

Tsawwassen United Church

Thanksgiving Sunday

October 11, 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

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

WELCOME:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP/OPENING HYMN:

Come, Ye Thankful People

VU 516

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Holy God, in earth, sea and sky,
you are there;**

in everything we touch;

in everyone we meet;

your presence is ‘round us,

and we give you thanks.

You we have not touched, but trampled, in creation;

you we have not met, but missed, in one another;

you we have not received, but rejected, in the poor.

Forgive us.

~ Iona Community

*HYMN: Lord Have Mercy

VU 932 (x2)

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (*Reader: Ada Kempton*)

FIRST READING: Joel 2:21–27

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 6:25–33

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

CHOIR — THANKSGIVING ANTHEM

SERMON: “No Need to Worry”

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

*HYMN: Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands

MV 173

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

CELEBRATING THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE:

- The Offering is Collected
- Announcements of the Congregation's Life & Ministry

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN: We Plough the Fields

VU 520

THE LAST WORD: 1 Timothy 2:1–7

(congregation may be seated)

*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 Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays
9:30 AM to 2:30 PM on Wednesdays
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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 11, 2009

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning have been placed in memory of George Sambell by his family. They are grateful for all the care they have received from their "church family" in the past year.

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

TODAY **Kinsmen Service – at 9:30 a.m.**

Thanksgiving Communion Service (with Sunday School) – at 10:00 a.m.

Cupcakes! – Members of Godly Play would like to continue support of Ablaye Mbaye, our foster child in Senegal. During coffee time we will be offering cupcakes and ask for your donation.



Prayer Cycle for Vancouver South Presbytery and B.C. Conference – Today we pray for Chown Memorial-Chinese, the Reverend Everest Kao and the Reverend Eric Stephenson.

WED. **Small Group Study – from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. (began Sept. 23rd)**

THURS. **Small Group Study – from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. (began Sept. 17th)**
Choir Practice – cancelled

SAT. Fall Fair – 26th Annual Fall Fair and Garage Sale – from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Only 6 more days to go!

Starting on Tuesday the church will be open to receive items during office hours, as well as on Wednesday, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., on Thursday, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., and likely at other times as well. We are only receiving items until Friday noon to give us time to sort and price them.



NEXT SUN. Worship Service (with Sunday School) – at 10:00 a.m. Scripture readings: Job 38:1–7, (34–41); Psalm 104:1–9, 24, 35c (VU pgs. 826–827 parts 1 and 2); Hebrews 5:1–10; Mark 10:35–45.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• LUNCH BUNCH

Ladies, no one has signed up to host the October 26th meeting of The Lunch Bunch. Do you want to have a meeting that day? If you would be interested in hosting one, along with another person, please phone Geri, 604-946-3826, or Carole, 604-943-7262.

• ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS READING

The United Church Resource Distribution Centre (UCRD) has several books that you might find of interest during Advent and Christmas:

1. *Advent Awakenings, Daily Devotions for the Season of Advent, Year C* (order # 978-1-55134-176-7, \$8.95)

This book is a gift to help us step off the frenetic treadmill that the Advent season too often becomes. Its help comes by enabling us to listen deeply each day to the Advent scripture readings from the Daily Common Lectionary and John the Baptist's repeated Advent call to "prepare the way" for the holy babe who is coming.

2. *Whose Birthday Is It, Anyway?* (order # CH10620, \$3.50)
Articles, reflections, activities, and how-to's all focus on creating a simpler Christmas.
3. *The Best Songs Come at Night* (order # 978-0-68765-980-7, \$8.99)
A four-week study that includes a scripture reading, reflection, questions, and a brief prayer.
4. *The Uncluttered Heart* (order # 978-0-83589-994-9, \$16.95)
Using traditional Advent themes, readers are invited to embrace the season in this daily devotional.

To order call UCRD at 1-800-288-7365 or e-mail ucrd@united-church.ca.

• TEEN YOGA

As part of its Youth program Tsawwassen United Church is sponsoring after school Teen Yoga classes led by Sandra Dawn, a certified yoga instructor. Yoga empowers teenagers to become more self-aware and confident. Students gain a sense of well-being, while developing strength and flexibility, and also learn breathing and relaxation techniques. Another important benefit



is that students are taught ways to disengage from harmful or fearful thoughts, and how to calm the mind to release stress. The classes will run for 6 weeks starting on **Wednesday, October 21st**. Teens are invited to arrive any time between 2:45 and 3:15 for social time and a fruit snack that is being provided by TUC's hospitality ministry. The yoga class will be from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. To register please contact the church office at 604-943-2911 or malmond@tsawwassenunited.org. As this program is sponsored by TUC there is no cost to the participants.

- **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Happy Birthday to Timothy Blewett, son of Erin and David Blewett, who turned one-year-old on Friday, October 9th.



- **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 Pat Knudsen at 604-943-6748. We will be making out the member list in a few weeks.

- **UNITED CHURCH OBSERVER**

The most recent issue of *The United Church Observer* is available for borrowing from the magazine box under the bulletin board in the narthex. This October edition is filled with excellent information, including an interview with the new Moderator Mardi Tindal, an article about regionalizing churches and another interesting article on microcredit financing.

- **PUBLIC HEALTH**

We are taking special precautions given the presence of the flu virus in our community. Please help us by staying home if you feel ill. For Thanksgiving's communion service we will be making some changes to our usual pattern in an attempt to practice good public health. Your cooperation is appreciated.

- **MEDITATION**

This fall Sheldon Boreen, meditation instructor/counsellor/health and wellness coach, will be offering meditation classes at Tsawwassen United Church. They will be every Tuesday evening from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., beginning **October 6** and continuing to December 8. Meditation will assist in bringing more clarity and focus into your life. It will help you in managing stress and the over exposure to an overactive mind by reducing your thoughts per second. If your life, job or relationships feel stagnant meditation will help give you perspective in how to change it or see it in a different light. All techniques in the end, if practiced, will give a new and fresh understanding of self in relation to life, others, and possibly give more insight to your purpose on this earth. For further information please pick up the flyer on the narthex table. To register call 604-992-3380. The drop in fee will be \$15.00 per class, a pass of 5 classes \$60.00 and a pass of 10 classes will be \$100.00.

- **REQUEST FROM FIRST UNITED**

First United Church Mission is in desperate need of razors, hand soap and deodorant. Please place donations in the Outreach corner outside the hall doors.



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



Fall Fair, Saturday, October 17, 2009

Group Leaders

Baking.....	Geri Pryputsch	604-946-3826
Bottle Bar.....	Mary Sambell	604-943-4349
Books.....	Donna/Archie Mullan.....	604-943-5278
Collectibles	Joan Paget.....	604-943-3866
Crafts.....	Jess Smillie	604-943-9932
Crêpes.....	Georgie Swayze.....	604-948-2018
Food Tent.....	Steve Dane	604-943-2633
Furniture*	<i>still to be determined</i>	
Glitter and Gleam	Shelby Delaney	604-943-6862
Granny's Attic**	Jan McLaurin	604-943-4344
Interior Accessories	Gail Wallace-Russell	604-943-3977
New to You**	<i>still to be determined</i>	
Pies.....	Joanne Harris.....	604-943-4326
Plants.....	Mary Richardson	604-943-3210
Preserves	Rhonda Arnason	604-943-6936
Promise Tree	Barbara Geddes.....	604-948-0304
Silent Auction.....	Bill Williams.....	604-943-7262
Toys	Nancy Morison	604-943-1452
Advertising.....	Melanie Williams	604-948-0261

It is time to go through your cupboards and shelves, closets and drawers, basements and attics to look for those things that you haven't used in a while, could do without, but someone else might love to have.

Please make sure it is clean, serviceable, in good working order, with all the necessary pieces and, in the case of clothing, lightly used.



Please drop items off after October 12th. The Church will definitely be open to receive items during office hours, as well as on Wednesday 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., on Thursday 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., and likely at other times as well. We are only receiving items until Friday noon to give us time to sort and price them.

We will need help throughout the week for table setup and pricing items.

If you're storing plastic bags and have some to offer, please bring those as well.

If you have any questions or if you have some time you could donate, please contact Melanie Williams at 604-948-0261 or melaniewilliams@dccnet.com. Thank you!