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Services for October

Services Begin at 10:30 a.m.

Our Vision

The Unitarian Church of Edmonton— a liberal religious, multi-generational congregation. We

celebrate a rich mosaic of free-thinking, spiritually-questioning individuals joined in common support and action.

We welcome diversity, pursue the common good, and work for justice. We believe in the compassion of the individual heart, the warmth of community, and the search for meaning in our lives.

October 5, 2008 “The Spirituality of Pastoral Care” Rev. Brian J. Kiely
Spirituality is not something you can earn or force to happen. The deep feelings of connection are the gifts of spirit that come to us unbidden when we let go our anxiety and our need to achieve. The art of pastoral care illustrates this nicely, where doing less, well, often makes one more effective.

Chorealis will sing for us this morning.

October 12, 2008 “Coyote and the Election(s)” Rev. Brian Kiely
Rev. Webster Kitchell wrote a series of conversations with the spirit guide Coyote some years ago. Coyote, of course, is a trickster who turns things on their head to reveal new truths. In this season of election frenzy in the south and election yawning here in Canada, maybe Coyote has something to tell us.

Martin Kerr, singer/songwriter is performing this morning.

October 19, 2008 “Link between Privatization, Public Interest and Strong Democracy” Larry Booi

Larry Booi is the Chair of the Board of Public Interest Alberta (PIA) and on the Board of Canadian Council on Learning.

October 26, 2008 “Magic and MysterY” UCE Church School
Come join the UCE youth and children in exploring the magic and mystery of this time of year...so many cultures have celebrations that reflect the two “m’s”, including Samhain, All Saints/All Soul’s, Hallowe’en. We’ll take some time to reflect and enjoy this mysterious magical season



Ministerial Musings

My big little girl turned five in August and started in Kindergarten a few days later. My other, littler girl wants to turn five and start kindergarten. Every day she lines up with her big sister when the bell rings and tries to sneak her way into Madam Anne’s French immersion class. It’s okay though, when she gets busted she just grabs me and drags me off to her own play school.

Both our daughters grew up some this summer, much to their parent’s joy and relief. They figured out that they didn’t need us by their side every moment (especially first thing in the morning!). We got to sleep this summer, for the first time in five years. They started to play games with each other, instead of beside each other. They can easily amuse themselves for an hour or two without our help or interference. They are becoming close friends as well as sisters.

Now some of you who may have gone through this might be feeling a pang of, "They grow up so fast....treasure this time! It will be gone in a moment." I think we are. We spend a lot of time noticing and appreciating our little girls. But, please, allow us a chance to enjoy the catch-up sleeps and the times when the mostly happy noise of childhood is in the background instead of the foreground. Both are novel experiences for us and worthy of savouring in their own right.

That's a funny thing about living in general: things look quite different on the inside than from the outside looking in. The event that provokes my sense of relief and release might spark another's feelings of loss or regret. How often do we look at others and judge their reactions to their lives? How often do we criticize them because of the choices they make or don't make, the things they have or don't have, the way they present or don't present themselves?

The old spiritual says, "Nobody knows the trouble I've seen." Nor does anyone know the joy you have experienced, the love you have felt, the rage that has burned within or why you have felt any of those emotions.

Every religion worth its salt cautions us against judging others too harshly and that's wise. It's fine to look at another's choices and say to yourself, "That's what I would have done!", or "I'd never do it that way!" That's just one process by which we learn and plan ahead for events and challenges that might come our way. But we must guard against turning our private evaluations into public judgments of someone else.

In the grocery store today, frustrated by a nagging cold and with a brain clouded with cotton wooliness, I turned my cart around and banged into a shelf. Noisy, but no harm done. A woman behind me pleasantly chirped, "Well, that must be a sign that we should be smaller!" She could not know that I have lost 20 pounds trying to improve my overall health, nor could she know that I am exercising regularly in service of the same cause nor that I had a cold that was rendering me dull and slow in all things. It was one of those 'helpful' comments that felt unspeakably rude. She has not lived my life and my actions had no impact on hers. She had no right to judge.

Every life happens in a context formed by a long series of events touching our lives and our inborn personalities in a certain sequence. There is no easy way to predict what the outcome of a new event might be in any given life. More importantly, there is no way to predict how any event should impact a life. Why does one person handle an event with grace and refreshed resolve, while another chooses the path of suicide? Why does one marriage survive a challenge while another fails? Why does one person smile and another frown?

It is as if each life story is some complex mathematical equation years or even decades in the writing that has only one possible answer at any given moment in time. I suppose that's why judging others is such a waste of effort.

I don't really know why the girls are more self-reliant, or why the younger wishes she was older. I can – and do -- speculate, but I don't really know. They are our children, but we can't see inside their heads. So I'll just be grateful for their presence in my life and a little more sleep this year.

*See you in church.
Brian*

Campus Ministry Report



The Interfaith Chaplains Association began the U of A school year by serving a hot soup lunch to 500 International students. Each chaplain was responsible for feeding 75 students, we did it with 1/2 pot of soup left over. Much thanks to Jan McMillan and Jolien Pauw for helping me fill my quota!

I helped host an information table for orientation week, cleaned the chapel kitchen at SUB, replaced dishes, utensils and cleaning

cloths. I attended a reception for Francis Robinson, the new Dean of Students, and an interfaith dialogue, 'The Canadian Ecumenical Peace and Justice Movement: Past and Present.' with Dr. Roger Hutchinson. The usual beginning of year planning sessions, Chaplains' meetings, book study with the New York Times bestseller, "The Shack," student discussions and pastoral visits have made September a very busy month.

A new addition to the chapel in SUB is a meditation room, cleaned and painted by the chaplains. I have this booked for two Wednesdays a month, from 4 to 8 p.m. for Unitarian events.

The Campus Ministry Team: Audrey, Gilbert, Suzette and Ray, are putting together several dynamic presentations and will be asking for your help when the program is ready to go.

Treasurer's Report

This church had a \$5,000 deficit for the month of August, due in part to the fact that one of our tenants, Design 21 Lighting, has not paid several months of rent due. We're trying to resolve that rent dispute, but in the meantime our finances are suffering. Until we finish paying off our mortgage in two years things are going to be tight. But you've heard me say that before.

Susan Ruttan, treasurer@uce.ca

Winter Clothing

Yes, it's going to be winter again. Winter clothing and blankets will be picked up from the church by the Boyle Street Co-op starting early October.



Ada Nanning

Do You Have?

The Board is looking for a horizontal filing cabinet that locks (and has a key!) to be donated to the church.

The Green Space

Updates on the Green Sanctuary Project and other environmental news, tips and ideas.

Last Spring the congregation voted to pursue the status of Green Sanctuary. It is a program sponsored by both the CUC and the UUA that encourages individual congregations to review the environmental footprint and practices of their congregation and then undertake a number of projects to improve that status.

To keep you apprised of progress, different members of the GS Committee will write a column each month. But The Green Space will be more than that. We hope to offer news, tips, plans and progress reviews.

For starters there is no fixed program that must be achieved in order to become Green Sanctuary. It is more about the journey than the destination. Our first step is an assessment of our congregation.

In the next few weeks, the GS team will be asking certain committee leaders a few simple questions to help assess our current situation. Then, on Sunday, November 2, Brian and other members of the team will lead a special service exploring the idea of Green Sanctuary. Each church member and friend will be invited to offer an assessment of their own green habits either on-line or on paper. Don't worry! It's not about judgment or guilt! It's just a way of establishing a baseline that will allow us to measure change (if any) over the next year. Please stay tuned and plan to attend the November 2nd service if you can.

Further reading tip:

CanoeNews and the Edmonton Sun have a regular environmental page by Vivian Song. It runs Sundays in the Sun or can be found at:

<http://cnews.canoe.ca/CNEWS/Environment/GreenPlanet/home.html>

The column is different from many covering a variety of topics large and small, global and local. It is interesting reading.



French Fine Dining Saturday, November 1



For some, the very mention of fine dining inspires thoughts of French food. Certainly the French have contributed an enormous amount to the development of European cuisine, right down to the way we organize our kitchens. But French food is not all heavy sauces and ancient ideas. With variations from different regions and economic classes, French food has developed an exciting array of tastes and styles. One thing is constant, however, the food is most often flavoured with herbs rather than spices leaving a more gentle palate of tastes.

Join chefs Brian Kiely, Michelle Van Der Molen, Kathy Stanley and hostess extraordinaire Teilya Kiely as they prepare a varied multi-course French feast on Saturday, November 1 in the foyer. Appetizers at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$50 per person (some wine included) with all profits going to the church Kitchen Fund. We can only seat 16 so please reserve by calling the office at 780-454-8073 or e-mail to chadmin@uce.ca

Entertainment Books 2009

One of the annual fund 'raisers' for our church is the sale of the Entertainment Books and they are available NOW! The cost of a book is still only \$40.00 and features many savings. Take for instance Safeway Store coupons that offer \$5.00 off a \$50.00 order, or M & M Meat Shops with \$5.00 coupons for each month of the year, as well Cineplex movie coupons, live theatre productions, sporting events and many more.

Come by and look at a book any Sunday. Jennifer Hinchcliffe and Shirley Edgar will be available to answer your questions and sell you a book.

CUC Seeks Poetry for its Third Annual Chapbook

The editorial board of the CUC Poetry Chapbook 2009 project are seeking submissions of Unitarian poetry (maximum five poems per submission, each poem 45 lines or less including title and blank lines) from Canadian Unitarians or Unitarian residents of Canada, who are either CUC congregation members, CUC members-at-large or self-identified Unitarians, on themes of Answering the Call : Repondre l'appel - to be considered for publication in our third professionally published chap book, to be made available by the next CUC ACM. Please submit unpublished material to Jo-Anne Elder at eldergomes@yahoo.com or 180 Liverpool Street, Fredericton (NB) E3B 4V5, att'n: CUC Chapbook, by November 30, 2008.

Please also include a 100 word bio. Include an S.A.S.E. if you are submitting via land mail and wish to receive a reply. All work will receive notification of acceptance or not by March 21, 2009.

Of Interest

Faith and Politics: Crossing the Undefined Border- Forum, Maple Leaf Room, Lister Hall, Tues. Nov. 4th - 11 a.m. - 4:30
Jesus for President: Faith, Politics, and Why Americans Can't Keep Them Apart - Public Lecture Tues. Nov. 4th - 7.p.m. - TELUS Centre, U of A

November 4th is election day in the U.S. On this day, in Edmonton, well-known writer and authority on Evangelicalism and U.S. politics, Molly Worthen, will address the intimate relationship between faith and politics in the U.S. in a public lecture, and in a forum where she will be joined by a panel of experts from a variety of faith traditions.

This event is sponsored by the U of A Interfaith Chaplains Association and the Chester Ronning Centre for the Study of Religion and Public Life. Cost for the Forum is \$50. Includes lunch and snacks for break-out sessions. Contact Rick Van Manen, phone 780-492-5327 for tickets.

What Exactly Happens at a Regional Fall Gathering?

All kinds of things! On Friday night, we begin with a gathering of joyful community. We sing, we worship, and we celebrate! We give "regulars" a chance to greet old friends, and have specific opportunities for new folks to meet other like minded UUs from across four provinces.

Saturday, we begin with worship, and then the Children and Youth are off to their respective Zoos--the Children quite literally, and the Youth a little more metaphorically... ..while the adults gather for a day of workshops. This year, our workshops focus on the theme of "Confluence, Divergence and Transition". Rev. Brian Kiely and Rev. Meg Roberts will offer a reprise of their Confluence Lecture, which was so popular at the ACM--looking at how environmental sustainability fits into our Unitarian theology. Regina activist Hillary Craig's workshop will look at this issue on more practical terms--examining our daily choices in our neighbourhoods and communities. The Unitarian Ministers of Canada will guide us in a conversation about ourselves that goes "a little deeper", examining the sources of our religious tradition. CUC Service Consultant John Pater will lead a workshop on meeting the challenge of balancing diverse needs in our worship services--something we all face in congregations filled with people who worship for many different reasons. A group from Saskatoon will examine life transitions, and how Unitarians can mark rites of passage in ways that are beautiful, unique, and truly meaningful. CUC Service Consultant Keith Wilkinson will focus on another kind of transition--ministerial transition--which is something that many of us are currently facing. CUC Service Consultant Liz James will lead a workshop on helping new people feel at home in our congregations--and helping them transition from feeling like a "guest" to feeling like a "spiritual home owner".

Also on Saturday there will be time for reflection, time to relax, and time to connect (either in a structured or unstructured way) with UUs from across four provinces! Activities for "newbies" to the gathering will be provided as well. In the evening, there will be a Multigenerational Dinner and Coffee House, as well as a Youth Led Worship Service to finish the day. On Sunday, we meet again of a CUC information and input session, as well as morning worship with the Calgary congregation.

If you have too much work to do to attend--you might learn something to make that work a little easier. If you don't have the money to attend, there are subsidies available--email Laura@cuc.ca. If you are a little too tired and busy for one more commitment--come see how renewing a good celebration can be!

Your Spiritual Home is throwing a party--we hope to see you there! The Western Regional Fall Gathering will take place from October 17th to 19th in Calgary. Registration information is at <http://www.cuc.ca/programs/gatherings.htm>. The early bird deadline is Oct 3rd.



Aboriginal Walk for Justice

On July 6th, the Unitarian Church of Edmonton, and the UCE Social Justice Committee hosted 26 overnight Aboriginal Walk for Justice guests, who were walking from Vancouver, B.C. to Ottawa to bring attention to 3,000 Aboriginal women who are killed or missing. The walkers arrived in Ottawa on September 14th, and, along with supporters, presented the government of Stephen Harper with names and case information of the women, along with resolutions passed by Aboriginal chiefs from coast to coast, calling for a full public inquiry into the disappearances and deaths.

Audrey Brooks

Kidstuff

Michelle Van Der Molen, DRE

We began with a bang on September 14th – twenty children (ages 4-11) joined Michelle in the large classroom for exploration of “Who are YOU?” Which brings us to the most important part of this month’s newsletter. Are YOU willing to lead a children’s church session for either of our age groups? They are ready and excited to join you! Lessons are organized and “ready to use” with lots of support from Michelle to get ready. Snacks are provided as well. Please consider signing up for a lesson or two or three and come get to know this terrific and growing group of young people in our midst. If you need more information, there will be an information/training session on September 28th after church – snacks provided there, too! Come to the large classroom and find out how you can contribute to the success of Children’s Church! Contact Michelle at 780-454-5816 or dre@uce.ca if you have any questions.

Chalice Children (ages 4-7) meet in the large classroom, located in second hallway. They will be “Celebrating Me and My World” through song, movement, crafts, stories and other activities this year. Pathfinders (ages 8-12) will meet in the small classroom located at end of second hallway. Pathfinders will celebrate “Holidays and Holy Days” this fall, then challenge themselves to make a difference with “In Our Hands: a Peace and Social Justice Program” in the winter and spring.

If you are new to this program, please make sure to ask for an introduction packet, including registration forms. Registering means that we have some contact information about you; we can keep up to date only if you update that information! Whether you are returning to us or new to us, we’d sure like to make sure that we are informed.

There will be a large calendar of events in the second hallway as well, on the outside wall of the large classroom. Please check here if you’d like to see what is happening, as well as in the newsletter and the orders of service.

The Nursery will be staffed by Youth again this year. Many thanks to our able staff– Erin Vandermolen-Pater, Graeme Battigelli, Hannah Jackson and Chandra Smith. If YOU are 11 or older, and have taken the Babysitting course and have an S.I.N., you are invited to apply to be part of our Nursery staff for 2008/09. Please pass on any concerns or comments you might have about the Nursery to Michelle (780-454-5816 , dre@uce.ca)

The Youth have decided... youth ages 12-18 are invited to the VanDerMolen-Pater’s every second Sunday (Sept. 28, Oct. 12) for Popcorn Theology..movies, snack, discussion. Come to 12240-52 Street (ph. 780-477-7576) from 1pm to 4pm, and join in the fun! Other activities will be planned as well. Youth are also invited to sign up to go to Calgary for the Youth Con section of the Regional Fall Gathering (see Michelle for application forms), and to take part in organizing the intergenerational service on October 26th at UCE. Lots of stuff happening...come be part of it. If you are an adult, but young at heart, and would like to participate as a facilitator/leader, please see Michelle as well. (Phone: 780477-7576).

Come to an Autumn Party!!

Young and Young-at-heart are invited to an Autumn party on October 25th at UCE from 1pm-4pm. We will bob for apples, make interesting masks, eat snacks, play games, read spooky stories and celebrate this unique time of year. If you are able to contribute some time and energy to this celebration, please let Michelle know.



Sunday a Day to Make Our Own Joyful Noise

Singing helps make weekly service a special time

By Susan Ruttan

This article ran on the Journal Religion page last August.

A friend of mine claims that people who go to church regularly have a "churchgoing gene", some quirk that sends us to Sunday service instead of out for a run or to Sunday brunch.

My churchgoing gene is tied up with an equally powerful singing gene. Where in our society do people still gather on a regular basis to sing? Only in church. It's the singing above all that makes the Sunday church service a special time for me -- that, and my friends in the congregation.

Few things in life make me happier than singing. I don't think I would be a Unitarian if music wasn't part of the life of the church. Fortunately, it is. The Unitarian Church of Edmonton has a huge choir, a roster of accompanists for Sunday services and an excellent hymnbook.

My love of hymns is lifelong. I treasure a beat-up copy of the 1930 edition of the United Church hymnbook, which I grew up singing as a child. Although I am no longer a Christian and the United Church has long since abandoned that hymnbook, those old hymns are deeply familiar and still move me.

Like all songs, hymns get imprinted in our brains very deeply. Just as we can rhyme off old John Lennon lyrics at will, so I carry inside me old hymn lyrics such as "Spirit of God, descend upon my heart. Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move." Wonderful stuff.

When I first started checking out the Unitarian church a decade ago, I wondered what its hymns would be about, given that most Unitarians don't believe in Christian doctrine. In fact, some of us in the Unitarian Church of Edmonton aren't really God-believers at all; we celebrate the human spirit and the mystery of life more than the god-centred view of things.

It's been a joy to discover that there are lots of things worthy of hymns that aren't part of traditional Christian teachings.

Our choir earlier this year sang a song

called Blue Boat Home, written by American songwriter Peter Mayer. The song is about planet Earth, the blue "boat" on which we humans sail the universe, and it's become one of my favourite songs. Here's part of one verse:

"Drifting here with my ship's companions
All we kindred pilgrim souls
Making our way by the lights of the heavens
In our beautiful blue boat home."

Churches typically try to hit a balance between familiar hymns and new hymns that reflect modern tastes and realities. Unitarians tend toward the modern, yet not entirely. We often take an old hymn tune and put updated words to it. One of my favourites in the current Unitarian hymnbook is: "Just as long as I have breath, I will answer yes to life." Its tune dates from the mid-1600s, which is marvellous.

A special joy is the fact that today Unitarians can meet and know some of the people who write songs we sing. The co-leader of the Unitarian Church of Edmonton choir, Gordon Ritchie, is a gifted songwriter and the choir has sung many of his songs. Unitarians in other parts of Canada also write songs.

Spirituality can be a fuzzy concept, especially for those of us who have abandoned older forms of religion. We who have moved on find our spirituality in other things -- our wonder at the universe, being in harmony with nature, and, for me, in singing. Singing songs in the Unitarian church is a kind of meditation for me. The music lifts me up and the words, if they're meaningful ones, sink into my soul.

Unitarians have learned a lot from older religions when it comes to music, of course. I once attended a day-long program in which participants lived the life of a nun in the medieval nunnery headed by Hildegard of Bingen. Singing was a central part of the daily routine of those nuns.

The Anglicans still have a wonderful church service called evensong, a quiet evening service of readings, prayers and of course, song. I love the idea of evensong. For me it gets the balance right -- lots of music and quiet thoughtfulness.

Too many people today experience music only passively, listening to their iPod or stereo. They're missing the best kind of music,

which is the joyful noise we make ourselves.

Tap into your singing gene: come to church -- any church.

Susan Ruttan is a former Edmonton Journal writer who attends the Unitarian Church of Edmonton and sings in its choir, Choralis. Contact her at treasurer@uce.ca

More Corn, Less Hunger in Honduras

El Aguila is a small indigenous community, in the mountains of the Jesus de Otoro region of Honduras. Most farmers in the community grow a local corn called Matasane.

Through USC Canada's partner in Honduras, the farmers in El Aguila formed a local research committee (a CIAL in Spanish). Due to chronically poor yields, the members of this CIAL decided to improve the Matasane corn. They worked together to improve the variety through selection processes to synchronize the flowering and more deliberate seed selection and conservation. In 2008, corn production in El Aguila was double that of 2005.

In Honduras, June and July are the 'hungry season'; the previous year's corn is finished and the harvest has not started. Food shortages are common. That wasn't the case for the people of El Aguila this year as a result of their collective work in the CIAL. Thanks to the improvement in the variety of corn and the new agricultural practices, the families didn't suffer a shortage of food. To learn more visit the USC Canada website www.usc-canada.org or contact Kgreen@usc-canada.org - please consider subscribing to the e-newsletter of USC for action, events and updates.

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Travel with UUs

Travel with UU's and spend a week on the Mediterranean in Kas, on the Turkish Riviera, with a room of your own. May 4-11, 2009 Our charming 3-star hotel has a swimming pool and

small pebble beach. Three days of excursions include a day-cruise on the sea in a gulet visiting Kekova, and visits to Saklikent Gorge, Xanthos, Patara, Myra, and Demre. Kas has many optional activities to offer - e.g. swim in the sea with dolphins. We need a minimum of 10 sign ups for this to be a go. Please sign up by December 15, 2008. Contact Beverly Carr bgcarr@rogers.com 416-939-4007.

Indigenous Crafts from Bolivia

Sue Berlove is a member of Toronto First Unitarian Church and has a small fair trade business called Indigenous Crafts from Bolivia. She has been working with two groups of Aymaran artisans since 2004, when she first visited Bolivia. The Aymara are native to Bolivia and represent the majority of the Bolivian population. She imports many products including finger puppets, purses, macrame jewelry, and placements. She will tell her story and sell some of these crafts...at church - before and after the service on October 5th.

Sue Berlove

Indigenous Crafts from Bolivia & Three Bags

Full Finger Puppet Pouches

www.craftsfrombolivia.com <mailto:sueberlove@yahoo.ca> (416) 481-4064

Sponsored by the Social Justice Committee

Just a Reminder

If you have a fund-raising idea for the church, please make sure to run it past the Ways and Means Committee to make sure that it fits the schedule and that is appropriate and supported! Please contact Michelle Van Der Molen, Acting chairperson at 780-477-7576 or mavdmolen@shaw.ca with your ideas.

Avgen Gift Card Fundraising

Thanks to all those who have participated in this ongoing fund raiser for UCE. You've seen the notice board and the order forms....some of you now have collections of gift cards and certificates to spend or pass on....but did you know... This is a **year-round** opportunity for UCE-- not just for the holidays. Even a small order every month can add up to money for the church. If you get into the habit

of ordering for stores you are at regularly (like gas stations, or department stores, or grocery stores), we can see this grow! If you would like ideas for making this work for you, please talk to Michelle Van Der Molen. Please turn your order forms (found on credenza, in the foyer) in to Michelle (Barb is away) with a cheque to "Michelle Van Der Molen", not Barb, for now.

Church Photos

I have collected photos and articles of friends and members of our church and church activities. These photo albums are on the desk in the library for your viewing. Please feel free to add any photos, newspaper articles, etc. It would be nice if you dated and labelled the people and activities. And please feel free to label, add names and dates of any of the present photos and put them in chronological order (in case they are not!). Thanks for any contributions you may add to the albums. It will be nice to have this visual memory of our church people and activities.

Sylvia Krogh

Options

Board Members needed: You are invited to apply for a position as a Board Member for OPTIONS: Sexual Health Association Edmonton (formerly Planned Parenthood Association of Edmonton). This volunteer policy board is looking for active, committed individuals who are interested in advancing the Mission of OPTIONS, "Developing in people the affect, skills and knowledge to make informed choices around issues of sexuality, within the context of their values, beliefs, culture and experience". If you are interested in applying, please contact Lance at OPTIONS Edmonton (#50-9912-106 St. Edmonton; 423-3737; lance@optionssexualhealth.ca)

Fabulous Food

Food, food, fabulous food and a big problem in our kitchen. If you are involved in an event that includes food and there is some left over, please make sure that is removed from our tiny kitchen. If you wish it to be used for an event the following day you need to mark it clearly and to see that it is used at that time, including cleaning up. Public Health

Regulations prohibit the storing of perishable food for more than one day. It is impossible for the wonderful coffee makers to handle more than coffee and tea on Sunday mornings.

Property Management Committee

Protecting Our Floors

When it is wet or snowy or muddy outside we really appreciate your taking time to change or clean your footwear just as you would in your home.

Property Management Committee

UCE is a welcoming congregation, which means our community is open to all, without regard to sexual orientation, race, gender, age, ability, or income. It's nice to have you with us.

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UCE Walking Friday Mornings

This group is open to everyone who likes to walk (and talk) and eat! Join us and bring your spouse and friends.

SCHEDULE - Sept 26 to Jan 09, 2009

(Entertainment Books are often useful for the Lunch component of these walks)

Leaders are assigned arbitrarily so exchanges are expected and possible.

1. We always meet at the church at 9:30 on Friday mornings and car pool from there to the walk of the day. (A loonie for in town and a twoonie for out of town to the driver is suggested.) If you prefer to meet us at the starting point of the walk please let the leader (or Dorothy or Helen or UCE office) know.
2. We try to maintain an email list to update you on changes. If you wish to be added to that list please contact Helen Ready or Dorothy Keeler. Many of us carry cellphones.
3. Sometimes we change routes or leaders to accommodate weather or other activities. Check the Order of Service each week. We will try to advise those on our email list in advance but sometimes you will not get that news until you arrive at the church at 9:30.
4. Many, but not all walks, finish with lunch at a restaurant before returning to the church.
5. Many of our walks are dog friendly. If you want more information please contact the leader for the day.
6. If you have a favourite trail please let us know so we can incorporate it into our schedule.
7. Call one of us if you need more information about a route or this program.
8. During the nicer weather we try to go further afield.

Friday Sept 26 - Strathcona Wilderness Centre

leader - Kathy Stanley

Friday Oct 3 - Spruce Grove

leader - Audrey Brooks

Friday Oct 10 - Chickakoo (eat at the Multicultural Centre after)

leader - Jan McMillan

Friday Oct 17 - Fort Edmonton with lunch at

the Selkirk Hotel (Western Regional Fall Gathering in Calgary starts this evening)

leader - Grant Harlton and Sara McEwan

Friday Oct 24 - Mill Creek from the swimming pool - north or south?

leader - Helen Ready

Friday Oct 31 - Riverside Reverse

leader - Dorothy Keeler

Friday Nov 7 - Sherwood Park Natural Area (Apple)

leader - Marjay Russell

Friday Nov 14 - Whitemud Ravine from the Campbell bridge

leader - Christine Bak

Friday Nov 21 - Strathcona Science Park (park at Rundle golf course)

leader - Lise Cloutier

Friday Nov 28 - Southwest Highlands and Blackmud Creek

leader - Dorothy Keeler

Friday Dec 5 - River Valley Road and Victoria Park Rd with Seniors Lunch

leader - Kathy Stanley and/or Shirley Edgar

Friday Dec 12 - Louise McKinney Park and look at the Blodgett poetry

leader - Marlo Miles and/or Elin Logan

Friday Dec 19 - St Albert (a new walk there) - Potluck Christmas Lunch at Dorothy's

leader - Jolien Pauw

Friday Jan 2 - Historical Walking Tour in Downtown Edmonton

leader - Helen Ready

Friday Jan 9 - Emily Murphy Park to Hawrelak Park (cross country ski if there is snow and you can)

leader - Donna Hamar

Dorothy Keeler (780 458 1250) and Helen Ready (780 454 8054)

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

October 2008



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7:00 renter

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7:00 renter

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7:00 Board mtng.
7:00 renter

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7:00 renter

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7:00 renter

2^{11:00 renter}

6:30 renter
7:30 Chorealis

9^{11:00 renter}

6:30 renter
7:30 Chorealis

16^{11:00 renter}

6:30 renter
7:30 Chorealis

23^{11:00 renter}

6:30 renter
7:30 Chorealis

30^{11:00 renter}

6:30 renter
7:30 Chorealis

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7:00 renter

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7:00 renter

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**Newsletter
Deadline**
7:00 renters

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7:00 renter

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7:00 renter



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7:00 renter

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7:00 renter

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9:00 renter
7:00 renter

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12:00 RE
Hallowe'en Party!
7:00 renters

5 "The Spirituality
of Pastoral Care"
noon:
Membership ctte, ;
RE Training

6

6:30 renter
6:45 renter

12 "Coyote
and the
Election(s)"

13



**Office Closed
Turkey Day!**

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9:30 renter

5:30 renter
7:15 Spirit of Life

14^{9:30 renter}

5:30 renter
7:15 Spirit of Life

21^{9:30renter}

5:30 renter
7:15 Spirit of Life

28^{9:30 renter}

5:30 renter
7:15 Spirit of Life

19 "Link
between
Privatization,
Public Interest and
Strong Democracy"

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6:30 renter
6:45 renter

26 "Magic and
MysterY"

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6:45 renter