

June 21 is National Aboriginal Day

On behalf of the Right Relations committee members, who had the first meeting with 9 people on Monday June 5th, I am writing to let you know about an initiative that we can all participate in. Kathleen Mahoney who is a distinguished Law professor at the University of Calgary is urging us to support a movement to Recognize Indigenous people as Founders of Canada. As it stands, we recognize the French and the English. She has written a wonderful paper on this subject which can be found on the following link. http://ablawg.ca/wpcontent/uploads/2017/03/Blog_KM_Indigenous_Founders.pdf She encourages us in this 150th year of Confederation to go to Recognition2Action.ca. There, you can express your support. She encourages us to use one of our 3 Things for Canada to support this endeavor. The Right Relations committee is researching the Truth and Reconciliation Report and is looking into the 94 Calls to Action. If anyone is interested in joining us on this interesting mission, please contact Jean Blackstock or Janice Clark. On Sunday, June 18, which is Aboriginal Sunday, Jean and Janice will be in the Wildrose Hall after church to answer questions about this committee and this endeavor. We would love to speak to you about it.

Rosebud Theatre

Northminster United Church now officially runs the Christmas bus trip to Rosebud Theatre that Helen Thresher and Helen DuWors used to organize.

Title: Cariboo Magi

Date: Saturday, November 25, 2017

Cost: \$82.00 per person, including bus fare, buffet and theatre ticket

Cheques: payable to Northminster United Church

Departure Time: 9:30 AM sharp! Please arrive at or before 9:15 AM for boarding

Departing from: Northminster United Church at 3311 Centre Street N, Calgary, AB

Call to book your spot:

Northminster United Church, 403-277-0322

Tues-Fri 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Pastoral Care at Wild Rose

The Pastoral Care Committee is looking for new members; if you feel called to this ministry, please join us in the lounge at 1:30 on Tuesday, 20 June. We will be considering what direction we want to take in the next year. If you have any questions, please contact Alison Morrow at 403-246-0167 or alison.morrow@utoronto.ca for more information.

Food Safety Course

St. Andrews Centre (1-10601 Southport Rd SW) will be hosting a Food Handling and Safety course on June 28th, 2017 at 10:00am. This is a free program. Please RSVP to office@andychurch.org if you would like to attend. This course will be put on by Alberta Health Services.

Summer Worship Leadership Opportunities

This summer's worship themes focus on Jesus' parables as seen through modern eyes. If you are intrigued by this approach, and would like to become involved in participating in summer worship, please contact Geoffrey. Opportunities range from reading Scriptures and lighting the Christ Candle to offering messages and providing prayers. And if you happen to have musical gifts to share, we would love to talk with you.

Art on Display

The "This is My City Art Society" will be displaying art created by the marginalized at Wild Rose United Church. Look for it on our walls .
All the art will be for sale.

Flower Festival

Presented by: Christ Church Millarville (since 1962)

When: Saturday, July 15, 11 am - 3 pm

At: 121-year-old log church on Hwy 549 between

Millarville and Okotoks

Cost: \$6/person

See poster in Wild Rose Hall for details.

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

Board Meeting - Monday, 6:30 pm (Offsite)

Praise Band - Monday, 7 pm

Pastoral Care Meeting - Tuesday, 1:30 pm

Staff Meeting - Monday, 10:30 am

Stampede Band Practice - Thursday, 7 pm

Praise Band - Saturday, 10 am

COMING UP

Communi-tea - June 21, 2 pm

Stampede Breakfast - June 25, 9 am

Constant Contact

What's happening at Wild Rose United Church? Sign up to receive **Constant Contact** announcements and events at www.wildroseunited.ca, or on a "You Matter" card.



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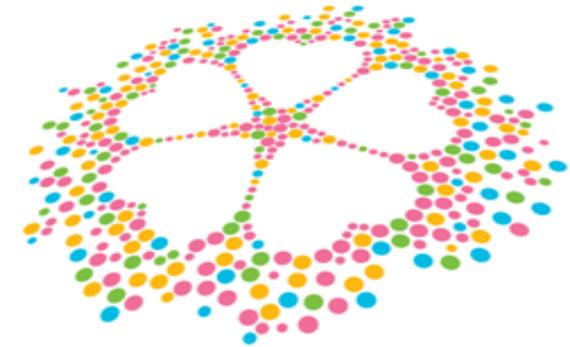
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Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins, Minister
Pat Shier, Family Minister, DLM
Kim Holmes-Younger, Youth Leader/Communications
Barbara Grant, Spiritual Health Practitioner
Carle Duguid, Music Director
Dan Sommerville, Organist/Accompanist
Jane Wittstock, Office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



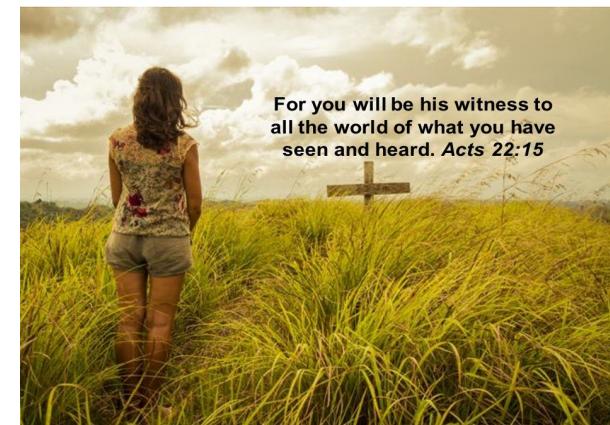
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Whoever you love, and however you identify, you are welcome in this place.*



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YOU MATTER

Recognition and Farewell Sunday

June 18, 2017



For you will be his witness to all the world of what you have seen and heard. Acts 22:15

What does it mean to be a witness

Welcome to Worship at Wild Rose

Pope Francis has been a reliable and an inspiring example for people of all faiths and of none. Here is what he wrote in a 2014 homily: "Christianity is not a school of ideas or a collection of beautiful temples and lovely art; it is a living people who follow Jesus and give witness to him every day. We are not a religion of ideas, of pure theology, of beautiful things and commandments. No, we are a people who follow Jesus Christ and give witness—that is, want to give witness to Jesus Christ—and this witness sometimes ends up being giving one's life." How do we respond to the call of God to our lives, and how it is that we witness to God's love? What are we giving up as we claim new things and walk along new paths?

Such questions might seem abstract to us living in a free and peaceful country, such as Canada. Questions such as these are not abstract for Christians living in parts of the world where Christianity is a minority sect, such as Egypt. There, Coptic Christians (descendants of some of the oldest Christians in the world) face deadly attacks that remind us that the word martyr relates to the Greek word for witness.

At the same time, we will witness the transitions taking place in our midst, as our children and youth move through important transitions in their lives. We will also witness the final service of Pat Shier, Family Minister, who has served this church faithfully and well since 2013. She feels called away from ministry at this time in her life; we are called to celebrate one stage of her life shifting perceptibly to another.

We are also called to witness that Kim Holmes-Younger has been called to ministry, and will be completing her service as our youth minister so that she can make time in her life for formal M.Div. studies leading to ordination.

We are called to witness all these things. Today we will look at this powerful word "witness" and ask ourselves what it is that we feel we can testify to witnessing.

Order of Service

MUSIC AS WE GATHER

"She's Leaving Home" Lennon / McCartney, arr. Keveren Dan on piano
"Flying On Your Own" McNeil Solo by Linda Ellis

WELCOME

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

SPIRITED WORDS

***SINGING TOGETHER:** "Shine Jesus Shine"

GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN THE SPIRIT OF JESUS

FAMILY TIME

RECOGNITION OF MILESTONES

LEAVE TAKING AND THANKS TO PAT AND TO KIM
(children and youth go to their programs)

LISTENING, SHARING AND PRAYING

CHOIR ANTHEM: "On Eagles Wings"
Based on Psalm 91, music M. Joncas. arr. D. Wagner

SCRIPTURES: 1 Samuel 3:1-10
Contemporary English Version (CEV)
Acts 22:15-17 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

MESSAGE: *I'm Listening*

MOMENT OF SILENCE

***SINGING TOGETHER:** "Here I am Lord" **VU #509**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CARING AND SHARING THROUGH OUR GIFTS
"Saltwater Gospel" Eli Young Band
Allison, Bryna and Lexa Bobenic, Caroline and Jaxon

***SHARED OFFERING SONG:** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" (first verse only) **#VU 575**

LIFE AND WORK OF OUR COMMUNITY (ANNOUNCEMENTS)

SUNG BLESSING: "Joy Be in My Heart"
Written by Paul Rumbolt

MUSIC FOR LEAVING: "Jerusalem" Parry
Dan on organ

***invited to stand**

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE MINISTERED TO US TODAY!

Christ Candle: Hazel Buchanan and Caitlin Hornbeck
Scripture Reader: Don McIntosh
Additional Music: Linda Ellis, Allison, Bryna and Lexa Bobenic, Caroline and Jaxon

Summer Office Assistant

Hi everyone! My name is Emily Abbott and I have just started as a summer office assistant here at Wild Rose. I go to the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton during the school year, and I am taking a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology there. I grew up in Calgary going to Northminster United Church and I am very excited to be working out of the office at Wild Rose while I am home for the summer. Throughout junior high and high school, I took part in the joint youth group with Northminster, Wild Rose, and many other United Churches across Calgary. Wild Rose is so full of friendly faces and I am excited to make it home for the next 9 weeks. I will be in the office Monday to Friday from 9-3 and look forward to meeting as many of you as I can. Thank you for welcoming me into your church.



Communi-tea'

You are invited to come enjoy a cup of tea 
on Wednesday, June 21 at 2:00 p.m.
Geoffrey will outline plans and lead discussion on the Wellness Centre proposed for Wild Rose United Church.



MONTHLY POTLUCK

Note that there won't be a potluck in June, due to the Stampede Breakfast, or over the summer. We'll start up again next fall!

SAVE THE DATE!

JUNE 25, 2017 WRUC STAMPEDE BREAKFAST

Breakfast: 9:00 am

Service: 11:00 am

Guest Performer: Doris Daley - Cowboy Poet
See you there!



Come join the WRUC Stampede Breakfast Band!

Practice: Thursday, June 22 at 7 pm.
Performance: June 25.
Please RSVP to Nevone: 403 291-4132



Hospitality

We are a small group and would appreciate individuals or groups taking over coffee at times. There will always be someone from hospitality to show you the ropes. This summer we are going to forego coffee and have juice and cookies. With the use of plastic (recyclable cups and glasses) we can make short work of cleanup and get out and enjoy the summer.



Sign-up sheets are on the board in Wild Rose Hall.

Kids' Zone

(Welcoming kids ages 4-12)

What is a "call"? That is a church word for listening and hearing The Spirit nudging us to action. Sometimes we choose to ignore the call, are surprised by it, welcome it, fear it. Samuel shows us that God can speak to children and when we do not expect it.

Thank You Corner

Thanks to all who volunteered to help make the Common Cup concert such a wonderful musical event here at Wild Rose United Church.

