



Barb and Dave Durney  
60th Wedding Anniversary Celebration!

### National Church Changes?

Sunday, May 28, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Join us for explanations and discussion about the potential changes in funding, restructuring of the church and its ministry personnel. Voice your opinions and concerns to help the Official Board of Wild Rose represent the congregation when it votes on four "remits" or motions about church structure that are put forward to every congregation in the United Church of Canada. Note that May 28 is a repeat of the May 7 discussion.

### Kids' Zone

(Welcoming kids ages 4-12)

Worship is intergenerational on the long weekend. Children will remain in the worship service. If children prefer to have something to do while they listen, they can sit at the activity table along the side or take things from there to use while they sit with their families. The Kids' Zone continues next week.

### Spiritual Health Practitioner Joins Wild Rose!

Hello, I am Barbara Grant.

For most of my life, I worked as a teacher and a high school principal. I received my Bachelor of Education from University of Toronto and my Masters of Education from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education in the field of adult education. I am a certified teacher in Ontario, British Columbia and Alberta. In 1993, I established a learning centre and employment centre to educate and train immigrants for the Calgary work place. Employment and Immigration and Alberta Human Resources and Employment generously sponsored that program. I retired from teaching in 2006 and worked as a sessional in the Faculty of Education at the University of Calgary.

After my retirement from teaching, I felt called to ministry. First, I went to Naramata to study in the Pacific Jubilee Program to become a spiritual director and during that period began to work in Campus Ministry at the University of Calgary. The United and the Presbyterian Churches contracted me to work under a grant from the St. Andrews Foundation.

At that time, I discerned that Chaplaincy was my ministry. More recently the term, chaplain, has been altered to Spiritual Health Practitioner (SHP). The intention of spiritual health is to accompany others by concentrating principally but not entirely on spiritual practices. Each person has a particular worldview and meaningful life concerns. The practice consists of awakening contextual and ultimate meaning in life. Effective spiritual health has therapeutic outcomes. Spiritual health practitioners provide a non-anxious presence and seek to promote health and wellness while appreciating that the human condition has multiple complexities including challenges, crises, illness, suffering, pain and grief. As a consequence, an effective intervention may facilitate symptoms of spiritual distress towards acceptance, inclusion and transcendence so that healing can take place.

In order to become a certified SHP, I entered the Master of Theological Studies in the Spiritual Care option at St. Stephen's College at the University of Alberta. I am approaching the end of that process. I have chosen 1000 hours in congregational spiritual health at Wild Rose United Church to complete my requirements for certification. I look forward to meeting each of you over the course of the next few months as we work together to provide a healthy spiritual environment in which to learn and grow together in community and in faith.



### WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

- Staff Meeting** - Tuesday, 9:30 am
- Board Retreat** - Tuesday, 4 pm
- Bible Study** - Tuesday, 1 - 3:30 pm
- Handbells** - Tuesday, 7 - 9 pm
- Choir Practice** - Thurs, 7 - 9 pm
- Youth Games Night** - Friday, 7 - 9 pm

### COMING UP

- Wellness Centre Information** - May 21 & June 4, 11:30 am
- National Church Changes Discussion** - May 28, 11:30 am
- Men's Breakfast** - June 3, 8:00 am
- Common Cup Concert** - June 10, 7 pm

### Betty's Run for ALS

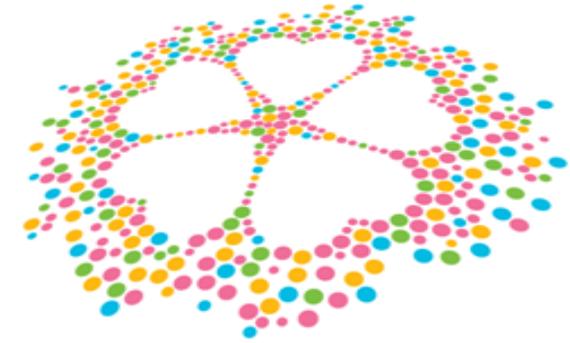
The twenty-first annual Betty's Walk/Run for ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) takes place on June 11 at North Glenmore Park. To donate, register, or for more information about ALS contact Keith Fewster or Mona Lutfy. ALS website: [www.alsab.ca](http://www.alsab.ca) Register online at: [www.bettysrun.ca](http://www.bettysrun.ca)

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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.*

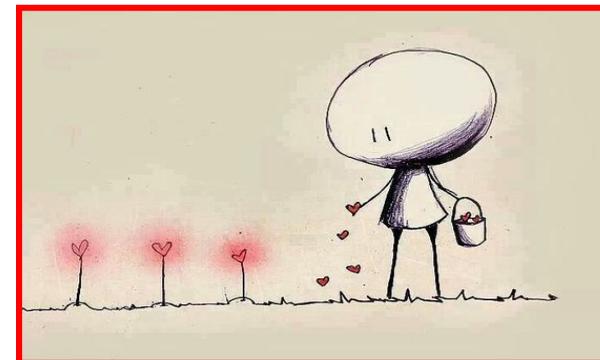


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YOU MATTER

## Easter Wardrobe: Kindness

May 21, 2017



*Kindness, like plants, needs to be planted and nurtured. (Image: <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/kindness-blog/>)*

## Welcome to Worship at Wild Rose

We continue in our mini-series on the “Wardrobe of Easter.” Today, we look at another essential item to include in this wardrobe: Kindness. At first glance, this seems so obvious an item to pack that one might wonder why mention it at all. Who doesn’t value kindness? But on closer reflection, we might realize not only that not everyone values kindness, and even for those who do, kindness needs practice to make perfect.

Dale Cooper, the author of the Calvin Institute for Christian Worship that inspired this mini-series, remarks on the unkind and ungenerous invective that characterizes so much online discussions. This has become a scourge that afflicts contemporary western societies. A number of websites have been obliged to block commentary; there are too many trolls out there to control otherwise.

But while blocking commentary at least stops invective from being shared, Cooper calls for a “deeper, more substantial change—for an altering of people’s attitudes, not merely of their external behaviors.” He says that we can “make appeal to human beings’ minds and hearts—to their ‘nobler side,’ if you will—in hopes that then they’ll speak and act more appropriately.”

Homespun wisdom about kindness still has much to offer us. Before we offer a remark to someone (whether spoken or via our keyboards), we can profitably ask ourselves: “Is it true; is it necessary; is it *kind*?” Practicing kindness will help us engrain this question so deeply that it becomes second nature and we no longer have to ask it; we only have to practice the wisdom that in-

### Order of Service

#### GATHERING AND CREATING SACRED SPACE

##### MUSIC FOR ARRIVING

##### WELCOME AND OPENING WORDS

##### LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

##### HOLY WORDS FOR HOLY INTENTIONS

**\*SINGING TOGETHER:** “My Love Colours Outside the Lines”  
(led by the Praise Band) **MV #138**

##### GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN THE SPIRIT OF JESUS

**FAMILY TIME:** *God’s Dream*  
Worship is intergenerational  
(no children or youth programs)

#### LISTENING AND RESPONDING

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** “We Are the Hands of Christ”  
w. John Parker, m. Joel Raney

**SCRIPTURES** (Reading from the Contemporary English Version [CEV]): John 14:15-21: The Spirit of truth

**MESSAGE:** *Practicing Kindness*

##### MOMENT OF SILENCE

**\*SINGING TOGETHER:** “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”  
(new words as on screen) **VU #271**

##### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

##### CARING AND SHARING THROUGH OUR GIFTS

**PRAISE BAND:** “What a Beautiful Name”  
w.&m. Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood

**\*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:** “Title” Written by Paul Rumbolt,  
United Church of Canada minister and musician

##### MUSIC FOR LEAVING

**\*invited to stand**



#### OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE MINISTERED TO US TODAY!

Christ Candle: Bill and Debbie Boyle

Family Time: Alison Morrow

Scripture Reader: Bill Aitken

#### Campbell Soup Labels

The Campbell soup labels program that helped support some of our community schools has been discontinued.

Thank you to all the folks who have faithfully saved these labels for many years.

### Easter? It’s Up to You!

[Rev. Dr. R. Scott Colgazier](#), First Congregational Church Los Angeles

1. We believe the gospel of Christ calls us to speak to our times, as it did to all our Christian ancestors.
2. We affirm that God’s love shines equally on all people, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, ethnic background, or religion.
3. We affirm all creation is God’s handiwork, and that we are called to respect, protect, and nurture it. Not exploit it.
4. We embrace the diversity of our city and nation, and seek respect for women, immigrants, different nationalities, minority groups, the poor, and the disadvantaged in our society.
5. We resist those who use hate, anger, and intimidation to divide us, and who use speech, disinformation, and actions to demean others.
6. We resolve to make our church a safe place for all people of good will and to welcome them with dignity, respect, and compassion.
7. We commit ourselves to make our church a vibrant place for ideas, a faith informed by reason, experience, scholarship, and scientific knowledge.

### SAVE THE DATE!

## 2017 WRUC STAMPEDE BREAKFAST

Breakfast: 9:00 am

Service: 11:00 am

Guest Performer: Doris Daley—Cowboy Poet

LOOK FOR A SIGN-UP SHEET TO HELP, SOON!



### Common Cup Farewell Tour Concert

Mark June tenth on your calendars and come out to the farewell concert by Common Cup Company, Canada’s foremost Christian music ensemble. They sing Songs of Life and Faith - come hear the stories behind the songs, and then sing along to your favourites. Following the concert, meet the musicians personally in Wild Rose Hall for coffee and conversation. Tickets - \$20 - on the Wild Rose website, or contact the office.



#### Common Cup Concert – assistance needed!

It’s just 3 weeks until the Common Cup Company will be here with their farewell concert! We’re expecting a full house, and could use some assistance:

- Set-up Wild Rose Hall
- Ticket sellers
- Ticket takers
- CD sellers
- Refreshments

Look for the clipboard at Worship. Then come on June 10th for a wonderful soul-filled concert!

Thank you! Carle Duguid

