WILD ROSE UNITED CHURCH

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TO CELEBRATE 15 YEARS OF AMALGAMATION DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION APRIL 29, 2017

Wild Rose United Church is celebrating fifteen years of the successful amalgamation of two long-time North Central United Churches-Rosedale and Pleasant Heights. On Saturday, April 29, 2017, Wild Rose will be hosting a fundraising Gala event to celebrate our fifteen years of togetherness! We are stronger than ever, and looking forward to continuing to serve our community. For information and tickets please contact Judy Bergeson at jbergeson@shaw.ca.

YOUTH PLANT SALE

The deadline for the Youth Plant Sale is April 23, 2017. Catalogues are available from Kim or by email at kim@wildroseunited.ca.



Easter is a season in the church, when we wonder about the mystery of Jesus' resurrection and the empty tomb. Children will hear the events of Holy Week using a hand print book before focusing on the empty tomb and Jesus' resurrection. Their empty tomb snack reminds them of the mystery.

Your Memorial Donations at Work, and Choir Steps Up

The Memorial Fund is one of Wild Rose United Church's designated funds. People wishing to remember a particular individual often give money to this Fund. Over the years, the fund has been used for a variety of purposes, including purchasing materials for the church, and helping members attend specific events, e.g., the Women's Retreat.

This past month, the Memorial Fund has enabled us to purchase two major items. The first is an AED (Automated External Defibrillator), which will enable us to provide someone who has had a heart attack with immediate assistance. Research has shown that use of an AED increases the likelihood of survival markedly. The American Heart Association's website tells us this: "Immediate cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and early defibrillation, with an automated external defibrillator (AED), can more than double a victim's chance of survival.

It's wonderful to have one on-site now--although we hope we will never have to use it, it's better that we have it than to stand by and wait for assistance to arrive.

The second major purchase, which the choir paid half of from funds it

had in an account (thank you, choir!), is a permanent, heavy-duty dolly that is attached to the piano. The dolly will enable the piano to be moved more easily. This happens when we have recitals in the sanctuary, and sometimes when we are moving the piano for worship.

We are very glad that the church is making these major purchases and thank both the donors to the Memorial Committee as well as the Choir.

The chair of the Memorial Committee is Eileen Hartman. If you have any questions about the Memorial

Committee, would like to suggest purchases consistent with this fund's mandate, or would like to serve with this group, please see Eileen.

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE MINISTERED TO US TODAY!

Candle Lighter: Hazel Buchanan & Caitlin Hornbeck Scripture Reader: Bill Boyle Special Music: Meagan Kelln Message: Robert Massey Service Leader/Prayers of the People: Allison Bobenic Family Time: Katie Black

Common Cup Concert

Wild Rose United Church is pleased to sponsor Common Cup Company in Concert on Saturday, June 10 at 7:00pm in their farewell tour of Alberta.

The Common Cup Company is a musical group featuring songwriters Gordon Light & Ian Macdonald, composers of popular hymns Draw The Circle Wide, She Flies On! (She Comes Sailing On The Wind), River Run Deep (River Running In You & Me), Joy Comes With The Dawn and many other published titles.

Tickets are on sale now. Purchase before April 30 and save \$5! (\$15 instead of \$20).

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Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins, Minister Pat Shier, Family Minister, DLM Kim Holmes-Younger, Youth Leader/Communications Carle Duguid, Music Director Dan Sommerville, Organist/Accompanist Jane Wittstock, Office Administrator/Building Manager Bill Aitken, Security Caryn Salageanu & Judith Hissen, Kids' Zone Workers Lauren Bergeson, Isabella Haynes, Rebecka Hocevar, and Adrian Rumson, Nursery Workers Teresa Trimble, Custodian

An Affirming Congregation Within the United Church of Canada

Whoever you love, and however you identify, you are welcome in this place.





Visit from **Campus Ministry**

April 23, 2017



(Campus Ministry Drum Circle (Photo source: http://www.vvccampusministrv.com/drum-circles/)

AED

Welcome to Worship at Wild Rose

Post-secondary students in Calgary have the opportunity to experience creativity, and to stretch their spirits, via drumming. Today, we, too, will be graced by a visit from the leaders of the Campus Ministry program shared by the University of Calgary, SAIT Polytechnic, and Mount Royal University. How does drumming tie in with the Spirit? On the website of Campus Ministry, we read an explanation: "Have you ever felt the vibration of a drum beneath your hand? Felt the rhythm flow through your body? Become one with the sound of beating drums? Most people in North America haven't had this amazing opportunity, but students at Mount Royal University, the University of Calgary, and SAIT Polytechnic can experience this for themselves thanks to the Campus Ministry's drum program.

"Each week we offer Open Drum Circles where students join together to create music, community, and experience the power of drumming in an open circle. These drum circles are open to all, and require no previous drumming or musical experience. As we like to say, "Beginners are Welcomed" and will be shown how to drum by one of our highly-experienced, and very friendly, facilitators. The whole experience is navigated by our trained drum circle facilitators, who understand how to ensure every participant has the best experience possible."

Following the service, you will have a chance to meet those who lead Calgary's Campus Ministry. There will also be a separate Drumming Circle in Centennial Hall following the coffee time, during which you can gain a taste of drumming and the Spirit. We invite you to be open, to be daring, and to experience something new!

Order of Service **GATHERING AND CREATING SACRED SPACE** MUSIC FOR ARRIVING WELCOME AND OPENING WORDS LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE WORDS TO AWAKEN OUR SPIRITS *SINGING TOGETHER: MV 104 "Know that God is Good" **GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN THE SPIRIT OF JESUS** FAMILY TIME LISTENING AND RESPONDING *SINGING TOGETHER: MV 121 "Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah" PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER CHOIR ANTHEM: We Have Seen the Risen Lord / Words and Music by Stan Pethel SCRIPTURES: 1 Peter 1:3-9: Tested by fire; John 20:19-31: Faith without seeing proof. (Contemporary English Version (CEV)) MESSAGE: "Building Community Through Dinner, Dialogue, and Drumming: Campus Chaplains Speak" MOMENT OF SILENCE CARING AND SHARING THROUGH OUR GIFTS

*SHARED OFFERING SONG: MV 191"What Can I Do"

LIFE AND WORK OF OUR COMMUNITY (ANNOUNCEMENTS)

SPOKEN BLESSING

*SUNG BLESSING: MV 209 "Go. Make a Diff'rence"

MUSIC FOR LEAVING

*invited to stand

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

Bible Study – Tue 1–3:30 pm

Handbells – Tue 7–9 pm

Quilting – Wed 9 am–3 pm

Choir Practice – Thurs 7–9 pm

Our New Administrator, Jane Wittstock

I was born and raised in Manitoba. During my university years, over four summers, I had the unique opportunity to be the cook for two Fisheries and Oceans research projects in the arctic and in northern Manitoba.

After university I moved to Calgary to do a Dietetic Internship at the Calgary General Hospital and then worked there for about 10 years.

I grew up in the United Church and became a member at Pleasant Height in the '80s until a move took us to New Orleans in the mid '90s. Returning to Calgary in the late '90s we joined St. Thomas United Church in Hawkwood. I started volunteering in the office there and eventually took on the office job until a move took us to Houston and Kuwait. Upon returning to Canada I lived in Golden, BC, working in the office at the local IGA and was a volunteer and a director at the Golden Food Bank.

I was married for about thirty years and have three wonderful children, all young adults now pursuing their dreams. My daughter Morgan, lives in Calgary still; the boys, Drew and Peter, are in Vancouver and Kelowna, respectively.

I have a twin sister and her family, as well as a brother-inlaw and his family here in Calgary and enjoy lots of extended family get-togethers.

I love to travel, hike, cross-country ski, quilt, and read, not necessarily in this order and sometimes combining them!

Highlights include a family trip to France where I discovered Canada's war contributions, a trip to Iran where I learned about ancient Persia, participating in the Kuwait International Quilt Show, hiking at Lake O'Hara, and a crosscountry ski trip to Skoki.

I am really excited about being a part of the Wild Rose team and helping the congregation and staff to achieve their goals.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Drum Circle—following the service today

Potluck—April 30

Men's Breakfast—May 6, 8:00 a.m.

CHOIR PRESENTS EVENING HYMN SING!

Mark Thursday May 11 on your calendar! The choir is presenting an evening of hymns just for you. This will be your chance to join in singing your favourite hymns - both old and new.

Let us know which hymns you would like to sing by filling in the request insert in the bulletin



and putting it in the offering plate, or sending your request to carle.duguid@gmail.com.

What We Believe in the United Church

Our congregations are communities that change lives. When we support and strengthen our congregations for ministry, their radical hospitality reverberates in their communities and beyond. They are key witness-

es to God's inclusive love in the world.



THANK YOU CORNER

Thanks you to Tim Nethercott and Robert Massey and the YYC Campus Ministry Team for

their participation in today's service.



