



# 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 – FEBRUARY 19, 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

**MARCH 11** – Affirm Committee; Transgender Awareness

**MARCH 18** – Parkdale United 100<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary

### OUR LENTEN JOURNEY THIS SEASON

*hearing the voices we meet along the way*

#### LENT ONE FEBRUARY 26

Who do I listen to?  
Mark 1: 9-15

#### LENT TWO MARCH 04

What gives me life?  
Mark 8: 31-38

#### LENT THREE MARCH 11

Forward with Care and Welcome  
An Affirm Sunday Worship

#### LENT FOUR MARCH 18

Time to Remember and Time to Take Another Step  
Parkdale United - 100th Anniversary

#### LENT FIVE MARCH 25

Who do I follow?  
John 12: 20-33

#### PALM SUNDAY APRIL 01

Sounds of Expectation  
Mark 11: 1-11

#### GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 06

Voices in Jerusalem

#### EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 08

Where do I go from here?  
Mark 16: 1-8

## FEBRUARY 24 LEVEL GROUND TRADING...

Join us Friday at 7:30! Come hear Stacey Toews, Co-founder of Level Ground Trading. 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.

## CCCJ FREEDOM TO READ...

Council of Christians and Jews will deal with a controversial area of freedom / censorship as part of "Freedom to Read" week. Kori Street will discuss why Holocaust deniers should not necessarily be removed from book shelves. Sunday, March 4, 2012, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., St. Gerards Church 8944 Elbow Drive SW. Tickets: \$5.00 Students: no charge. Please reserve by Friday, March 2 Myron 403-239-6811 website: [www.cccj-ab.org](http://www.cccj-ab.org)

## PARKDALE 100TH ANNIVERSARY...

you are invited to join us for the Anniversary Celebrations

### SATURDAY MARCH 17

2:00 pm – Sharing our stories of PUC  
6:30 pm – Open House-Hors d'oeuvres, fruit & beverages  
7:30 pm – Music and Memories  
A Celebration of Our Church Life

### SUNDAY MARCH 18

9:30 am – Open house-Muffins, fruit & beverages  
10:30 am Anniversary Worship Service  
Holy Communion and Guest Speaker Rev. Jan Craig

Nursery care and special children's programs will be available at each event. A special anniversary free will offering will be received for the United Church of Canada Mission and Service Fund. **Your presence will enrich the experience!**

## **PARKDALE CHURCH CHOIR ...**

Rehearsals are on Thursdays at 7:30 pm. All are welcome  
**Men's Chorus** practices will be held on Sunday, Feb 26 at noon, and Thursday March 1, at 7:30 pm  
**Anniversary Chorus** practices will be held at 8pm on Thursday February 23, March 1, 8 and 15.

The United Church of Canada is considering changes to the doctrinal section of the Basis of Union (essentially the Constitution). Join Tammy for study and conversation around the United Church of Canada's statements of faith, which are the focus of those proposed changes. This is a great opportunity to learn more about whom we are as a church celebrating 100 years of history with the wider United Church. It's also an opportunity to offer input to our Council members, who will be asked to vote on this matter. This study will involve some reading, and then some conversation around some focus questions, over 2 evenings. Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, March 13 and 20, from 7-9 pm.** and plan on joining in some rich discussion. Let Tammy know if you plan to attend so that you can receive the readings ahead of time.

## **WANT TO HELP WITH THE KITCHEN MAINTENANCE?....**

A new schedule of volunteers and cleaning duties is posted in the kitchen with a few time slots that are still available. The time commitment is approx 1.5-2 hours per year. Please consider this small but essential service. For more information contact Sheila Smith 403-286-6800

## **MID-WINTER NEWSLETTER....**

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

## **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 FEBRUARY 19**

Conversations with the Text 9:30 am – Quiet Room  
Sunday Worship 10:30 am  
Healing Session 12 noon – Healing Room

### **MONDAY FEBRUARY 20**

Social Drop in Bridge 1pm – Auditorium

### **THURSDAY FEBRUARY 23**

Choir Practice 7:30 pm – Sanctuary  
Anniversary Chorus 8pm – Sanctuary

### **SUNDAY FEBRUARY 26**

Conversations with the Text 9:30 am – Quiet Room  
Sunday Worship 10:30 am  
Healing Session 12 noon – Healing Room  
Men's Chorus practice 12 noon – Sanctuary  
Women's Lunch Bunch 12 noon – Red Lobster 16 Avenue

### **MONDAY FEBRUARY 27**

Coffee & Tots 10 am – Conference Room  
Healing Ministry Team Meeting 7pm – Quiet Room

### **THURSDAY MARCH 01**

Lenten Study 7pm – Quiet Room  
Choir Practice 7:30 pm – Sanctuary  
Men's Chorus Practice 7:30 pm – Sanctuary  
Anniversary Chorus Practice 8pm - Sanctuary

### **SUNDAY MARCH 04**

Conversations with the Text 9:30 am – Quiet Room  
Sunday Worship 10:30 am  
Healing Session 12 noon – Healing Room  
Movie Night 7:30 pm – Conference Room

## **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** – Chett Marlett & Jim Latimer  
**USHERS** – Mary Mackenzie & Joan Johnston  
**SCREENS** – Lynn Sloane  
**SCRIPTURE READING** –  
**SOUND** – Jeff Campbell  
**COFFEE** –  
**KITCHEN MAINTENANCE** – Margaret and Ben De Laet