



The Edmonton Unitarian Unitarian Church of Edmonton

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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.

Services for Summer

Services Begin at 10:30 a.m.

July 4, 2010 Michael Jenkins and Beth Jenkins
“Insects of the Garden Pests, Predators and Pollinators”

July 11, 2010 “2009 Trip to Argentina” Sylvia Krogh

July 18, 2010 John Pater
“Summer Reading List”

A time to reflect on why reading and summer-time go so well together. Come prepared to share a recommendation for summer reading, and maybe an excerpt or two from a recent or favourite book. Or come and hear what the rest of are reading this summer.

July 25, 2010 Jim Logan
“Why I believe in no Thing, a Pot Pourri of Iconoclasm”

August 1, 2010 “Poetry as a Spiritual Practice” Corinne Jackson

August 8, 2010 Ad Hoc Theatre

August 15, 2010 Karen Stevenson
“Living our UU Ecological Identity”

This service will provide an opportunity for discussion and reflection exploring themes of our ecological identity and values and character traits needed to move from an intellectual commitment to the environment to an effective eco-justice consciousness. Karen will draw from the workshops she and Rev. Frances Deverell facilitated at this spring’s Canadian Unitarian Council’s conference in Victoria.

August 22, 2010 Erin Van Der Molen Pater
“Theme Songs”

August 29, 2010 Audrey Brooks and Bonnie Kyle
“Celebrating UU Creativity”

September 5, 2010 “Words and Phrases” Kat Hutter
Spiritual terms resonate with all of us in different ways. This sermon will explore how words like God, worship, and church are interpreted by a diverse set of people and invite the congregation to reflect on their own assumptions about religious words.

"Uninhibited" Marching Under Sunny Rainbow Pride Skies

Some 30 to 40 Unitarians from Westwood and UCE (and 100 per cent of our ministers!) turned out to cheer, wave and march in Edmonton's 30th annual Pride Parade. This year we followed the Roller Derby women, and just ahead of an NDP contingent, so you can bet the crowd was pretty noisy.

We saw lots of familiar faces in the crowd as well including prominent Gay activist Murray Billett who called out thanks for our continued support and participation.



As always, the crowd was as interesting as the paraders. The outrageous outfits and make-up was not confined to the marchers! Two standouts this year: One was a couple on the way to celebrate their marriage who came with groomsmen and bridesmaids in full wedding regalia to cheer on the parade. The other was a tiny Muslim woman with three children. She was wearing her hiqab (headscarf) but was out on the road waving and snapping photos of the parade with a smile on her face.



Later my daughters Lily and Elora enjoyed the post parade activities. Elora dunked herself in the pool at City Hall while Lily took part in painting a mural closer to Churchill Square.

But as much fun as it all was, the part that always moves me is something else. "Uninhibited" is sometimes a dirty word in our culture. Canadians are reluctant to be uninhibited about anything (except maybe hockey). We certainly don't spend a lot of time celebrating sexuality.

But for me, that is exactly what the Pride Parade is, a celebration of human sexuality in all of its splendour. Certainly it is also still a reminder of a minority in society that needs protection in the forum of human rights. But the way that reminder is given has changed over the years. Now parade marchers and watchers alike turn out dressed in various provocative ways not to shock, but to celebrate who they are. It's not the magazine model types dressed in fishnets, bustiers and low cut ball gowns (and that would be every gender I am describing). It's the everyday human beings of all orientations coming out and saying "Hey, I'm a sexual being too, and I want to celebrate everyone's orientation, and isn't that fun?" And it is.

Yup, if you never have been it might be hard to get one's head around the idea of skimpy, sexy outfits being the harbingers of good, clean prideful fun, but that's what it is.



Rev. Brian J. Kiely

Research Participants Wanted

This question of relational spirituality will be explored in an upcoming study of couples with a child diagnosed with cancer.

Having a child with cancer is perhaps one of the most difficult burdens that can be imposed on a family. It may be hard for families in the midst such a frightening experience to see the grace of God. The goal of this study is to explore how professionals can provide clinical support to the couple to enhance their spirituality and

help the whole family to cope better. Couples are being recruited to participate in 90 minute interviews.

Some research has shown that parental coping and the amount of distress experienced by parents during childhood cancer is reduced by spirituality, however, to date there is no research that explores how spirituality works in the couple relationships. This study focuses on the parents' because research shows that the strength of the couple relationship provides the foundation for the whole family. The parent's marital relationship can affect how the child with cancer adjusts, how the whole family functions, and how they cope emotionally.

Although most people fear the thought of dealing with a cancer diagnosis, surprisingly many families who have experienced it will say that there are positive aspects mixed in with the negative. Some of the positive effects of experiencing a journey with cancer are the increased meaning of life, deepened religious faith and increased closeness in relationships. Through this study we hope to help more people experience such positive effects.

Leigh Tegtmeyer is a Master's degree candidate in the Master of Arts, Pastoral Psychology and Counselling program at St. Stephen's College in Edmonton. If you are a parent of a child who has had cancer and would like more information about this study and how to participate, please call Leigh at 780-488-9476 or email leigh_teg@hotmail.com.

A Birthday Celebration



Marion De Shield celebrated her 90th birthday at the church on June 13th. A great time was had by all!!

Summer Simplicity Circles

An ongoing simplicity circle will be meeting every second and fourth Sunday in the summer after church in classroom 1. Anyone who is interested in getting together to talk about environmentalism and living more sustainably are welcome to attend.

Join Chorealis at our Summer Barbecues

Another great year singing in Chorealis came to a close when we sang gospel music at the service on May 2nd and followed that with our windup pot luck the following Thursday at the church. Thanks to our wonderful Co-Directors Karen Mills and Gordon Ritchie for sharing their love of singing and leading us and inspiring us to heights we never thought possible. We are so blessed to have them. And a special thanks to Maurice Bourgoïn who has acted as our librarian all year long. When he informed me last month that he had emptied all the folders and filed the music, I told him that he was now allowed to leave for his summer home in Quebec!

We invite you all to come to two summer barbecues this year. The first one is at the home of Susan Ruttan on Thursday, July 15th. She lives in the Highlands at 11129-51 Street and her phone number is 780-477-3663. Directions: Head east on 111th Avenue to 51st Street, turn right (toward the river) and her house is half-way down the block. There will be a sign. She has a big garden, and if the weather is bad there is enough room inside.

The August barbecue is on Thursday, August 19th at the home of Marilyn Gaa in Windsor Park. Her address is 9318 Edinboro Road and phone is 780-432-7660. Directions to her house: Choose your route as if you are going to the U of A campus, like the Faculty Club or Butterdome. Edinboro Road is off 116 Street one block South and parallel to Saskatchewan Drive. The Gaas live on the third block of Edinboro Road, facing a little triangular park. Permission from the city to park will have been arranged so ignore the "No Parking" signs.

Both events start at 6:00 pm, and we ask that you bring an appetizer, a salad or a dessert to share, and something to barbecue. (And a lawn chair if you have one.) Also some wine, beer or whatever you drink on a beautiful summer evening.

Our first rehearsal in the fall is Thursday, September 9th at 7:30 pm here at the church. New members are always welcome. No singing experience necessary.

Jan McMillan

Gen XY

The social group for young-ish, Unitarian adults (anywhere from age 20 to not yet retired) will meet every 1st Sunday of the month after church in classroom 1.

We are also planning several outings this summer including:

July 10 th	Baseball game
July 24 th	Freewill Shakespeare Festival
Mid-August	Fringe Festival
September 10	Eskimos Game

Check out our blog: <http://ucegenxy.wordpress.com/>, to find out more about Gen XY events.

An Archivist is Needed

Are you interested in history? The church needs an archivist to take care of our precious historical papers. You'd get to visit the Provincial Archives for training and then spend a very few volunteer hours sorting through papers at the church. Then you'd get to take those papers to the Provincial Archives for proper storage. Let Linda know via email (chadmin@uce.ca) or by phone after August 30th (780-454-8073).

Kidstuff

Director of Religious Education, Kat Hutter

We Are Recruiting Teachers

Children's Church is currently looking for four adult volunteers to teach the Pathfinders class, ages 8-12, for the upcoming year.

Teachers help in designing lesson plans, set up materials, and teach lessons.

If you would like to apply to teach Sunday school classes in the upcoming year, please contact Kat Hutter, DRE: dre@uce.ca



The Nursery

The nursery is now closed for the summer, and will reopen on September 5th.

Quiet bags are still available with colouring activities for children who attend summer services with their parents. Families are also invited to use the quiet room where toys are available for small children.

Recruitment for nursery staff for the upcoming year will be underway soon. Any youth who have taken their babysitting course and would like to work in the nursery should contact Kat Hutter, DRE: dre@uce.ca

Needed

Bissell Street needs 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 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.

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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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 - July 2 to Sept 10

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

1. We always meet at UCE and carpool 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 weather is unsuitable. 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 780-458-1250 or Helen Ready 780-454-8054

Fri July 2 - Wagner Natural Area
leader - Jan McMillan

Fri July 9 - Hasse Lake and picnic lunch
leader - Helen Ready

Fri July 16 - Whitemud Ravine (from the river south)
leader - Ruth Smith-Hill

Fri July 23 - Wabamum
leader - Sylvia Krogh

Fri July 30 - McKinnon Ravine and the Museum
leader - Audrey Brooks

Fri Aug 6 - Devonian Gardens (picnic lunch or buy it there)
leader - Elin Logan/Abigail Smith

Fri Aug 13 - Elk Island National Park
leader - Lise Cloutier

Fri Aug 20 - Rundle Park
leader - Sharon Ingraham

Fri Aug 27 - Ribbon of Steel and across the river on the Blue pedestrian Bridge
leader - Dorothy Keeler

Fri Sept 3 - Millet
leader - Donna Hamar

Fri Sept 10 - The nature centre loop
leader - Dorothy Keeler