

# The Edmonton Unitarian Unitarian Church of Edmonton

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## Services for March 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-  
questing 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.

**March 7, 2010** "Through the World to the Sacred" **Don Bailey**  
An exploration of how life and the universe are sacred in and of themselves and not because some Divine Power created them. Our guest speaker is a retired professor of early modern European history from the University of Winnipeg and is a long time member of the Unitarian Church in that city.

**March 14, 2010** **Chorealis and the UCE children and youth**  
"Music of our Dreams"

What pops into your head as you daydream? What did you dream would happen when you grew up? Have some of your dreams come true? With your help, Chorealis and the children of UCE will explore these questions and a few others we dream up.

***Chorealis will be singing this morning.***  
***Daylight Savings Begins—Spring Forward!***



**March 21, 2010** "Big Hearts" **Rev. Brian J. Kiely**  
You will read in this newsletter that we have some financial challenges ahead (Why should we be different from the rest of the world?). Each week I say that this church is a freestanding entity here because we, the members and friends, pay the bills. So how do we manage to be the big-hearted people we want to be in a tough economy?  
***A Capella group Eclipse will be singing this morning. This group of young musicians are sponsored by Gordon Ritchie and Robert Begg.***

**March 28, 2010** **Rev. Brian J. Kiely**  
"Standing for Something - Part Two"  
On February 28<sup>th</sup> we began a conversation on whether or not UCE should cultivate a 'public face' through social justice actions. At time of writing, that service has not yet taken place, but pre-service discussions with many of you leave me convinced that we will need to follow up that first service. I don't know what we will do yet, but I expect it will be pretty interesting.  
***Umoja Choir sponsored by Katherine and Roger Ball will perform this morning.***



## Ministerial Musings

Jimmy Cox's 1923 Blues standard "Nobody Knows You When You're Down and Out" has always been a favorite and is well suited to our times. It tells of a Prohibition Era millionaire who had it all and lost it all, "In your pocket, not one penny. As for friends, you don't have any." I have always liked the lyric, "I get my hands on a dollar again, I'm gonna hang on to it till that eagle grins." It reminds me of those bumper stickers (resurrected again after the last bust cycle) that ask God for another boom and promise not to... um... 'fritter' it all away this time.

And while the media likes to talk about the economic indicators looking positive, I don't think the optimism has filtered down to us common folk yet. I don't see too many people running around on buying sprees these days. Joy and optimism seem to be in short supply.

At a recent Board discussion about our challenging finances, one member noted that the spirit and energy of the church also seems down these days. A change was noted over the last 18 months or so. That remark was a little wake up call. It shook me because I feel it's true. I share the perception.

Is it the economy? I am sure that is part of it. There is a sometimes not-so-subtle air of fiscal anxiety hovering like a fog. I have always believed that money ruins most good conversations because so many of us get nervous when dollar discussions start. Perhaps that is dulling optimism, but it probably goes deeper. The folks who managed the move to this building put heart and soul into it and were pretty beat when we got here. Some of them needed a rest and that was good. It's five years later now and we haven't found a new burst of energy yet, and while we have been taking in new members, our numbers and our donations base really haven't grown. There are probably other reasons as well, but the bottom line is that we're stable...or maybe a wee bit stuck.

That's okay! Stable may be exactly what a good number of us want the church to be for now. It's always tricky trying to gauge people's willingness to embrace and work for change. We sure can't be on that 'growing in all ways' track all the time, it's exhausting. At the same time, stability is, at best, a temporary state of affairs in any life.

Stuck isn't bad either, it's just...stuck. It need not be a permanent or even an unsettling state of affairs. But it does need to be looked at, mentioned, put on the radar or however you wish to phrase it. I am reminded of the bank commercial where the wife says the husband doesn't like looking at the statements. "That's not true!" he protests, and then follows a comedic moment as she pushes it towards him several times and he turns away. The only really negative thing that could happen would be if we ignore the situation. Once we notice something, we begin to make small internal changes that reposition us to meet the challenge.

The Board has begun some meaningful conversations about our finances and would be happy to have you talk to them. The February and March 28<sup>th</sup> services on our public witness (Standing for Something) are an attempt to address church energy and pride from another angle. And of course March is the month for the Fellowship Dinner (the 20<sup>th</sup>) and the kick-off to our Annual Canvass. In addition the Board will be handing out a Skills Survey Census asking you to consider what things you might be willing to do to help our congregation.

We learned during the move that nothing builds spirit and a sense of ownership than working for something that matters to you. In the next few weeks I invite us to take advantage of any or all of these opportunities to, speak your mind, share your ideas and dreams and start or renew your sense of commitment to UCE. It may be corny, but it's also true...Without You, We're Nothing.

*See you in Church!  
Brian*

## **The Annual Fellowship Dinner: "Big Hearts"**

Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> for our annual Fellowship dinner. We will enjoy a terrific dinner again provided by Flavourbudzzz and dance to the tunes of DeeJay Teilya Kiely. There will also be the presentation of the W.H. Alexander award for distinguished service.

Tickets are \$30 each with children under 10 getting in for free.

Cocktail hour starts at 5:30 p.m. with dinner served at 6.

Get your tickets in church on Sundays or reserve through the office.



## **President's Message**

I have on occasion whined to Unitarians from other cities about our serious financial situation, and the response is always the same: "Yes, but you have that fantastic minister. Be grateful for that."

They're right, and I am grateful. In Brian Kiely we have one of the stars of the UU firmament, and we mustn't take him for granted. He is brilliant, creative, optimistic, and deeply knowledgeable about what makes a church succeed. We are very fortunate to have had him leading us for so many years. I have never once left a service Brian has given wishing I hadn't come.

That said, we do have serious financial problems and are once again faced with cutting our spending to the bone. As I write this, we have the possibility of a new renter in the Design 21 office space, but even a new renter won't cure all our money troubles.

So the annual canvass that Andrew Mills is leading is especially important this year. Please, give what you can, so the church can continue. My pledge this year will be \$2,640, up \$240 from last year. I'm now a pensioner so that's a lot for me; but I can't imagine my life without this church.

*Susan Ruttan*

## **Campus Ministry**



On January 10<sup>th</sup>, R Van Manen, Christian Reformed Church chaplain and I presented a dialogue on "The Servetus Affair," at the Unitarian Church of Edmonton. Rick presented information about John Calvin's role in the judgement against Michael Servetus, and Servetus' death at the stake. I presented an outline of the anti-Trinitarian dialogue between Servetus and Calvin, along with a bio of Servetus' accomplishments as a geographer, editor, lawyer, theologian and doctor of medicine. Both Rick and I had bobble heads of our theologians, to add to the presentation.

We were invited to repeat "The Servetus Affair," for the Emeritus Professors Association, which we did, on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January.

On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, the U of A Interfaith Chaplains Association and the Interfaith Centre for Education and Action sponsored the Interfaith dialogue "Walking Together to Create a World of Peace," for International Week at the University. I acted as moderator for this successful event, that included representatives from the Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, and Christian faiths.

Other involvements : I represented Interfaith Chaplains at the bi-monthly Philosophers Café where theological, environmental and philosophical discussions take place at Steeps tea house on Whyte Avenue; I attended a debate between Christian and Atheist professors at Myer Horowitz theatre at the U of A campus; presented a noon lecture about Freedom of Religious practice in the principality of Transylvania in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, at the Interfaith Centre; attended the board retreat of the Interfaith Centre; hosted, with Brian Kiely, the January meeting of the Interfaith Centre at UCE; spoke at the 5<sup>th</sup> annual memorial march for the murdered and missing aboriginal women; participated in scripture discussion with U of A students twice a week; presented Unitarian principles to a group of United Church students; continued hospital and home visiting on behalf of UCE; and did pastoral counselling. I am also planning, with Rabbi Davie Kunin, to offer a "Building Your Theology" course on campus, for September 2010.

*Rev. Audrey Brooks*

## **Reading J.R. Saul's A Fair Country: Telling Truths About Canada**

John Ralston Saul's A Fair Country: Telling Truths About Canada is one the most important recent books about Canada. Saul argues that our foundation myths are wrong and that we owe as much to First Nations ways as to European colonization in the shaping of our nation. In this class, we will read and discuss A Fair Country... We will examine/critique Saul's provocative ideas/assertions, his re-interpretation of Canadian history, and his contentious reading of contemporary Canadian financial, cultural and political life.

**What:** Six 90 minute discussion sessions

**When:** Wednesdays, March 17 – April 21 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

**Where:** Unitarian Church of Edmonton, 10804 119th Street

**Cost:** Free, but you need to find a copy of the book to read

**Who:** Facilitated by Rev. Brian Kiely and guests

Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer or register through the Church Office  
780-454-8073 or [chadmin@uce.ca](mailto:chadmin@uce.ca)

The only requirement/expectation is that you will read assigned pages/chapters before the class, and bring your questions, critiques, and ideas.

## **Labyrinth Walk March 27, 2010**

**10:00 until one o'clock in the sanctuary**

You are invited to attend an open labyrinth. For information, call Bonnie Lea Kyle, 780-453-1331



## Democracy in Action

The Nominating Committee has begun its annual task of seeking candidates for the Board of Trustees, the Nominating Committee and the Ministerial Relations Committee. The committee will be checking with incumbents in the various positions - where the bylaws permit re-election - to see if those individuals are willing to serve a second term.

In keeping with the principle of democratic process, the Nominating Committee invites all members of the congregation to consider serving in one of the following positions.

**Board positions** for 2010 include:

- \* President (one-year term)
- \* Vice-president (one-year term)
- \* Secretary (two-year term)
- \* Two trustees (two-year term each)

### Ministerial Relations

\* Two members are elected at each annual congregational meeting for a two-year term each. This committee acts as liaison between the Minister and the congregation. Periodically, this committee conducts a survey to determine how well the church ministry is meeting the needs and expectations of the congregation.

### Nominating Committee

\* Consists of six members. Three members are elected at each annual meeting for a two-year term.

\* For 2010, the Nominating Committee is also seeking a candidate for a one-year term to fill the vacancy created by the recent resignation of Evelyn Porter.

\* This committee is responsible for presenting to the next annual congregational meeting a list of eligible candidates willing to stand for election to vacancies on the Board, the Nominating committee, and the Ministerial Relations Committee.

For further information, a description of the Board members' duties, or to express an interest in any of the positions, please contact any member of the Nominating Committee:

- \* Lance Beswick
- \* Beth Jenkins: ph. 780-452-6167 or e-mail [bethj@interbaun.com](mailto:bethj@interbaun.com)
- \* Joanne Olafson ph. 780-444-4798
- \* Elaine Reynard
- \* Lynne Turvey ph. 780-479-7399 or email [turvey@shaw.ca](mailto:turvey@shaw.ca)

## South Indian Parrot

A good home is needed for an 8-10 year old, small, South Indian parrot named Shamrock. He is very sociable, likes to sit on your shoulder and whistle with you. He comes with cage and food. You can come and meet him—call Gwyneth at 780-466-2946.



## Financial Snapshot: The Unitarian Church of Edmonton

The Unitarian Church of Edmonton (UCE) relies on financial contribution from its members for most of its income. This is complemented by rental income and fund raising. Revenue from Casinos contributes mainly towards paying down the mortgage and debentures for our building.

The UCE has been in a deficit position the last couple of years, and had to rely on limited surplus funds it accumulated in the past. Those surplus funds are quickly running out.

As UCE members and friends consider their pledges for the forthcoming year, the Finance Committee felt it would be helpful to provide some information on our financial picture:

### Financial Snapshot for Operating Expenses

	2008-9 Actual	2009-10 Forecast
Revenue	\$315,300	\$298,500
Expenses	\$329,592	\$335,310
<b>Projected Deficit</b>	<b>\$14,292</b>	<b>\$37,000</b>

Revenue sources for 2009-10 Budget (top 3 items)

- Identified contributions (members' pledges): \$200,000
- Building Rentals \$ 74,000
- Way and means (fundraising) \$ 12,000

Our building rentals are forecast to be \$100,000 a year. Due to vacancies we are not achieving that.

### Major Expenses for 2009-10 Budget (top 6 items)

- Staff salaries and benefits \$201,900
- Building costs (e.g., maintenance, utilities) \$ 46,800
- Canadian Unitarian Council Dues \$ 23,000 (\$91 each member)
- Interest (e.g., mortgage and debentures) \$ 22,000
- Office expenses and supplies \$ 14,200
- Support for Programs and Committees \$ 13,750

### What is the Finance Committee considering to help balance our budget?

The Finance Committee is looking at how we can cut expenses. They will report in the next newsletter.

### Contributions from Members and Friends

Our membership registry shows 265 members. Not all are active. There are 144 members and friends of the church that pledge financial support. Some others contribute through plate collections. Around half of the pledges are made by the top 25 supporters.

**Increase in annual pledge required to balance budget: 20%**

Ask yourselves: Can I as a member or friend of the Unitarian Church of Edmonton increase my financial support?

*Lynn Wolff, Treasurer*

## **\*CHANGE OF SEASONS\***

Change of Life (no not \*that\* change)

Simplify your life

Declutter your life

Make room in your garage!

We need your "treasures". Contribute to the mounds of slightly used items for our

## **\*MAMMOTH GARAGE SALE \***

**\* May 14 - 15, 2010\***

**\*\***

Suppress your urge to spend money till then.

We will accept your donations in late April..

Co-Chairs: Jan McMillan and Inge Hess

\*PS\*.We will need lots of hands with this main fundraiser.

## **New U**

Welcome to newcomers. Do you wish to learn more about the Unitarian Church and its history and practices? Rev. Brian Kiely will, with the help of the Membership Committee, offer a two part orientation session called the "New U" On Sundays March 14<sup>th</sup> and March 21<sup>st</sup>. The first session looks at personal reasons for connecting with our church and at our history. The second session looks at our theology and structure. Sessions run from about 12:00 p.m. until 2 p.m. and include a free soup and sandwich lunch. Please sign up on the sheet behind the Membership desk at church or contact chadmin@uce.ca.

## **Eighth Annual Child Haven Annual Dinner and Silent Auction**

Edmonton & area supporters of Child Haven are pleased to announce the Child Haven International Eighth Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, April 17, 2010 from 6 pm to 10 pm. We are looking forward to having it at a new venue, the Meridian Banquet Hall, 4820 - 76 Avenue, Edmonton.

Featuring an Indian Dinner, MC Brian Dunsmore of CKUA, Bonnie and Fred Cappuccino, Directors will give a slide presentation on Child Haven Homes in India and Nepal. There will be a Silent Auction of artifacts from Nepal and India and donated items, as well as a sale table of artifacts. Tickets are \$30 per person; children under 10 years are \$10.

We have come to depend on the enthusiastic participation of Edmonton Unitarians and we appreciate it. Thank you for your support.

Tickets available from:

- Sylvia Krogh at 780 - 454 - 6216
- Edwina Madill - 780 - 462 - 2089
- Bonnie Kyle - 780 - 453 - 1331
- Lillias Cowper - 780 - 488 - 5608

**24<sup>th</sup>**

**PRAIRIE WOMEN'S GATHERING St. Michael's Retreat  
June 25 – 27, 2010, Lumsden Saskatchewan**

This years' theme:

“IT'S A GIFT TO BE SIMPLE” or “THE GIFT OF LIVING SIMPLY”

Choosing to live life more simply is a voluntary act that is an expression of human freedom and self worth. Behind this choice is a desire to develop new meanings for the rest of our lives. It includes self-exploration: mindfulness about what is false and negative and addressing what security and success really mean to us. It means a process of becoming in relationships of mutuality through moderation, while practicing choices that motivate and support a simple life style.

It is in this context the Wonderful Unitarian Women of Edmonton invite their Wonderful Unitarian Sisters and Friends, to engage and encourage our journeys toward simplicity by attending the 24th Annual Prairie Women's Gathering at St. Michaels from June 25 – 27th in Lumsden, SK.

Workshop and participation choices center around building an environment to encourage reflection.

Watch for further information in future newsletters. Meanwhile start making your plans to join us. Any questions or inquiries should be directed to the Registrar:

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**ICUU Blog**

The International Council has 'UU Without Borders Blog' (<http://uuwithoutborders.blogspot.com>) that gives a chance for writers from around the globe to post expressions and issues from their culture and nations. Here are two recent posts that demonstrate some of our growing global consciousness and some of our diversity

**Prayer for the People of Haiti from Nigeria**

Matimoju Femi 24 January at 19:00

Lord, I just want to say THANK YOU, because this morning I woke up and knew where my children were. Because this morning my home was still standing, because this morning I am not crying because my husband, my child, my brother or sister needs to be buried out from underneath a pile of concrete, because this morning I was able to drink a glass of water, because this morning I was able to turn on the light, because this morning I was able to take a shower, because this morning I was not planning a funeral, but most of all I thank you this morning because I still have life and a voice to cry out for the people of Haiti. Lord I cry out to you, the one that makes the impossible, possible, the one that turns darkness in to light, I cry out that you give those mothers strength, that you give them peace that surpasses all understanding, that you may open the streets so that help can come, that you may provide doctors, nurses, food, water, and all that they need in a blink of an eye. For all those that have lost family members, give them peace, give them hope, give them courage to continue to go on! Protect the children and shield them with your power.. I pray all this in the name of Jesus!!! To all my friends please continue to forward this so that we can pray together for the people in Haiti. We here are truly blessed!!!!!! Matimoju Femi...First Unitarian, Lagos Nigeria.

## **Ugandan BGLT Rights Advocates Organize at Valentine's Day Conference**

On Valentine's Day 2010, more than two-hundred Ugandans who are bisexual, gay, lesbian, and transgender (BGLT) gathered in Kampala for the "Standing on the Side of Love: Reimagining Valentine's Day" conference. The conference served to organize a response to the anti-gay bill that will soon be voted on by the Ugandan Parliament and to provide support for Ugandans who are facing persecution. Ugandan Unitarian Universalist (UU) minister Rev. Mark Kiyimba convened the conference in conjunction with Spectrum Uganda and other grassroots BGLT community organizations.

Many of the conference participants were young adults. Risking arrest and imprisonment, the courageous activists at this conference engaged in hours of discussion. One organizer described it as a "Pride Parade in a closet." But the subject matter was serious.

Conference participants called for the complete decriminalization of homosexuality and full access to services, human rights, and protection by the state. Sessions included talks by religious and human rights activists. The keynote speaker was Anglican Bishop and Integrity Uganda President Christopher Ssenyojo, a champion ally of BGLT rights who spoke on the theme of love and justice. Bishop Christopher was formerly exiled from Uganda and continues to offer Christian sanctuary to the BGLT community.

The conference culminated in a petition for equality that will be presented to the speaker of the house or a local member of parliament and the conference has promised to bring legal action against the state if the bill is passed. Organizers stated that a procession had been planned to deliver the petition on foot, but as one organizer put it, "If we walk through the streets we will surely be stoned."

Pastor Kiyimba, whose congregation includes many BGLT people, offered this statement about the conference:

I cannot stand by and watch as my community is exterminated. If the bill finally passes into law, our church will go to court and sue the government, because some provisions of the bill contravene the Ugandan constitution.

What this work means to me is that my church can take a leading role in liberating the sexual minorities in Uganda. This work will benefit almost everyone, but we wanted our people to have freedom. The wider view is that the bill can put people in danger, lying about them. People should have freedom of worship and of relationship. The fact remains that BGLT people exist. They are in Uganda.

BGLT people are all ages and types of people. My dream for Uganda is a Uganda that would look like any other country where all people are equal on all sides of the law: black, white, gay, straight, rich, poor. Mandela identified South Africa as a vulnerable nation because there are so many different people, and all of them live side by side. That is what I would like to see in Uganda. It will take a while but I believe it will come.

# Kidstuff

Director of Religious Education, Kat Hutter

## We Need Volunteers!

The Children's Church needs volunteers from the congregation every week who are willing to:

### Spend one Sunday as a 'helper' in Children's Church



or

### Bring in a snack for Children's Church

If you are willing to help out, you can sign up

in the lobby, or contact Kat Hutter, DRE: (780) 454-5816, dre@uce.ca



## Programs for Children and Youth

**Our nursery is available for children ages 0-4** during the church service on Sundays. It is staffed by youth from the congregation, with occasional support from adult volunteers. Please make sure to sign your child in and out when you make use of the nursery.

Parents who have small children who prefer to stay with them during the service are welcome to use our quiet room, as well as the activity bags located in the coatroom.

**Our Chalice Children's class, ages 4-7**, meets in the large classroom, located in the second hallway.

**Our Pathfinders class, ages 8-12**, meets in the small classroom located at end of second hallway.

**The UCE Youth Group, ages 12-19**, meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month from 10:30 to 12:30 to eat, play, dance, move, watch "educational" movies, make "educational" movies...and lots of good stuff. If you have questions, please call Michelle Van Der Molen (Youth facilitator) at 780-477-7576 or email mavdmolen@shaw.ca

**The UCE Parents' Group** will meet on Sunday, March 21st in the large children's classroom after the service. Little ones are welcome to attend.



## **Unicamp**

Featured program for 2010: every Friday in August, there will be a weekly drum circle followed either by storytelling or dancing! 2010 brochures are available at your congregation's Welcome Table.

Looking for somewhere to have your church picnic or board retreat? Why not at Unicamp? Contact [admin@unicampofontario.ca](mailto:admin@unicampofontario.ca) to make your reservation today! In July, Unicamp offers week-long camps for children ages 7-13 and youth 13-15, as well as a Counselor in Training and Leader in Training program. In August, there are 3 weeks for families to come to camp as well as weekend programs such as Sacred Circle Dance and the Magic of Music.

If you've never been to Unicamp, 2010 is the year you to discover and experience the magic yourself. Contact [admin@unicampofontario.ca](mailto:admin@unicampofontario.ca) or telephone 519-822-6353 to make your reservation. Or find out more at [www.unicampofontario.ca](http://www.unicampofontario.ca)

## **Needed: Warm Winter (only) Clothing**

Bissell Street needs winter clothing for men and women; coats, sweaters, socks, gloves, toques, boots, blankets, especially blankets to carry and large and extra large sizes for men.

Please bring and put in the big white wooden box provided in the foyer. Barbara Forbes 780-439-4553 and Marjola Muelher 780-463-6136 will co-ordinate and be available for any questions.

## **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](mailto:mavdmolen@shaw.ca) with your ideas.

## **Recycle and Reuse!!**

Bring your pop cans, wine bottles, tetra paks (not soup ones), milk containers to church, and help our garden grow. They can be dropped off in the kitchen annex. Money raised from the return of these items by the bottle pickers (Donna, Jan and Dorothy) helps keep our garden looking lovely and occasionally helps pay for special projects not covered in our church budget, such as the carpet installed in our front entry last year.

## **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 with a cheque made out to Michelle Van Der Molen.

## **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.

## **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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## **People Finder**

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<b>Worship Committee: John Pater</b>		<b>780-477-7576</b>

## UCE Walking Friday Morning

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

### SCHEDULE - March 5 - May 14 2010

NOTE: WE LEAVE FROM UCE AT 10 am until daylight saving ceases when we start our walks at 9:30 am.

NOTE: Leaders are assigned arbitrarily so exchanges are expected and possible.

1. We always meet at UCE and car pool from there to the walk of the day. A loonie in town and twoonie out of town for the driver is suggested. If you prefer to meet us at the start point of a walk please check with the leader and Dorothy or Helen.
2. We try to maintain a current email list and have a phone tree so that we can alert you about significant arrangement changes. IF YOU CARRY A CELL PHONE WE ENCOURAGE TO YOU TURN IT ON DURING THE WALK FOR THE SAKE OF SECURITY AND COMMUNICATION WITHIN THE GROUP.
3. Most walks finish by lunching together before returning to UCE. (Entertainment books are often useful for the lunch component of these walks)
4. Some walks are dog friendly. If you are unsure please check with the leader.
5. Let Helen or Dorothy know about your favourite walks for future inclusion.
6. Walks are cancelled if the temperature and windchill combined is lower than -20. During nicer weather we often travel further and take more time. Note those in bold type.
7. If you would like to get information about our walks or join our group please call Dorothy at 458 1250 or Helen Ready 454 8054

**Fri Mar 5** - Hawrelak Park

leader - Jan McMillan

**Fri Mar 12** - McDougall Hill Heritage Trail (6)

leader - Elaine Reynard

**Mon Mar 15** - Thurs Mar 18 - Wm Watson Lodge Retreat

**Fri Mar 19** - Victoria Park to Ezio Farone Park to Glenora

leader - Kathy Stanley

**Fri Mar 26** - Mill Creek Ravine North (7)

leader - Abigail Smith

**Fri Apr 2** - Zoo to Hawrelak

leader - Helen Ready

**Fri Apr 9** - Queen Elizabeth Park and the Famous Five Parks (8)

leader - Shirley Edgar

**Fri Apr 16** - Spruce Grove

leader - Sylvia Krogh

**Fri Apr 23** - Mill Creek Ravine south (10)

leader - Ruth Hill-Smith

**Fri Apr 30** - St Albert Adventure

leader - Jolien Pauw

**Fri May 7** - Clifford E Lee Natural Area

leader - Liz Cloutier

**Fri May 14** - Surprise spot for a walk and your picnic lunch in the SW of Edmonton

leader - Sharon Ingraham

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>March 2010</h1>						
	1 7:00 renter S	2 9:30 renter S 5:30 renter S	3 7:00 renter C1	4 10:00 renter S 6:30 renter C2 7:30 Chorealisis S	5 10:00 Walkers 7:00 renter C1	6 7:00 renter C2
7 "Through the World to the Sacred" noon Membership C1	8 7:00 renter S	9 9:30 renter S 5:30 renter S	10 7:15 Board mtng C1	11 10:00 renter S 6:30 renter C2 7:30 Chorealisis S	12 10:00 Walkers 5:00 renter S 7:00 renter C1	13 9-4 renter S 7:00 renter C2
14 Daylight Savings Begins "A Fair Country" noon New UU C2; Social Justice C1; Nominating, 2:00 renter	15 7:00 renter S	16 9:30 renter S 5:30 renter S	17 7:30 -9:00 A Fair Country C2	18 10:00 renter S 6:30 renter C2 7:30 Chorealisis S	19 9:30 Walkers--note time change Newsletter Deadline 7:00 renter C1	20 5:30 Friendship Dinner S 7:00 renter C2
21 "Big Hearts" noon New UU S Green Sanctuary S 5:00 renter S	22 7:00 renter S	23 9:30 renter S 5:30 renter S	24 7:30 -9:00 A Fair Country C2	25 10:00 renter S 6:30 renter C2 7:30 Chorealisis S	26 9:30 Walkers 7:00 renter C1	27 10:00-1:00 Labyrinth S 7:00 renter S 7:00 renter C2
28 "Standing for Something Part 2"	29 7:00 renter S	30 9:30 renter S 5:30 renter S	31 7:30 -9:00 A Fair Country C2			



# CANVASS 2010

## Big Hearts Campaign



Dear Members and Friends of UCE,

March is canvass month. We are a congregationally funded church. We do not receive money from a denominational group or from any other religious organizations to help us operate. We need to operate exclusively on the money we raise from our members and from any other resources we can gather. In this letter I want to review the two types of funding that we need to operate our church; building operating costs and program costs.

For many years now our building rents have covered our building costs. This is true not just in this building but in our previous building on 110 Ave as well. We had a bit of a set back this year when we lost two tenants at the same time but now our building is fully rented again. We now have two engineering firms that are renting our front office spaces and a bottle depot using the warehouse area for storage. Thanks to everyone that worked toward getting these spaces rented again. Our renters provide stable funding for our building operating expenses and let us concentrate on raising funds for programs.



Our main fundraising needs are for our programs. Programs include the payment of our staff, the supply of equipment and materials, and expenses in support of church activities. Our budget to cover program costs last year was \$255,000. In order to reach that amount we usually need to see identified contributions (pledges) of \$200,000. Other sources, including some building rent, makes up the funding difference.

So where do our pledges come from? In the last year we had 210 member individuals or families that were asked to pledge. Of that group 70% contribute identified donations to the church. We receive 90% of our pledges from about 50% of our member families (and friends!). This core group of supporters all contribute at least \$600 per family per year. That works out to around \$12 per Sunday or \$50/month. From time to time I get asked what kind of contributions people should give to the church; I suggest starting at \$600 a year so that you can join our group of core supporters that provide 90% of our funding.

This church is supported through the financial contributions of our members and friends. It's time to pledge your contribution for the coming year. Fill out the attached pledge form now and either send it back to the church or drop it in the collection plate. March the 14<sup>th</sup> and the 21<sup>st</sup> will be the official canvass Sundays but you are welcome to contact me any time.

Thank you to all the Big Hearts that support our church.

Andrew Mills  
Canvass Chair



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Yes! I want to support the work of the Unitarian Church of Edmonton.  
Here is my pledge for the coming year:

### This is how much I want to pledge:

Increase my pledge by 5%;

The same as last year; or

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_

Pledges run from 1 Jul 2010 to 30 Jun 2011

*Help us meet  
our goals by  
adding 5%  
to last year's  
pledge*

### Here's how I will pay my pledge:

With preauthorized withdrawals  
(Which I already have set up or I am  
enclosing a void cheque.)

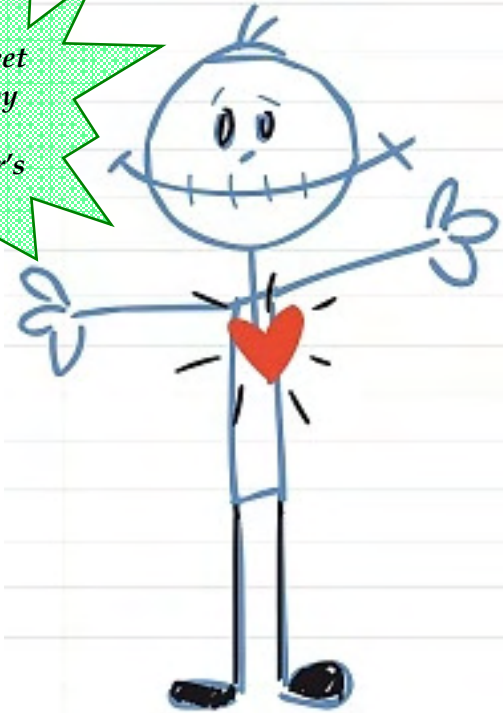
With a cheque or cheques that

I've included,

I will put in the plate,

I will send later

Or this other way \_\_\_\_\_



### Make sure you send me a receipt!

Make the receipt out to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

For Preauthorized withdrawals:

By signing this form and providing my banking information (with a void cheque provided now or previously) I authorize UCE to regularly deduct the amount of my pledge until I indicate otherwise.

Comments:

OK, now that I have my instructions for this year written out I will mail this note back to the church or drop it in the collection plate.

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