



Parkdale United Church



We are an inclusive Christian community with a deep yearning for God and God's vision of equity, justice, and well-being for all.

WELCOMES YOU – JANUARY 29,

2012

In the heart of Calgary, we gather to worship God; open to the rhythm of life that surrounds us, eager to participate in the joys of life that uplift us, prepared to face the challenges of life that await us. May our openness to the ways of Jesus allow us to find peace and wholeness, this day and always. If you are new to Parkdale United, we especially welcome you, and encourage you to join us in building connections, living faith and acting for justice.

SPECIAL SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

FEBRUARY 12 – Nursery Tales & Gospel Truth
"The Ugly Duckling"

MARCH 11 – Affirm Committee; Transgender Awareness

MARCH 18 – Parkdale United 100TH Anniversary

PUC (CALGARY) FOUNDATION NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING...

To comply with the Foundation bylaws, notice is hereby given that the seventeenth Annual General Meeting of the Parkdale United Church (Calgary) Foundation will be held in the sanctuary of Parkdale United Church on **Sunday, February 5, 2012**, immediately following the morning worship service. It is hoped that as many Foundation members as possible will attend as the bylaws require that at least twenty members be present to constitute a quorum.

At this time, the directors know of no special business to be brought before the meeting.

Any members or supporters of Parkdale United Church are welcome to attend, however, only members of the Foundation may vote on any business brought before the meeting. Any member of Parkdale United Church who would like to become a member of the Foundation, and who has not already done so, may obtain a membership application form in the Church office.

WOMEN IN AFGHANISTAN RUNDRAISING DINNER...

you are invited to this Afghan Dinner on Saturday, Feb 11 at 6pm, Robert McClure United Church. Really delicious food, and speakers to promote a great cause ... the rebuilding of Afghanistan and fundraising for teachers and books. To reserve tickets or for more information call 403-280-9500.

LENTEN JOURNEY WORSHIP & REFLECTION OPPORTUNITIES...

Ash Wednesday Worship February 22 at 7:00 pm.

Lenten Reflections – Thurs. March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 7 pm.
Time for quiet conversation, labyrinth walking and prayer.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING...

for Parkdale United Church will be held in the auditorium on **Sunday, February 12, 2012** following the worship service.

Everyone is encouraged to come for lunch followed by presentations and discussions on our 2011 Financial Report, 2012 Budget, Nominations Report, and Program Review.

Child Care will be available.

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Calgary, AB T2N 1C8

The Annual Report will be available for you to review on Sunday February 5.

We are combining our "Financial" and "Program" AGMs this year. It will be a somewhat longer meeting, but you only need to attend one AGM this year!

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH...

will meet on Sunday, January 29th after Church at the Village Park Inn. Underground parking now costs \$10.00, but outside on both side of The Inn are free. All Ladies are welcome.

MOVIE NIGHT...

A Sunday Night escape **February 5th at 6:30 pm**, in the Conference Room. Dessert, coffee, and discussion

PARKDALE WOMEN'S BREAKFAST...

Please join us on **Monday, February 6th**, from 8:15 am to 9:30 am, for breakfast and socializing at Cora's Restaurant, Northland Village Mall. For more information, please call Susan at 403 284-0017 or Sally at 403 289-0313. We hope to see you there.

COFFEE AND TOTS...

We meet every 2nd Monday at 10:00 in the Conference Room. This is a time of informal visiting and play for the children. Next gatherings are **February 6 and 27**.

KAIRO'S DAY 2012...

The Leap with Chris Turner, how to survive and thrive in the sustainable economy. Being held at Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church, **Saturday, February 11th 9am to 1pm**. For more information and to register, phone Alison Longson 403-243-5478 or email pwrdfcalgary@telus.net

PARKDALE BOOK CLUB...

On Saturday **February 11th, 10 am**, we'll meet here at Parkdale to discuss Little Bee by Chris Cleave. Please join us, even if you haven't quite finished the book! Contact Lynn Sloane, sloanelm@shaw.ca, to be added to the book club newsletter e-mail list...

MID-WINTER NEWSLETTER...

deadline for submissions is February 26th. Please submit articles to Ruth by that date!

CALGARY CENTRE FOR GLOBAL COMMUNITY ...

Model Global Citizenship programs presents The Canadian Friends of Oasis Peace Exhibit - **January 25 to February 8**. Join a large multi-faith group right here at Parkdale on **Wednesday, February 8 at 7pm** for a participatory dialogue on peace building based on the Oasis of Peace Exhibit. Come learn about this Calgary based organization dedicated to dialogue, cooperation, and a genuine and durable peace between Arabs and Jews, Palestinians and Israelis through their support of the Oasis of Peace Village Wahat al Salam--□Neve Shalom.

More information at

http://calgarycgc.org/programs_003_001.html

Free registration for the February 8 dialogue at

<http://oasisofpeaceparkdale.eventbrite.ca/> or call Kelly Dowdell at (403) 457-5534.

(403) 283-3301
www.parkdaleunitedcalgary.net

FEBRUARY 24 PANCAKE SUPPER...

Join us for traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancakes...On Friday! The youth will be making the pancakes! We'll start eating at 5:30 pm , and be finished by 7:30pm. Sign up in the narthex, so we ensure enough for all. A few volunteers to help our youth group would be appreciated.

Come hear Stacey Toews, Co-founder of Level Ground Trading; Fri. Feb. 24, after you enjoy a few pancakes. Level Ground is a Direct Fair Trade company based out of Victoria, B.C. Since 1999, Stacey has traveled across North America educating and engaging audiences about Fair Trade, sustainability and ethical consumer choices. He is a dynamic and inspiring speaker who is passionate about social justice. This event is brought to you by Project Ploughshares, 10,000 Villages, and Parkdale United. Childcare will be provided.

COMMUNION PREPARATION...

We are updating our list for folk willing to prepare the elements for communion, a few times a year. Are you willing to be on that list? Please contact the church office. Thanks!

A FEW SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

PRAYER CANDLES...

are located on the tables at the front of the sanctuary. You are invited to light a candle and say a prayer anytime before or during the worship service.

CARING STONES...

are symbols of God's presence in our lives and our commitment to act with faith, hope, and love? Take a Caring Stone for yourself or a loved one. Stones and cards explaining the blessings in this prayer practice are available on the Prayer Candle tables.

LABYRINTH WALKING...

is an old, old spiritual practice. It is a way of prayer, healing, seeking God, and discerning answers to life's questions. The Labyrinth is open to walk most days, and is located on the lower west level, below the sanctuary.

HEALING TOUCH MINISTRY...

Are you recovering from surgery or injuries, going through medical treatment, have pain, or experiencing grief or anxiety? Please visit the new PUC website for details on how the Healing Pathway Ministry can benefit you. The healing team is available to give treatments Sundays after church and the fourth Tuesday afternoon of the month. Appointments must be made by contact Jan Collins at (403)289-1771. Home and hospital visits are also available by special arrangements.

PARKDALE UNITED – 14 days...

SUNDAY JANUARY 29

Conversations with the Text 9:30 am – Quiet Room
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
Healing Session 12 noon – Healing Room
Women's Lunch Bunch 12 noon – Village Park Inn

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 01

PUC Council Meeting 7pm - Boardroom

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 02

Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm – Sanctuary

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 04

Men's Breakfast 8am – Village Park Inn

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 05

Conversations with the Text 9:30 am – Quiet Room
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
Healing Session 12 noon – Healing Room
PUC Foundation meeting 11:30 am - Sanctuary
Movie Night 6:30 pm – Conference Room

MONDAY FEBRUARY 06

Women's Breakfast 8:15am-Cora's Res., Northland Village
Coffee & Tots 10am – Boardroom Downstairs
Social Drop in Bridge 1pm - Auditorium

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 08

Oasis of Peace Event 7pm – Auditorium
Operations Meeting 7pm – Boardroom upstairs

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 09

Choir Practice 7:30 pm – Sanctuary

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 11

Kairos Day 9am to 1pm- Varsity Acres Presbyterian
Book Club 10am – Quiet Room

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12

Conversations with the Text 9:30 am – Quiet Room
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
Healing Session 12 noon – Healing Room
AGM Meeting 11:30 am - Auditorium

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

MINISTERS – All members of the community

WORSHIP, CONGREGATIONAL CARE & DEVELOPMENT –
Rev. Dr. Murray Laverty

FAITH DEVELOPMENT – Rev. Tammy Allan

MUSIC – Antonina Cox

CHILDREN – Eva Biederman

YOUTH – Sarah Wright

FACILITIES – Mike Hudec

OFFICE ADMINISTRATION – Ruth Jacques

HELPING IN WORSHIP TODAY

GREETERS – Sherri & Geoff Fraser

USHERS – Jim & Cyndi Thompson-Goodchild

SCREENS – Beth & Jim Balshaw

SCRIPTURE READING – Teeya Scholten

SOUND – Ken Coburn

COFFEE – Fraser Family - Auditorium

KITCHEN MAINTENANCE – Sally & Jim Dobbin, Hannah & Seamus