

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2008

WELCOME ABOARD SUNDAY

Liturgical Colour: Green

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(* Those who are able are invited to stand)

We would like to welcome all those who are worshipping with us today. We hope that you will find this service meaningful for you on your faith journey. If you are new to our congregation, please sign our guest book in the entrance to this sanctuary.

Gathering Music

Informal Greeting and Announcements

Special Announcement

WE GATHER BEFORE OUR GOD

Introit: "Jesus Loves Me"

Call To Worship:

One: Jesus said that we had to start over again as Christians

All: Here we are at a new beginning to our church year

One: Jesus said that whoever cares for children will be considered great in the kingdom

All: Here we are all children of God. Here we all care for each other

One: Everyone, of every age, is welcome in this place

All: Welcome aboard everyone as we begin the journey again

***Hymn:** "All Are Welcome" (lyrics below)

**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
Rock of faith and vault of grace**

Here the love of Christ shall end divisions

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place
Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat

A banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet

Here the love of God through Jesus,

Is revealed in time and space

As we share in Christ the feast that frees us

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone

To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known

Here the outcast and the stranger, Bear the image of God's face

Let us bring an end to fear and danger

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard

And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word

Built of tears and cries and laughter

Prayers of faith and songs of grace

Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place

Prayer of Approach:

The family is gathered together, O God, to celebrate a new beginning. The youngest ones have grown over the summer, the oldest ones are only a little older, and the ones in between are still in between. We've had adventures and challenges; we've had a chance to try new things, and to see familiar places. We've found new things to be thankful for, and new reasons for hope. As we begin again, we ask you to join in the celebration, and to send your Spirit among us. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

Youth Time Moment

"Treasures"

*Hymn: "Tell Me The Stories Of Jesus" # 357

Prayer of Confession:

It's hard to believe that any adult could ever become a child again. It's hard to believe that any adult would want to be a child again. Why do you keep asking us to do impossible things? It would be so easy if we just got more faith as we got older, the way we get more knowledge, or more wrinkles. Forgive us for wanting things to be easy, and for thinking that anything is impossible for God. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson: Exodus 3:1-15 - Ruth Ferguson

Special Music

"Everything Is Beautiful"

(Congregation is invited to join in the chorus)

Everything is beautiful, in its own way

Like a starry summer night or a snow-covered winter's day

Everybody's beautiful, in their own way

Under God's heaven, the world's going to find a way

Second Lesson: Matthew 18:1-5,10-14

Message: "Happy New Year"

*Hymn: "In The Bulb There Is A Flower" #703

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to Share

* Doxology: All that I am, all that I do,
All that I ever have, I offer now to you.

Take and sanctify these gifts for your honour Lord, knowing that to love and serve you is enough reward.
(repeat refrain)

*Prayer of Dedication:

Here are the things of this world, O God, given so that others may have enough for their needs. We offer our hearts, our hands, and our minds as well, O God, trusting you to use them in your service, too. In Jesus' name. Amen

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

*Hymn: "Walk With Me" #649

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

*Words to Love By:

One: Welcome back to the house of God and the community of faith

All: Welcome aboard the friend-ship for its year-long voyage

One: As we travel together, may we always try to help one another

All: In all that we see, and all that we do, help us see the image of Christ within us

One: Let's fill our sails with the wind of the Holy Spirit

All: And sail into the new church year with confidence

*The Blessing

*Choral Amen: #431

Musical Postlude

Thank you to all UCW members and others who volunteered their time in food preparation, serving, set-up and clean-up for the Presbytery Dinner served on Tuesday, September 2nd. Special thanks to Blaine Stafford who made himself indispensable in the kitchen. Your help is greatly appreciated, Ruth Tschanz.



DAY OF JUDGMENT

Many will be shocked to find
When the day of judgment nears –
That there's a special place in Heaven
Set aside for volunteers.

Furnished with big recliners,
Satin couches and foot stools –
Where there's no committee chairman
No group leaders or car pools
No eager team that needs a coach
No bazaar and no bake sale,
There will be nothing to staple,
Not one thing to fold or mail.

Telephone lists will be outlawed,
But a finger-snap will bring
Cool drinks and gourmet dinners
And rare treats fit for a king.

You ask, "Who'll serve these privileged few?"
And work for all their worth?
Why, all those who reaped benefits –
And not once volunteered on earth.

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Our Mission is:

***To be a community of faith serving God
as exemplified in the life of Jesus Christ***

Sunday, September 7, 2008 10:00 a.m.

Welcome Aboard Sunday

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COMING SOON AT SCUC

Sunday, September 7th, 10am: WELCOME ABOARD SUNDAY BBQ!!
 Monday, September 8th at 9am – UCW Executive meeting
 Monday, September 8th at 7:30pm: Unit A meeting in UCW Room.
 Tuesday, September 9th at 7pm: Council meeting
 Wednesday, September 10th at 1:30pm: Busy Fingers in Room 6
 Wednesday, September 10th at 5pm: UCW General Meeting and Dinner in C.E. Auditorium.
 Tuesday, September 16th at 7pm: “Ministry to Others” team meeting
 Wednesday, September 17th at 2:30pm: Blood Donor clinic
 Wednesday, September 24th at 1:30pm: Busy Fingers Mission Group’s guest speaker in the Fireside Room (see announcement)
 Friday, September 26th at 7:30 pm: Teen Dance in C.E. Auditorium
 Sunday, September 28th at 7pm: Open Doors Gathering in C.E. Auditorium

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

BUSY FINGERS MISSION GROUP: We will be meeting again on Wednesday, September 10th at 1:30pm in Room 6. We have acquired *hundreds* of milk bags over the summer! If you would like to become involved in the Milk Bag Mats for Haiti Project, please feel free to join us. On Wednesday, September 24th at 1:30pm in the Fireside Room, we are hosting a guest speaker on the Mission work in Haiti. John and Marilyn Mills, of the North-West Haiti Christian Mission, CANADA have made many trips to Haiti. Marilyn will speak for approximately 15 minutes, followed by a question and answer period. Please let Ruth Tschanz know if you plan to attend. A plate will be at the door at the close of the event to receive any donation you wish to make to help ship medical supplies to Haiti. They are a Registered Canadian Charity.

CD: TODAY there will be a Welcome Back Barbeque after church in the C.D. Auditorium. Hotdogs, chips and a drink will be served. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for children 3-12 years old. Tickets at the door... Registration for Youth Time will take place at the Barbeque.

CD PENNY BOWL: The penny bowl will appear again on Sept. 7 at the Youth Time barbeque. The pennies are being rolled and counted. Donations of pennies can also be brought to the Fireside room.

HOSPITALITY PLUS: Jeanne would like to thank all of her loyal volunteers who have helped make Hospitality Plus a success. Special thanks go to the group who helped at the Funeral Reception on Monday, September 1st... The guests were an hour late, and double the number expected. However, despite these set-backs, the helpers were able to lock-up at 4:30pm, having cleaned up, with all of the dishes washed and put away. That’s teamwork!

OUTREACH: We have placed bins in the Atrium for you to recycle your used batteries, empty printer cartridges, and used compact-fluorescent light bulbs. For more information on how you could help us maintain the environment in our community, please call Janice Garden at (905) 664-5684 or Sue Gilbert at (905) 560-6585. Thanks for helping make our community green!

2008 FOOD DRIVE: Look for our refurbished food collection and Teen Clean boxes in the atrium. The refurbishing was done by the summer Youth Time children. All donations are gratefully accepted. Our goal is 4,000 items. To date 2044 items have been collected.

UCW: *Thanks to the wonderful efforts by dedicated knitters within the congregation, Joseph Brant Hospital received over 100 baby hats. They acknowledged the gift with a special Thank You from Sue Routliffe, Nurse Manager of the Special Care Nursery, and the donation was immediately put to use. Sincerely, Janet Cumming, UCW Supply Co-ordinator.*

Anyone interested in knitting or crocheting for the Local St. Joe's Dialysis Christmas boxes, is asked to contact Janet Cumming at 573-7695. Wool can be provided for hats, mitts, scarves, gloves, and afghans.

WELCOME MINISTRY: we are about to launch the welcome desk and welcome ministry. We will need individuals of all ages to greet visitors and newcomers each Sunday, as well as people to keep the desk stocked with information packages which will need to be updated on a regular basis. If this is something you would be interested in please contact Deborah Cook at 662-1870 or Colleen at the office. Thank You

YOUTH TIME: The CD Team is working on a Native Life and Spirituality Theme for the fall. Some activities will include making a dream catcher with Paula Lalonde, making "Three Sisters Soup", making a corn-husk doll, beading, researching a North American animal or insect on the computer. We need help to guide the children through these activities. Please contact Pat Cudmore at 905-662 6240 if you are available to help.



We are doing a photo directory!

You will be able to sign up at the church or online at our web site (still to be set up.) The dates are Saturday Oct. 4, and Monday Oct. 6th to Thursday Oct. 9th, please mark them on your calendar now. You will only need one appointment, as pictures will be available immediately. Each family whose picture is taken will receive a free directory!

We need volunteers to make phone calls, or be host / hostess while photos are being taken. Contact Colleen in the office if interested.

Please let other members of the congregation know about this and encourage their participation.

OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS

BINKLEY UNITED CHURCH: presents "The Scott Woods Band" Old Time Country & Fiddle Music on Friday, October 24th at 7pm. Tickets are \$20 adult, \$5 children. Please contact 905-529-0740 for more info.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER: Will be hosting another great bus tour! On Tuesday, October 7th, they will be going to the Stratford Festival to see "Hamlet", and then for dinner at "Demetre's Restaurant. Please check the poster in the Atrium for more information, or call Molly Boden at 905-662-8814.

REDEEMER UNIVERSITY COLLEGE: the schedule of events for September is posted in the Atrium with information about free concerts and presentations.

SELF ESTEEM NETWORK: "Communicate With Confidence" classes at Stoney Creek United Church will be held on Wednesdays from September 24th to October 29th, 7-9pm. Course fee is \$30. Please register by September 18th; forms are available in the Atrium or at the Church Office.

SENIOR WOMEN WORKSHOPS: Every Friday in September from 9:30am – 2pm there will be free workshops at the ACCA Community Centre (752-754 Barton St E) on: budgeting in retirement, savings accounts, estate planning, insurance, avoiding money scams, and RRSP's. Call 905-385-0925 to register.

TAI CHI: Ongoing classes will continue at 9:15am on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Beginners may come to check out a free class, or register: Monday, September 15th at the 6:30pm class
Tuesday, September 16th at the 10:15am class
Thursday, September 18th at the 10:15am class
Please contact the Tai Chi Society at 905-383-6347, or see the posting in the Atrium for more information.