

# Tsawwassen United Church

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2009, 10:00 AM

*Lent is a forty day season of reflection and preparation for the death and resurrection of Jesus.*

*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: The Spacious Firmament on High (“Creation”) ~ *arr. by Diane Bish*

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (*see back of bulletin*)

\*OPENING HYMN: All Praise to You VU 297

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (*with Brenda Miller*)

PRAYER FOR RESTORING LIFE: Take, O Take Me As I Am MV 85  
(*Leona will play once, then the congregation will sing twice, softly and prayerfully.*)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE: Listen, God Is Calling MV 97

## LISTENING FOR TRUTH

SCRIPTURE: (*Reader: Doris Wasylyk*)

John 2:13–22

pew Bible N.T. page 88

1 Corinthians 1:18–25

pew Bible N. T. page 156

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: “Daring to Hear”

\*HYMN: Lift High the Cross VU 151

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### CHOIR'S ANTHEM:

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

~ arr. by R.W. Thygerson

### CELEBRATING THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE:

- The Offering is Collected
- Announcements of the Congregation's Life & Ministry
- \*Doxology: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow VU 541

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY: God Weeps

MV 78

### EXTINGUISH LENT CANDLE

### TIME OF SILENCE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

VU 914 (right side)

\*CLOSING HYMN: Jesus Christ is Waiting

VU 117

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION: Be at Peace

~ Barbara Furman & David Angermann

POSTLUDE: Psalm 19

~ Benedetto Marcello

# Welcome to Tsawwassen United Church

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## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### March 15, 2009

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

**TODAY**      **Worship Service – at 10:00 a.m.**

**Lunch Bunch** – Please join members of the Lunch Bunch at a special meeting with Reverend Rose-Hannah Gaskin in the Lounge following the worship service.



**Prayer Cycle for Vancouver South Presbytery and B.C. Conference** – Today we pray for South Arm United Church and the Reverend Doctor Gary Gaudin.

**Lenten Study Group** – meet at **7:00 p.m.** in the Lounge.

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

**NEXT SUN.**      **Worship Service – at 10:00 a.m.**

Scripture readings: Exodus 20:1–17; Psalm 19 (VU pgs. 740–741);  
1 Corinthians 1:18–25; John 2:13–22 .

**Lenten Study Group** – meet at **7:00 p.m.** in the Lounge.

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

##### • GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER?

Dinner plans have changed. The new and simplified format is this ... can each one of you commit to a very quick, small group meeting after church on March 22nd? We want to ask you a few short questions regarding the long term future of Tsawwassen United Church — not what is going to happen next week

or next month but rather, what might our church look like in 5 to 10 years. In this meeting you will have the opportunity to meet, listen, discuss and share your ideas — and all of this in under one hour! Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. If you still want to do dinner or lunch, sign up there too and we'll try to make it happen. Thanks.

- **FREE PUBLIC LECTURE ON ADDICTION**

On **Wednesday, March 25, at 7:00 p.m.** See advertisement on back page for more information.

- **JUNIOR CHOIR**

The Junior Choir will be singing during the service on Sunday, March 29th.

- **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of Tsawwassen United Church will be on **Sunday, March 29th**, following the 10AM service.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS**

There will be no Sunday School on March 22nd or March 29th due to Spring Break. (Also during this time, Brenda will be away at school.) Sunday School will begin again on April 5th, Palm Sunday.

- **BIRTHDAY BAGS UPDATE**

Take a look at the Outreach bulletin board just outside the hall and you should see a poster that indicates how much of each of the bag items has been collected from donations. Our original target was 50 bags so we have a long way to go to reach that. Quite a few cash donations have been received and if you want to support the project that way, just mark your envelopes or cheques "Birthday Bags" and Outreach will do the shopping. We plan to finish the project in the last week of March so whatever resources we have gathered will be used to make as many bags as we can. We will report on what happened in April.

- **FIRST UNITED CHURCH NEWSLETTER**

The March edition of the First United Church Mission newsletter is now available. It can be viewed on their website at <http://www.frstunited.ca/newsletter.htm>. There are also a few printed copies on the table in the narthex.

- **CELEBRATE THE SPIRIT OF NARAMATA CENTRE — RESTORE, REFRESH AND CREATE ITS FUTURE**

Enjoy an evening of Okanagan wines, delicious appetizers, silent auction and live music on Friday, April 24th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the historic Baldwin House on the shore of Burnaby's Deer Lake. Silent auction items include private accommodation at this lovely Arthur Erickson-designed home for the following evening. Tickets are \$75 per person (a \$50 charitable donation receipt will be issued). All proceeds to Naramata Centre's capital campaign. For information or to purchase tickets call the Centre toll-free at 1-877-966-5751 or contact the organizing committee at 604-433-9732 or [eljam@telus.net](mailto:eljam@telus.net).

- **MISSION AND SERVICE FUND UPDATE**

Following is an excerpt from a letter received in February from Bill Steadman, Executive Minister – Financial Stewardship, United Church of Canada:

*Dear Supporters of the Mission and Service Fund:*

*Through your gifts to the Mission and Service Fund, as well as through the generosity of United Church Women groups and individual donors who support our work as a denomination through direct gifts, we raised \$29,715,106 in 2008. This amount marks a decrease of \$262,078 from last year's total of \$29,977,184.*

*In these challenging economic times, we are blessed as a church to have dedicated, committed, and generous donors from across the land who have continued to support our denominational initiatives.*

*The work of the United Church of Canada is as important as ever. Community outreach ministries, global partners, and local isolated congregations or congregations in transition need the support of the wider church today. As we seek to provide leadership for the church of the 21st century, there will be increased need for educational support for ministry personnel and lay leadership within our church. We constantly are asked to help with areas in the world facing crisis due to natural disaster. We are only able to help as many of these needs as we can through our donors. I thank you, on behalf of the whole United Church, for the ways in which you as a congregation and as individuals provide ongoing support to the mission and ministries operated by our church.*

*May you continue to seek to serve in Christ's way throughout 2009 and beyond. Our Mission and Service Fund goal for 2009, established by the General Council Executive, is \$32,500,000. With your help, we can make it happen.*

The accompanying newsletter with giving details is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

- **SARA CIANTAR & GUESTS IN CONCERT**

Sara Ciantar is performing in a concert on March 21st at 7:30 p.m. at St. David's Anglican Church in Tsawwassen where she is the Director of Music. It will be a concert that is a unique blend of urban and folk small-town music. This is a fund-raising concert for Sara's forthcoming second album "Our Younger Hopes". Admission by donation.

## **Stewardship Seconds**

Stewardship begins with hearing God's Word for us.  
Stewardship grows with our living these words in our actions.

# Addiction

## A Study in Poverty of the Spirit

A free public lecture by  
Simon Fraser University  
Professor Emeritus and  
author Bruce Alexander



**Wednesday, March 25**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**At Tsawwassen United Church**  
**693 53rd Street, Tsawwassen**

*In his third book, The Globalization of Addiction: a study in poverty of the spirit, released in Canada last September, Bruce Alexander proposes a radical rethink of addiction.*

*He explains how hypercapitalism is generating a rising tide of addiction to many destructive habits, such as compulsive shopping, gambling, sexuality, and video gaming, as well as drug and alcohol abuse, primarily caused by the loss of long standing cultural traditions and values.*

*Alexander's book is particularly relevant in today's economically volatile climate.*



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