



FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK

February 5, 2017

5th Sunday of Epiphany

Leading Worship: James Worrell

Reading: Norma Hain

Pianist: Joan Williamson

Organist: Patti McCleary

GATHERING

Moment for Reflection

*Prayer is a cure for a lost soul, a confused mind
and a broken heart. (author unknown)*

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing of Peace/Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle *“Reminding us of the Spirit of Jesus”*

Centering Hymn: MV #14 **Where Two or Three Are Gathered** *(please remain seated)*

Call to Worship

ONE: We are God’s people, coming to worship and praise.
ALL: We are God’s people, coming to be in community.
ONE: We come to experience God, revealed in scripture.
ALL: We come to know Jesus, revealed in Gospel.
ONE: We come to find our way,
ALL: To talk together about being God’s people,
ONE: To experience the Spirit’s presence in our lives.
ALL: Come, let us worship, let us pray.

Opening Hymn: VU #395 **Come In and Sit Down** *(please stand as you are able)*

Worship Schedule

February 12	Black History Month	- Peggy Worrell
February 19	Living the Holy Life	- Rev. Annette Taylor
February 26	Transfiguration (Potluck Lunch & AGM)	- Rev. Annette Taylor
March 5	Lent One – La La Land	- Rev. Annette Taylor

A big **“Thank you”** to the many people who participated or helped in our successful Outreach Silent Auction and Supper on Saturday, January 28, 2017.

We served supper for 134 people and 116 auctions items were donated by local businesses and people from our congregation. This year, our profits were donated to Dorie’s House and to the Etmehs, our Syrian refugee family.

Profit Summary:

Auction sales:	\$2997.50 (split 50/50)
Supper income:	\$1124.26
Less supper expenses:	<\$541.16>
Supper net income:	\$ 583.10 (split 50/50)
Donations collected for Dorie’s House:	\$ 722.50
Donations collected for the Etmehs:	\$ 972.50
Total donations to Dorie’s House:	\$2512.80
Total donations to Etmehs:	\$2762.80

Morning Prayer (in unison)

Loving and compassionate God, we ask that you offer direction to those people that are lost and confused. May your presence be felt by those who live in a world of loneliness in search of friendship, by those whose lives have been fractured by mental illness and addiction in search of a helping hand, by those who have committed acts of wrongdoing in search of self-forgiveness and forgiveness from others. We pray to you God that these people will be 'found' as they experience your accepting and loving presence. Amen *(James Worrell)*

Hymn: VU #266 Amazing Grace

(please stand as you are able)

Prayer for Wholeness

WORD

Hymn: MV #48 I Can Feel You Near Me God

(verses 1, 2) (please remain seated)

Community Learning Time

- Melanie Davis

Hymn: MV #48 I Can Feel You Near Me God

(verse 2) (please remain seated)

Reading: Luke 15: 8-10

We read this text so that in it we may find wisdom for life.
May we be open to the Wisdom we understand and hear.

Reflection: Lost and Found

Choral Offering: It Is Love/Love Lift Us Up

Scott Kearns/Buffy Saint-Marie

RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: Hope for Syrian Refugees

Offering

Offertory Hymn: VU #537 Your Work, O God

(please stand as you are able)

Prayer of Dedication: (in unison)

May our actions be blessed, loving God, through what we have been moved to share. And may our love and concern for others be increased. Amen

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: MV #144 Like a Healing Stream

(please stand as you are able)

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Closing: MV #220 Hope Shines as the Solitary Star

Postlude

Lectionary Readings for February 12, 2017:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalms 119:1-8 (VU p. 838 Part One)

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37

Annette will Be Away

from January 31 to February 12, 2017

She is co-facilitating the

Ministry of Supervision Event in Lumsden, SK.

For emergency pastoral care please contact the church office.

United Church Women

In the early years of the United Church women were in many groups with many names but after much planning and organizing, they became known as

“United Church Women” . This happened in 1962. This year is the 55th anniversary and nationally, there is a gathering in Vancouver July 10-14, 2017 to celebrate this milestone.

First United Church women are in different groups - General UCW, two Units and Social Conveners, which is also part of UCW.

General UCW meet on the fourth Monday of the month at 10:00 am and have a business meeting, dealing with correspondence, finances, reports from Church Council and planning any of our activities, like our Christmas Tea. General UCW is made up of representatives from two UCW Units and other interested women. The two units are Unit 8 and Unit 9.

Unit 8 meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am in the Cypress Lounge. This group brings their own bag lunch. Unit 8 starts with a devotion, a short meeting, eat their lunch and have a 15-20 minute program or speaker at about 12:30 pm.

Unit 9 meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 1:30 pm in the Cypress Lounge. This group starts with a devotional, announcements of upcoming events both locally and provincially, a short program followed by lunch and visiting.

General UCW & each of the units have become small and are most willing to have new members. If you are interested please feel free to come to one of the Units or General UCW. The Unit meetings are always in the announcements in the church bulletin.

Please consider this your invitation to join us.

Thank you,
Donna Barber, president of General UCW