

# Tsawwassen United Church

21st Sunday After Pentecost / Reformation Sunday

October 25, 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

CALL TO WORSHIP (*see back of bulletin*)

\*OPENING HYMN: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah VU 651

PRAYER OF OPENING (*see back of bulletin*)

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

CONNECTING TO OUR HEART'S LONGING:

Be Still, My Soul VU 652

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

## LISTENING FOR TRUTH

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

READINGS:

Job 42:1–6; 10–17

Mark 10:46–52

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

One: This is the witness of the early church.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: “Take Heart, Have Courage”

\*HYMN: Be Thou My Vision VU 642

## 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 VU 541
- \*Offering Prayer

### PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

\*CLOSING HYMN: Oh For a Thousand Tongues to Sing VU 326

\*THE LAST WORD: Psalm 34, selected verses

\*BENEDICTION

\*COMMISSIONING

POSTLUDE: May God's Sheltering Wings

*~Judith Snowdon*

# Welcome to Tsawwassen United Church

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## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### October 25, 2009

*The flowers on the communion table have been placed by Joan Hay and Lynne Meinert in memory of their parents, Gustav and Sarah Jane, and two siblings, Gus and Dorothea. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.*

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

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



**Prayer Cycle for Vancouver South Presbytery and B.C. Conference** – Today we pray for Dunbar Heights United, the Reverend Brenda Fox, Staff Associate Cathy Cryder.

**MON.**      **Lunch Bunch** – meet in the Lounge at **11:00 a.m.** All women of the congregation are welcome. Bring a bag lunch, a mug, and ideas for future meetings.



**WED.**      **Small Group Study** – from **1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** (*began Sept. 23rd*)  
**Teen Yoga** – meet in the Lounge for a fruit snack any time between **2:45 and 3:15 p.m.** Yoga class will be from **3:15 to 4:15 p.m.**

**THURS.**      **Small Group Study** – from **7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** (*began Sept. 17th*)  
**Choir Practice** – **7:30 to 9:00 p.m.**

**NEXT SUN.** **Worship Service (with Sunday School) – at 10:00 a.m.** Scripture readings: Ruth 1:1–18; Psalm 146 (VU pgs. 867–868); Hebrews 9:11–14; Mark 12:28–34.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### • FALL FAIR

From the Church we see every Sunday to a festive community celebration and back again all in a week! Thank you to everyone for everything and anything that was done along the way — the set up, the donations of items, the pricing, the take down, the purchasing — it all makes a difference. A special thank you goes out to the folks in food tent and furniture who were outside in the cold rain for most of the day. Despite the rain, the fair did well... our current total is about \$10,000. But more importantly, thank you everyone for the fun, fellowship and of course the few more gray hairs! I wouldn't have it any other way.

~ Melanie Williams, Fall Fair Coordinator

### • TEEN YOGA UPDATE!

The Teen Yoga youth program being sponsored by Tsawwassen United Church and led by Sandra Dawn started on October 21st with resounding success! Fourteen teenagers attended the first session and even more are expected at future classes. We also have a pre-teen wait list. Thank you to Marleen Soutar for providing the fruit for the first session. It was all gratefully consumed!

### • THE UPPER ROOM

Two copies of the November/December issue of *The Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide* are available for pick-up on the table in the narthex. Cost: \$2.00. *The Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide* is also available online at no cost. Their website address is: [www.upperroom.org/devotional](http://www.upperroom.org/devotional). Or if you prefer to have the guide delivered directly to your home you can contact them at 1-800-757-9877.

### • OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD IS BACK

Most of the congregation will know, but for newcomers Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's purse in which shoe boxes are used to send a child in a remote corner of the world a Christmas gift. These are children who may have never received a gift of any kind in their lives. You can select a boy or girl in one of three age ranges and fill the box with small gifts suited to the age and gender you have selected. Boxes are available in the Outreach corner or you can use an ordinary shoe box, wrapping the lid separately from the box. A label has to be applied to the box indicating the age and gender of the child and a \$7.00 contribution for each box is requested to cover shipping costs. There is a brochure that tells the age ranges, what can and cannot be a part of the gift and labels are provided in it. The boxes are collected in many BC centres, and in Western Canada Calgary is the shipping point. This year, Canadian shoe boxes will be sent to Central and South America. You may be interested in knowing that last year, Canada shipped over 713,000 boxes and since 1993, 5.8 million boxes have been sent by the counties participating in the program. More details are available on-line at [www.samaritanaspurse.ca](http://www.samaritanaspurse.ca) or by telephone at 1-800-303-1269. We have to have the boxes at the South Delta collection centre by Nov. 15th. You are encouraged to write a personal note and/



or send a photo of yourself or our community to make the gift more personal. If you have questions, Jean Stuart or Archie Mullan will try and answer them. Pick up your box today in the Outreach corner just outside the Hall.

- **PIANO FOR SALE**

Would anyone like to purchase the piano from the old Sunday School Room? We're not using it as we have three other pianos. If you're interested please contact Mary Sambell at 604-943-4349.

- **DELTASSIST HALLOWEEN FAIR & PARKING LOT SALE**

Deltassist Family & Community Services will be hosting a SPOOKTACULAR Halloween Fair & Parking Lot Sale on **October 25, 2009**, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at 9097 120th Street, Delta. Items for sale include home baked goods, books, clothes, art work, crafts, dishes, home décor and much more! All proceeds to the United Way.

- **SPIRITUAL SPA DAY**

Another Spiritual Spa Day at Knox United Church on **Saturday, November 7th**, from 10am to 2pm. A gift to you, free without obligations. Go to the Fellowship Centre beside the church at 5600 Balaclava St (and West 41st) for a sacred day to unwind, relax and immerse yourself in the warmth of holiness. There are many opportunities to help you to design your own day — Healing Touch ~ Sacred Walk ~ Laughter Yoga ~ Creative Dance ~ Singing. Be in the chapel to light a candle with inspiring music and quiet prayer time. Paint or mold clay to express your spiritual creativity. Be led in meditation. All that is asked is that you e-mail them at psalm119@telus.net or call Sydney at 604-731-6307 by Wednesday, November 4th, and tell them you are coming so they can make enough soup. For more information: [www.knoxunitedvancouver.org](http://www.knoxunitedvancouver.org).

- **DELTASSIST CHRISTMAS HAMPER AND TOY DEPOT**

Registration begins November 2nd. Delta families on low-income are eligible to register for a Christmas Food Hamper and attendance at their annual Toy Depot to select gifts for their children up to the age of 16. To complete registration, they require: 1. Proof of residence in Delta; 2. Proof of income, and; 3. Care cards for children. Eligible families must apply in person at the Deltassist North Delta Office (9097 120th Street, Delta, BC, Monday - Friday, 9:30am - 4:00pm) or the Ladner Office (4891 Delta Street, Ladner, BC, Monday - Friday, 9:30am - 12:00pm, 1:00pm - 4:00pm). The registration deadline for the Toy Depot is December 4. The registration deadline for a Food Hamper is December 11. Register before November 20th and enter a draw to win a free family portrait. Photo shoot will be held Saturday November 28th at Deltassist's North Delta Office.

## Board Minutes

The minutes of TUC's Streamlined Board meetings are posted on the bulletin board across from the nursery, as is TUC's most recent income statement.

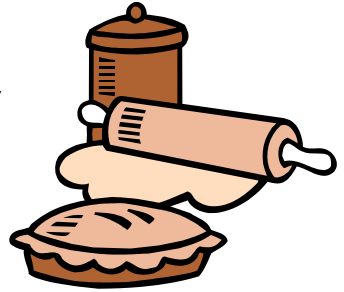


*We recycle our bulletins. If you are not taking your bulletin home, please leave it in the basket on the narthex table.*

## PIE PROJECT

Frequently I am asked by church members and people in the community how many pies we make in a year, how long we do it, how much money we make, etc. My response may depend on how much time I have to explain this, who is asking, and so on. In this regard I have decided to write a brief report so anyone who may be interested may wish to read it.

It all started over 25 years ago as part of our large Fall Fairs — initiated by Peggy Lowe. Fruit would come our way, sometime anonymously, supplies would be purchased, i.e. pie plates, flour, lard, sugar, etc. and volunteers would show up faithfully on Wednesday mornings from July to mid October. Not only did we make thousands of dollars with this project but there was a measure of fellowship, fulfillment and accomplishment connected with it.



An estimated average for a year would be 847 pies. I remember making about 900 a year for several years. This year alone we made 274 small pies (6 in.) and 693 large (9 in.) and turned over to the church \$5,038.10 after expenses. Since 2000 the pie project has contributed to the church \$43,179.67.

Several years ago we started to sell them as we go along to make room in the freezers; word would get around or we would run an ad in the Optimist. When buyers would come along there would be a real fascination and interest by the people in the community when they would see what we do on Wednesday mornings. Lighthearted banter would ensue and favourable feedback would be received with comments such as:

“They make wonderful hostess gifts”  
“My guests certainly enjoyed the pie I served”  
“Can I have the recipe for the pastry”.....  
“I’m buying some for Christmas gifts”

A great big “Thank You” to all the volunteers and for the donations of fruit. This could not happen without the help received.

Joanne Harris  
October 2009