

Tsawwassen United Church

14th Sunday After Pentecost

September 6, 2009, 10:00 AM

Pentecost Season. During this time we reflect on the gift of the Holy Spirit who prompts and guides the Christian community through a long season of growth in discipleship and service.

*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

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN: Morning Has Broken

VU 409

PRAYER OF OPENING:

Holy Spirit, dance your light into the corners of our lives:
when we are cold, bring us warmth;
when we are afraid, bring us comfort;
when we are lost, brighten the path;
when we are unsure, mark the way;
when we are in need, come into our presence.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

THE CHILDREN LEAVE FOR GODLY PLAY *(with Marilyn Merry)*

*CONNECTING TO OUR HEART'S LONGING:

Take, O Take Me as I Am

MV 85

PRAYER:

**Generous God, you give us the gift of your Spirit,
but we confess that we have not known how to use it.
You send us the Spirit of courage,
but we have been afraid.
You send us the Spirit of truth,
but we cling to our illusions.
You send us the Spirit of healing,
but we cannot let go of our hurts.
Holy Spirit of forgiveness, come to us again:
shake our hearts, set our souls on fire with your love:
send us out into the world rejoicing in your power.
We hold out to you all our particular burdens of guilt and sin,
and we ask for your help to live the way of your justice and love. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

READINGS:

Psalm 125 (*read responsively with sung refrain*)

VU 849

Mark 7: 24–37

pew Bible N.T. page 40

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

One: This is the witness of the early church.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: “I Hear You Loud and Clear!”

*HYMN: We Are Pilgrims

VU 595

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

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
- Offering Prayer

VU 541

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

THE PRAYER OF JESUS — A PARAPHRASE

VU 916

THE LAST WORD: Proverbs 22: 22–23

pew Bible O.T. page 577

*CLOSING HYMN: Fairest Lord Jesus

VU 341

*COMMISSIONING

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Welcome to Tsawwassen United Church

www.tsawwassenunited.org

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Office Hours: 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
9:30 AM to 2:30 PM on Wednesdays
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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 6, 2009

*The flowers on the communion table this morning have been placed by
Kay Lohnes and family in loving memory of Marv.*

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

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



Prayer Cycle for Vancouver South Presbytery and B.C. Conference – Today we pray for paid accountable Ministry staff who are beginning new pastoral relationships and their congregations.

WED. **Streamlined Board Meeting – meet in the Lounge at 1:00 p.m.**

NEXT SUN. **Worship Service – at 10:00 a.m.** Scripture readings: Proverbs 1:20–33; Psalm 19 (VU pgs. 740–741); James 3:1–12; Mark 8:27–38.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT T.U.C.

- **FALL SMALL GROUP STUDY**

Please come and join us in our small group study EXPERIENCE. This is a study series developed by Marcus Borg and Tim Scorer to help stimulate adult theological re-education, covering the big topics like God, Jesus, the Bible, faith and practice. We'll engage important questions like : "What does it mean to be Christian in our time, in our particular cultural setting?" Our hope is to create the kind of learning communities that Jesus gathered around himself.

Such groups provide nourishment for people today who yearn for experiences that will transform their living and affirm their spiritual centre.

Three different groups will begin the week of September 14th and continue till mid-November. They will be on Mondays at 10:00 a.m., Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. To register for one of the groups please sign up on the easel in the narthex, call the church office or e-mail Rose~Hannah at rose-hannah@tsawwassenunited.org.

- **MEN'S CLUB BARBECUE**

A new season of Men's Club activities will begin with our annual barbecue at the home of Floyd and Mary Wartnow (4976 2nd Avenue) on **Friday, September 18th**, starting at **6:00 p.m.**

It is always a most enjoyable evening and all men of the congregation are most welcome to attend. If you are not a current member of the Men's Club please let Bill Williams know you will be attending by calling him at 604-943-7262. Members of the Men's Club will be telephoned in advance as is usual.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **CHOIR MEETING, THURSDAY SEPT. 17TH ~ 7:30 TO 9:00 PM**

An invitation to all who feel called to sing from the heart!! Please join me on Thursday, September 17th, to connect, and share our hopes and dreams for the Tsawwassen United Church Choir. I will share some music ideas and my heart's intention for the choir, and I invite you to share your own ideas and ask questions. I will host regular choir practices most likely on Thursday evenings, 7:30 - 9:30, beginning Sept. 24th (rehearsal time/day to be decided when we meet). In addition to singing Sunday mornings (times per month to be determined), we will soon begin to prepare for a beautiful Christmas Eve service. I look forward to this musical journey with joyful anticipation.

~ Blessings, Sandra Dawn

- **BRIDGE**

The church round-robin bridge is getting organized for this year. We are a friendly group and welcome anyone who would like to join us. Please contact Mary Richardson at 604-943-3210. We will be making out the member list in a few weeks.



- **FALL FAIR**

The Fall Fair will be on **Saturday, October 17th**, this year. It's time to start cleaning out your storage space, cupboards and garages of all the valuable items that someone else might cherish! Please bring in your empty jam and relish jars now so they can be filled and sold at the Fair. We have no storage space at the Church for anything else and ask that you bring items in the week of the Fair.

- **JULIUS CAESAR' — SHAUGHNESSY HEIGHTS UNITED CHURCH (SHUC) OUTREACH PRODUCTION**

SHUC Outreach and the West 33rd Theatre Company invite you to join them for a weekend of drama and charity: for a performance run of Shakespeare's Julius Caesar. Set under the backdrop of a modern day regime, Julius Caesar

– directed by Outreach Chair Steven Ansley – combines the historical and the modern in presenting a tale of loyalty, conspiracy, vengeance, and justice. The show will run from Friday, September 11th, to Sunday the 13th. The show begins at 7:00 pm, but everyone is advised to come early to grab a good seat. Tickets are priced at \$10 each, with all proceeds going to Proyecto Aldea Global (PAG).

Founded in 1983, PAG is a Christian, Honduran, non-profit organization committed to empowering families to reduce poverty, and build just, peaceful and productive communities based on Christian values. PAG uses an integral development strategy that includes many different programs such as: Health & HIV/ AIDS Prevention, Domestic Violence Prevention, Education, Agro-Industrial Development, Microcredit, Environment & Tourism, Infrastructure. The organization was started by Chet Thomas and Ells Culver.



Community Fund of Faith

Pictured here are (from left) Joanne Harris and Rita Papworth, representing the Community Fund of Faith, receiving a cheque for \$2,500 from Rhonda Arnason, chair of the Beach Grove Ladies' Charity Open.



PEW CLEAN-UP

Can you help with pew clean-up? At the end of worship services please ensure that the pew is left tidy. If you are not taking your bulletin home, leave it in the basket on the narthex table. If you notice bulletins or other items left behind by others please remove them from the pews on your way out and place them on the narthex table.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Please note the church office hours are now **9:30 AM to 1:30 PM** on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.
On Wednesdays the church office will be open from **9:30 AM to 2:30 PM** and **closed for lunch from 11:45 AM to 12:45 PM.**

TSAWWASSEN UNITED CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

Reaching in, we strive to grow in Christ.
Reaching out, we nurture God's world.

- Newcomers:** If you are a newcomer, please sign our guest book in the narthex. Our website contains detailed information and a listing of upcoming events.
- Nursery Room:** Parents of infants and toddlers are invited to use the nursery room. The service can be heard there. Please ask an usher for directions.
- Fragrance Free Policy:** Due to health concerns arising from exposure to scented products Tsawwassen United Church is a "fragrance free" building with regards to the scents that people wear.
- Sign-Up Sheets:** The sign-up sheets for coffee set-up and scripture reading are on the table in the narthex for referral and further signing-up. The counting sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board to the left of the name-tag board.
- Large Print Bulletins:** There are large print bulletins available on the table in the narthex for the vision impaired.
- Assisted Listening:** There are assisted listening devices available on the table in the narthex for the hearing impaired. Please ask an usher for directions on where to sit so it can be plugged in.
- Bulletin Deadline:** Please note that the deadline for the bulletin is Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. Announcements can be e-mailed to malmond@tsawwassenunited.org.
- E-Letters:** The minister sends weekly letters via e-mail to members of the congregation. Please make sure the minister has your e-mail address. The e-letters are also posted on the church website at www.tsawwassenunited.org/ministersletter.htm. For those without internet access a printed copy of the e-mail can be found on the table in the narthex.
- Minister's Hours:** The minister's work days are Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. Days off are Monday and Friday. If you have pastoral concerns or would like a visit from the minister, Rose-Hannah, please notify the church office.



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