all you people!

Open our hearts, open our minds!

**Fresh as the morning,**

**a song must rise!**

**For ev'ry day is a day of thanksgiving**

**when all is done for the glory of God!**

\*OPENING PRAYER: I'll Praise Eternal God

MV 57

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN — Dedication of *More Voices* Hymnals

WORDS OF DEDICATION:

**In the name of the holy and triune God,  
we dedicate these books to the glory of God.**

**For the beauty of our worship**

**and for the deepening of our relationship with all that is holy,**

**we dedicate these books to the glory of God.**

**Amen.**

HYMN: We Sing of Your Glory

MV 58

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

\*ASSURANCE OF GRACE: I Can Feel You Near Me God

MV 48

## LISTENING FOR TRUTH

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

SCRIPTURE: *(Reader: Marleen Soutar)*

Psalm 111

VU 833

Mark 1:21–28

pew Bible N. T. page 33

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

One: This is the witness of God's people.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: "Jesus Teaches With Authority"

### SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\*HYMN: Precious Lord, Take My Hand

VU 670

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

CHOIR'S ANTHEM: Draw Me Nearer

*~ arr. by Jack Schrader*

### CELEBRATING THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE:

- The Offering is Collected
- Announcements of the Congregation's Life & Ministry
- \*Doxology: Now Thank We All Our God VU 236, vs. 3
- Offering Prayer

### PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

THE LORD'S PRAYER

VU 914 (right side)

\*CLOSING HYMN: Thine Is The Glory

VU 173

THE LAST WORD: 1 Corinthians 8:6

pew Bible N.T. page 161

### \*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Faith Eternal

*~ Edward Broughton*

# Welcome to Tsawwassen United Church

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## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### February 1, 2009

#### WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT T.U.C.

**TODAY**      **Worship Service – at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Delta Hospital E.C.U. Service – at 2:30 p.m.**



**Prayer Cycle for Vancouver South Presbytery and B.C. Conference** – Today we pray for Richmond-Sea Island and the Rev. Sandra Nixon.

**MON.**      **Walking Group** – meet at **9:15 a.m.** at the school track across from the church and walk for your health and have fun and fellowship while walking.

**WED.**      **Junior Choir..... 3:30 p.m.**

**THURS.**      **Choir..... 7:45 p.m.**

**NEXT SUN.** **Worship Service** – at **10:00 a.m.** Scripture readings: Isaiah 40:21–31; Psalm 147:1–11, 20c (VU pgs. 868–869 part 1); 1 Corinthians 9:16–23; Mark 1:29–39.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS AT T.U.C.

##### • GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER

The "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" event will be happening between February 21st and March 21st. Please let the coordinator, Bonnie Tarlton, know if you can host a small group of 5 or 6 for lunch or dinner.

## "SOUND OF SILENCE" POTLUCK DINNER AT T.U.C.

Friday, February 13, 6PM

To raise funds to replace the sound system in the sanctuary.



*Tax receipts will be issued for donations received by cheque and for cash donations placed in envelopes marked with the contributor's name and/or envelope or PAR number on it.*

### • LENTEN STUDY GROUP

Lent is coming. You can give up chocolate . . . or this year you could refresh your Heart, Mind and Spirit by:

- 1) Meeting with a small group of friends for fellowship once a week
- 2) Reading *Where the Spirit Dwells*, by Glenys Huws
- 3) Reflecting with others on what you have read
- 4) Praying together

We will be meeting starting the last week of February until Easter. The meeting time will be determined by the group. The book cost is \$10.95 and we will be ordering them soon. Please contact Mary Sambell at 604-943-4349 or [msambell@telus.net](mailto:msambell@telus.net) if you are interested.

### • BAPTISM

We will be celebrating the sacrament of baptism on Easter Sunday. If you or anyone you know, of any age, would like to be baptised or renew your baptismal vows please contact Rose-Hannah.

### • ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It was decided at the January 13th Council meeting that the date for the Annual General Meeting of Tsawwassen United Church will be on **Sunday, March 29th**, following the 10AM service.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### • OUTREACH UPDATE

In the past week visits were made to the three agencies TUC supports the most. Here's how things look in each:

**The Neighbourhood Hub (formerly Oak Ave)** — statistics for the past year show there are 500 children being reached with free clothing and other supplies. It is here we distribute most of our birthday bags. Thanks to the anonymous donor of a huge amount of birthday bag items last Sunday and thanks for the regular stream of contributors helping out. We have a lot of cake mixes but virtually no icings or fruit crystals. We have been asked how to make a financial contribution. Just use your envelope or write a cheque marking it Birthday bags. Make your cheque out to our church and you will receive income tax credit for your donation. Thanks to those who already have done so.

**First United Church Mission** — First United Church Mission is currently housing about 120 homeless people Monday to Friday during the day, and about 200 people sleep through the night. Lunch meals are served 5 days a week to as many as they can feed. The kitchen has been upgraded with new stoves and the dishwasher has been moved to keep it away from food

preparation. A cook is now on staff resulting in more consistency and better food. Greater attention is being given to counselling and staff are taking training to facilitate this. Their prime need for clothing is blankets, socks and gloves.

**The Vivian** — The Vivian is operating at full capacity with 24 single rooms for women. Their need is mostly food. We are delivering two or three boxes per week from food accumulated at Christmas.

**C.H.E.S.** — Sponsorship of two African students has been arranged through the Canadian Harambee Education Society. A book entitled "White Necklace" will soon be available in our church library. It depicts the work of the Canadian teachers who travel to Kenya and Tanzania to help keep programs functioning. Over 500 girls are sponsored by people like us.

If anyone is wanting more information on any of our Outreach programs, just talk to Jean Stuart or Archie Mullan.

- **IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR TSAWWASSEN YOUTH!**

If you, or someone you know, are 13 years or older and are interested in exploring your faith and who we are as the United Church of Canada, please see Brenda Miller! We are planning a Faith Exploration/Confirmation group beginning mid February, with a Celebration of Faith tentatively planned for Sunday, May 17th. Contact Brenda at 604 274-2864 or [brendammiller1@gmail.com](mailto:brendammiller1@gmail.com).

- **THANK YOU FROM FIRST UNITED**

In January we received the following thank you letter from Doree Piercy of First United Church Mission:

*Once again I would like to thank everyone who responded so generously to the "Give-a-Gift Project" appeal. As a result of your gifts First United is able, in a number of ways, to serve those who turn to the Mission for help.*

*On Dec. 23rd the women and men who arrived at the church for morning soup and/or coffee received a new pair of socks, a candy bar and an orange. The Safeway cards were available to the staff to be given to individuals and families in need. The money donations are used to purchase Safeway cards, underwear, and the food items needed for the surprise hot breakfasts served a few times during the cold months of Jan. and Feb.*

*New underwear will be given out in early Feb on underwear day. This is a day where women and men who arrive at the church for morning soup and/or coffee will receive a new pair of underwear.*

*In these ways the message of Christmas, of love and caring, is expressed well into the New Year.*

*I thank you on behalf of the recipients, for all of your gifts.*

- **PEGGY LOWE**

There will be a celebration of life for Peggy Lowe at the Kinsmen Centre in Tsawwassen on **Tuesday, February 10th, at 2PM**. Please bring any photos you have of Peggy.

- **YOUTH FORUM**

The 40th General Council Youth Forum is going to be held in Kelowna from August 6 to 16. Youth Forum is for people who are 15 – 20 years of age by

August 6, 2009, are members or adherents of The United Church of Canada, and are excited to explore issues of faith and church with peers across the country. Each presbytery can select one delegate to send to Youth Forum. Applications need to be submitted by February 1st. For more information go to <http://www.united-church.ca/getinvolved/events/youthforum>.

• **LOST AND FOUND**

Have you lost your wedding ring? A plain gold band was turned in a few days ago. Please contact the church office to identify.

## ***Exciting New Ministry at TUC!***

### **Long-Range Planning Committee**

The Long-Range Planning Committee members are Ron Wasik, Glen Stanger and Rick Soutar. This committee is looking at the challenges and possibilities for our church ten years hence.

### **Music Ministry Assessment Committee**

The Music Ministry Assessment Committee members are Marianne Robertson, John Glover, Jan McLaurin, Shelby Delaney and Janice Wasik. With Leona's retirement at the end of May this committee is assessing our needs regarding TUC's music ministry.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with your ideas and suggestions.  
We would love to hear from you!



*We recycle our bulletins. If you are not taking your bulletin home, please leave it in the basket on the narthex table.*