

# Tsawwassen United Church

15th Sunday After Pentecost

September 13, 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:

Psalm 19 (*read responsively with sung refrain*)

VU 740 (refrain #1)

\*OPENING HYMN: Oh Holy Spirit, Root of Life

VU 379

PRAYER OF OPENING:

**Teach us your names, O God,  
spoken in acts of mercy and justice and grace.  
May we learn your names, O Jesus,  
by trusting who you are for us and for all.  
May we recognize your names, Holy Spirit,  
in the renewing of our lives and communities. Amen.**

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

\*CONNECTING TO OUR HEART'S LONGING:

Where Two or Three Are Gathered

MV 14

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

## LISTENING FOR TRUTH

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

READINGS:

Proverbs 1: 20–33

pew Bible O.T. page 559

Mark 8: 27–38

pew Bible N.T. page 41

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

One: This is the witness of the early church.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: "That Vexing Question — Who is Jesus for You?"

\*HYMN: Take Up Your Cross

VU 561

## **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
- Covenanting with Sandra Dawn Nash  
Sandra's Solo: "I Will Be"

VU 541

~ *Michael Gott*

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

THE PRAYER OF JESUS — A PARAPHRASE

VU 916

THE LAST WORD: James 2: 24–26

pew Bible O.T. page 214

\*CLOSING HYMN: Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

VU 563

\*COMMISSIONING

\*BENEDICTION

\*HYMN: Go Now in Peace, Guided by the Light

MV 211

POSTLUDE

# Welcome to Tsawwassen United Church

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Office Hours: 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays  
9:30 AM to 2:30 PM on Wednesdays  
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## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### September 13, 2009

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

**TODAY**      **Kinsmen Service** – at 9:30 a.m.  
**Worship Service (with Sunday School)** – at 10:00 a.m.



**Prayer Cycle for Vancouver South Presbytery and B.C. Conference** – Today we pray for the start-up of church schools, youth groups and leaders.

**WED.**      **Small Group Study** – from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

**THURS.**      **Small Group Study** – from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**Choir Meeting** – at 7:30 p.m. *See announcement on next page.*

**NEXT SUN.** **Worship Service (with Sunday School)** – at 10:00 a.m. Scripture readings: Proverbs 31:10–31; Psalm 1 (VU pg. 724); James 3:13–4:3, 7–8a; Mark 9:30–37.

#### 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.

Two different groups will begin the week of September 14th and continue till mid-November. They will be on 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](mailto:rose-hannah@tsawwassenunited.org).

Participants will need to purchase a copy of Marcus Borg's "Reading the Bible Again for the First Time". It can be ordered from Albany Books at 604-943-2293.

- **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*

- **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 18<sup>th</sup>**, starting at **5:30 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 (604-943-7262) or Floyd Wartnow (604-943-4630) know you will be attending. Members of the Men's Club will be telephoned in advance as is usual.



- **MINISTRY FAIR, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH**

There will be a Ministry Fair in the hall after the worship service on Sunday, September 27th. The purpose of the Ministry Fair is to give you the opportunity to engage in ministry at TUC. Leaders of the congregation will be present to answer your questions and to share with you what engaging in ministry has meant to them. It is important that you understand that any interest expressed at the Ministry Fair in one of the areas is received as an opportunity to explore ways to serve God and our neighbour. It is not about sitting on a Committee. Discerning how God has shaped us and finding where God wants us is a process which requires the freedom to explore. In fact, the best way to explore one's spiritual calling is to try out a ministry. If it doesn't seem to fit, try another. Would you start thinking and praying now about where God might be leading you to be part of the wider ministry at TUC? Your gifts, skills, experience and passions are given to you by God for a purpose.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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.



- **CONDOLENCES**

Condolences to the family and friends of Fred Bender who passed away on August 28th. A Celebration of Life is planned for Saturday, September 26th at 10:00 a.m. The congregation of TUC is invited to attend.

- **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.

- **TUC FINANCIAL REPORT — FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JULY 31, 2009**

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Total Revenue	\$124,138.56	\$110,291.50	\$13,847.06
Total Expenses	137,392.29	125,834.09	11,558.20
Net Income/(Deficit)	<b>\$(13,253.73)</b>	\$(15,542.59)	\$(2,288.86)

## 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](mailto: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](http://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.*