



An Affirming Record

From May-June 2017, we're welcoming 15 new Affirming ministries in addition to the five we celebrated earlier this year. Read on for details! In 2016, we welcomed 23 in the entire year—and that was a record. On June 4 alone, five new ministries will join the Affirming family. This is a gift of grace and radical hospitality. Please join us in offering thanks; we invite you to [send messages of congratulations and blessings](#).

Affirm United/ S'affirmer Ensemble thanks all of these communities, and all communities and individuals who are part of our movement, whether you joined yesterday or thirty years ago. For your offering of sacred safer space, and your belief in God's radical, prophetic, Gospel love for all, we thank you. We look forward to the ministry and welcome we will continue to offer together.

Wild Rose is proud to be an Affirming Congregation. With Affirm National, "Together, we affirm God's radical gift of love for all, with no exceptions." An important annual celebration here in Calgary is our participation in the Pride Parade, on Sunday, September 3, between 12 and 1:30 (Labour Day weekend). We are seeking someone or a team to coordinate Wild Rose's participation in this uplifting and important event. Do you feel called to encourage Wild Rosers to come out for Pride? If so, please give Geoffrey a call. For more information about Calgary's Pride Parade, see: <http://www.calgarypride.ca/events/parade-2017/>

Affirming Ministry

You are invited to the McDougall Affirming Committee's dinner and a movie on Saturday, June 10 at 6 pm. We are serving an East Indian inspired dinner and screening of the movie **The Hundred Foot Journey**, starring Academy Award winning actor Helen Mirren. The movie tells the story of a feud between two adjacent restaurants in a French town. Please RSVP to the McDougall office at 403-252-1620 on or before June 5th if you plan to attend. The cost is \$10 per person. We hope you will join us!

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.

Foothills Music Series presents:

MUSIC OF LOVE - Warm Serenades to Fill Your Heart

Piano performed by Bill Bradley

June 17, 1:30 pm

Foothills United Church 3803 69 St NW

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 starting on June 12. 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 Okatoks

Cost: \$6/person

See poster in Wild Rose Hall for details.

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

Staff Meeting - Tuesday, 9:30 am

Bible Study - Tuesday, 1 - 3:30 pm

Handbells - Tuesday, 7 - 9 pm

Choir Practice - Thurs, 7 - 9 pm

COMING UP

Wellness Centre Information - June 4, 11:30 am

Common Cup Concert - June 10, 7 pm

Communi-tea - June 14, 1 pm

Stampede Breakfast - June 25, 9 pm

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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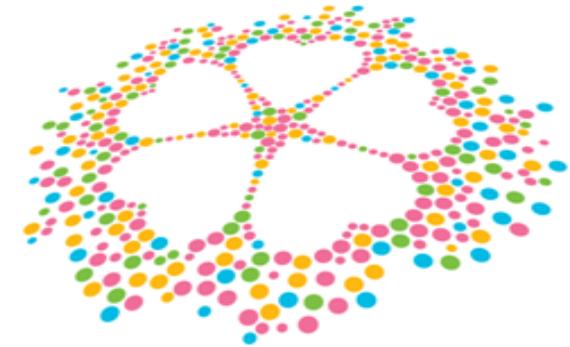
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Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins, Minister
Pat Shier, Family Minister, DLM
Kim Holmes-Younger, Youth Leader/Communications
Barbara Grant, Spiritual Health Practitioner
Carle Duguid, Music Director
Dan Sommerville, Organist/Accompanist
Jane Wittstock, Office 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

The Day of Pentecost

June 4, 2017



The Day of Pentecost Imagined

Welcome to Worship at Wild Rose

Today, we celebrate Pentecost, a holy and beautifully mysterious moment described in the Bible: the moment when the Spirit came down on the people and provided them with a glimpse of what the Kingdom might look and feel like.

In *Praying a New Story* (Orbis Books, 2004) Michael Moorwood offers a prayer that helps us open our eyes and ears to the power and mystery of Pentecost:

We give expression to the Spirit within us and give thanks for the wonder of who we are and for our conscious awareness of that Spirit at work in everything that exists.

We give thanks for Jesus in whom that Spirit was able to work freely and was able to articulate insights and convictions that open our minds to the presence of the Spirit of Life in our midst.

We give thanks, as Jesus gave thanks, using bread to speak to us of earthen vessels holding a treasure.

We break and share bread, as Jesus broke and shared bread, committing ourselves to love generously as “temples of God’s Spirit.”

We pledge ourselves to be the ‘body of Christ.’ loving God and neighbor with all our hearts, with all our minds, and in all our actions.

We drink wine as Jesus shared wine with his friends, mindful of our bonding with all that exists through the Spirit creatively present with us and within us.

We see the presence of God in whom we believe, here now in us. We acknowledge now to be our Pentecost time, when God-with-us seeks expression in our actions and in new words and images. To being the presence of God in our world: Amen.”

Order of Service

GATHERING AND CREATING SACRED SPACE

MUSIC FOR ARRIVING

WELCOME AND OPENING WORDS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

***SINGING TOGETHER:** “Come, O Holy Spirit” **MV #23**

SPIRITED WORDS

***SINGING TOGETHER:** “Rise Up, Rise Up” **MV #130**

GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN THE SPIRIT OF JESUS

FAMILY TIME: *Sing, Sophie* by Dale Ann Dodds

BELLES OF WILD ROSE: Singalong

“Kum Ba Yah” (crying, praying, singing). African chant, arr. Hayley Ades

“He’s Got the Whole World” - whole world, little baby, you & me brother, you & me sister, Wild Rose Church. Spiritual, arr. Hawley Ade

(children go to their programs)

LISTENING AND RESPONDING

CHOIR ANTHEM: “We Are One” w. Doreen Lankshear-Smith m. Jeeva Sam

INTRODUCING SPIRITUAL CARE

HOLY COMMUNION

Music for Communion

“Bread of Life, Feed My Soul” w./m. Stephen Spencer
arr. Rick Gunn

SCRIPTURES (Reading from the Contemporary English Version [CEV]): Acts 2:1-21

MESSAGE: *The Courage to Fly*

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CARING AND SHARING THROUGH OUR GIFTS

BELLES OF WILD ROSE:

“Fanfare” Michael Helman

“Chime Suite: Faith, Hope, Love” Lynne Hollander

***SHARED OFFERING SONG:** “In Christ, We Gladly Share Our Gifts” (Tune VU #491 Though Ancient Walls) (©Rev. Peggy McDonagh, 2004 All rights reserved)

NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY (ANNOUNCEMENTS)

***SUNG BLESSING:** “Joy Be in My Heart”
Written by Paul Rumbolt, UCC minister and musician

MUSIC FOR LEAVING

***invited to stand**

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE MINISTERED TO US TODAY!

Christ Candle: Kathy & Dave Walling

Scripture Reader: Bill Boyle

Family Time: Lynn Piechotta

Additional Music: Belles of Wild Rose

Hospitality

Hospitality is a group of five ladies plus many dedicated volunteers we call on for help with receptions. Like so many church committees we are very busy but not very noticeable unless we are missing. Funeral receptions and after church coffee are our main priority but we do other receptions when required.



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 clean-up and get out and enjoy the summer.

As we are a small group, we would appreciate individuals or groups taking over coffee at times. There will always be someone from hospitality to show you the ropes. Sign-up sheets are on the board in Wild Rose hall.

Kids' Zone

(Welcoming kids ages 4-12)

Pentecost symbols of fire and wind are used to describe the un-describable, invisible Spirit. We acknowledge that the Holy Spirit was always working in people, yet the followers had not yet recognized it as a spark in each of them connecting them to the Holy. The kids explore the symbolism and create fire paintings with fork “paint brushes”.

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!

Common Cup - Farewell Tour Concert

Wild Rose United Church is pleased to sponsor Common Cup Company, one of Canada’s foremost Christian music ensembles, in Concert on Saturday, June 10th at 7:00pm. Come and hear the stories and sing the songs – **Songs of Life and Faith**. Tickets are \$20 – available after church today, at the office, or by clicking on Calendars and Events at www.wildroseunited.ca.

For more information, contact Carle Duguid (403) 477-0997, or email carle.duguid@gmail.com



Communi-tea'

All are invited to come and meet our new Spiritual Health Practitioner, Barbara Grant, on Wednesday, June 14 at 2:00 pm.

Meet Barbara, enjoy a cup of tea, and share discussion with Geoffrey and others... What does spirituality mean to you?



Thank You Corner

The Men’s Group is holding their last breakfast before the summer break. Thanks to George Waite, Gordon Plaxton, Dave Walling, and Don McIntosh for organizing these enjoyable and meaningful events!



Thank You!!!