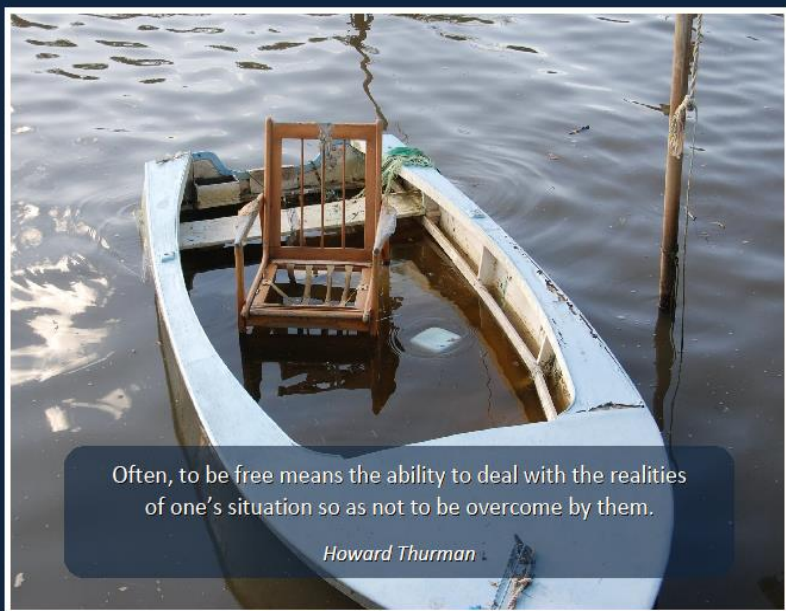


PARKDALE UNITED CHURCH

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

Sunday October 15, 2017

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.



Often, to be free means the ability to deal with the realities of one's situation so as not to be overcome by them.

Howard Thurman

This reflection is courtesy of Parkdale United Church, Calgary, AB.

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We hope you enjoy this “Spiritual Reflection”. The photographs are works of art taken by Jim and Beth Balshaw. They have matched their pictures with inspirational quotes Murray has noted over the years. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please contact the church office at parkdaleuc@telus.net

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FIANCIAL UPDATE...

Below are financial results to the end of September. To date, we are 75% of the way through 2017 and have collected 68% of anticipated 2017 offerings. In the same period in 2016, we had collected 72% of total 2016 offerings to the end of September. Put another way, total offerings to date in 2017 are almost \$12,000 less than total offerings for the same period in 2016.

	2016 to date	2017 to date	2017 Budget	% of 2017 Budget
Total Offerings	\$ 180,552	\$ 168,603	\$ 248,000	68%
Other Revenue	\$ 72,745	\$ 73,713	\$ 98,300	75%
Total Income	\$ 253,297	\$ 242,316	\$ 346,300	70%
Total Expenses	\$ 255,224	\$ 271,346	\$ 376,300	72%
Surplus/Shortfall	\$ -1,927	\$ -29,030	\$ -30,000	97%

Thank you for your support of the work of Parkdale United Church.

MEDICAL ASSISTED DYING – Tuesdays, October 17 & 24, 7pm...

Are you interested in finding out more about “Medical Assistance in Dying?” On October 17, we will have two guest speakers attending, Dr. Michael Trew, Psychiatrist at the Foothills Hospital and Evie Wallace, whose husband Hugh was the first person to die with medical assistance. They will discuss both the medical and personal sides of this sensitive subject. On October 24, Sue Brodrick and Murray Laverty will be discussing the Official Statement of the United Church on the subject of Medical Assistance in Dying. We hope you can attend one or both of these informative meetings. Please feel free to invite your friends. All are welcome. **Please sign up if you are attending.**

PUC – WORKING AT THE AIRDRIE FOODBANK...

Tuesday’s October 24 and November 28, 9 – 12 noon

We have committed to “lending a hand” at the Airdrie Foodbank this fall. The need for volunteers has grown rapidly as has the services provided by the Airdrie Foodbank. A working group of at least 10 and up to 15 people will travel to Airdrie to spend a couple of mornings stocking shelves, sorting food and building hampers. You can join us as we lend a hand working at the Airdrie Foodbank.

Please sign up or contact the office if you can volunteer.

MEN’S EVENING DISCUSSION GROUP...

Monday’s, November 13 – December 11, 7 – 9pm

Reflections on Mark Nepo’s book Seven Thousand Ways to Listen: staying close to what is sacred. The book contains three major sections: The Work of Being; The Work of Being Human and The Work of Love. It is an exploration of the endless ways that life asks us to listen and suggests listening is the essential doorway to everything that matters. The title was inspired by the Seven Thousand languages spoken in the world. Sandy Navrady will facilitate the conversations. Each session is fairly independent allowing participants to attend as their schedules permit.