



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 January

Services Begin at 10:30 a.m.

January 1, 2012 “Reflection on the Stories of 2011” **John Pater**

Come for a service where we share the significant moments and stories of the year past. We'll spend time reflecting on the personal, the societal and the fictional stories that had meaning for us in 2011. In other years this has been a potluck, but this year just come as you are for a special time together on New Year's morning.

January 8, 2012 “Celebrating Our Second Principle” **Chorealis**

What has celebrating "justice, equity, and compassion in human relations" (our second principle) looked like at UCE over the years? What does it look like now? Together, we'll learn about this congregation's efforts, big and small, have made the lives of our congregation and our community better.

January 15, 2012 "Dancing in Desolation" **Rev. Antonia Won**

The New Year is traditionally a time of new beginnings, a time when the seasonal wheel is turning and we are supposed to feel optimistic about life. But when our challenges are so big that we don't know where to begin, feelings of loss, futility, even despair can knock at the doors of our souls. Sometimes we deny these by jumping into new projects, and sometimes we become complacent, feeling it pointless to do anything. How might we nurture ourselves in challenging times? What can we do to strengthen ourselves until we see where new possibilities lie and hope returns? Antonia Won does congregational development for the CUC in Western Canada and B.C.

January 22, 2012 **Facilitated by John Pater**

“Reflections on What Inspires Us”

This will be a joint video presentation and facilitated discussion on where we go to for inspiration - the arts, nature, intellectual discourse, relationships ... What is the source of inspiration for you?

Our guest musician today is Terry McDade.

January 29, 2012 “Seeking Peace” **Rev. Anne Barker**

What is the price of busy-ness? In the quiet cold of January, this service is an opportunity to focus on personal and communal peace.

President's Report

I think back over 2011 and remember our accomplishments at UCE. I cherish the friends and fun of UCE.

I thank all of you for everything you do for our church community.

May the closeness of friends and family, the comfort of home, and the unity of our communities renew our spirits this New Year.

Kathy Stanley, President UCE

Sabbatical Postcards

While on his sabbatical Brian will be submitting occasional things he finds in his studies or postcards of his travels. This month he writes : An eastern ministerial colleague of mind offered this interesting bit of discovery:

"In doing some research for Sunday (with the topic of 'incarnation'), I came across a book by Edward Hays called "Secular Sanctity". Hays is a Catholic priest. One review writes: "In the most startling chapter, the author proposes the question mark as a new holy symbol for people. Hays describes it as a prayer tool of the saint and mystic: the creative tool of the artist, genius, and explorer; a probe to shed light on thorny issues; and a means of awakening the child within. He notes: 'A truly great religion does not give answers so much as it raises great questions that challenge the believer to search inwardly for the answers.' After all, we need only remember how often Jesus used questions in his parables and teachings."

Introducing Jennifer Stewart

"The minute I walked through the door, I knew this was my spiritual home," says Jennifer Stewart. She walked through the doors of the Unitarian Church of Edmonton last spring and hasn't looked back. She's now a church member and her three children attend the children's program on Sundays.

Jennifer is a Registered Nurse with the Canadian Armed Forces. She moved here from Ottawa in December 2009, and was then deployed from CFB Edmonton to Kandahar where she worked in the NATO hospital. She was in Afghanistan from October 2010 to May 2011, treating the terrible wounds of the Afghan war.

"War is really horrific and to see it up front and personal, it really impacted me," Jennifer says. The hospital obeyed the rules of the Geneva Convention, treating Taliban fighters along with Canadian soldiers.

Being a single mom new to Edmonton, Jennifer came to UCE looking for a community for herself and her children – eight-year-old Cameron, six-year-old David and four-year-old Phoebe. She thinks the open-minded, questioning approach to truth at UCE is just what her children need.

Welcome, Jennifer



Susan Ruttan

It is as impossible for man to demonstrate the existence of God as it would be even for Sherlock Holmes to demonstrate the existence of Arthur Conan Doyle.

Frederick Buechner, American writer and theologian

How Can We Have More Guest Musicians?

Our church services are always greatly enhanced when we have guest musicians. However, our budget often cannot cover the honorarium (\$100) to pay for a performer. If you would like to sponsor a guest musician this year, I would be happy to arrange one. Maybe it could be in honor of an anniversary, a birthday or in memory of someone who was special in your life. Or maybe you just want to hear fine musicians on a Sunday morning! Please let me know if you are interested in sponsoring a guest and we can include that information in our newsletter and order of service or you can do so anonymously. (It would be added to your regular contribution for a tax receipt.) See me at church or by let me know by email janjimmc@gmail.com

Jan McMillan

Added Dishes to our Church Dinnerware

A special thank you to Mike Beraha, Marg Roche, Stella Clarke, Bryce Missall and Michelle Van der Molen for their generous donations to purchase much needed pieces to add to our white dinnerware. We were often short when serving at our many church functions. (We Unitarians love to cook and eat!) If anyone else would like to give our new kitchen a Christmas or New Year's gift, we also would like to purchase dessert bowls for our dinnerware. Please talk to Kathy Stanley or Jan McMillan if you would like to make a contribution.

Baubles, Bangles and Bling Was a Blast!

And..... a marvelously successful one!

We are so grateful to the many people who offered their treasures for our classy Boutique. Things we'd never imagined arrived: beautiful pottery, crystal, silver serving wear, china, art and the perfect, very anonymous collection of gorgeous, valuable jewelry that tempted not only ourselves but everyone who came to browse.

Thanks too to our volunteers who assisted in the set-up along with the 4 days of the sale. Linda fielded many a query to the office, took last minute ads for church services and was helpful in so many ways as well.

We are delighted to tell you that the money raised will be used to have an electrician install lighting across the front entry and parking area of the church.

Various people have asked about a possible date for the next boutique 'showing' and while we two are bowing out of this endeavour we would be willing to mentor those wishing to carry it on.

With immense appreciation for all who made our Baubles Boutique such a marvelous event....

Edwina Madill and Elin Logan

Creartedmonton

Creart is a multi cultural project focused on young people between 14 and 20 years of age and will provide an integrated school of arts that allows young people to explore a varied range of expressions, styles and ways of seeing the arts. The classes will be free at the Parkdale\Cromdale community league 85st 11335, and will be given by volunteers with knowledge in the areas of dance, theatre, yoga, music, painting, literature, audio visual and event management.

Instructors and students will work over a period of ten months within different artistic genres and will combine them to create an integrated and theatrical presentation to share with the larger community.

Those interested in volunteering please send an e-mail to volunteerscreart@hotmail.com

Those young people interested in participating in Creart interdisciplinary art school please send an e-mail to creartedmonton@hotmail.com Classes start in February.

Irish Shindig II

Yes, the Irish Shindig that packed the church last spring is returning this March 10th. We will again have the live Irish music of the O'Neills and we'll have food and fun for all ages. This is our annual membership dinner, our biggest party of the year. So mark your calendars.

We have a challenge: the man who cooked for 150 people last time, Rev. Brian Kiely, will be on sabbatical for the next Shindig so we won't have Brian this time. We need a planning team to come up with a delicious menu and figure out how to produce it at modest cost. Willing to help? Please contact Susan Ruttan at church, at 780-477-3663, or at ruttans@shaw.ca, or watch for the signup sheet.



Child Haven International 10th Annual Dinner and Silent Auction

Friday, April 13, 2012 - 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Meridian Banquet Center

4820 - 76 Avenue, Edmonton

Tickets \$40 adults, \$15 children 5 - 12, no charge children under 5 years

For tickets contact: Lillias Cowper 10640 - 59 Street,
Edmonton, AB T6A 2K7

780-488-5608

For Silent Auction contributions contact: Bonnie Kyle 11512

- 135 Street, Edmonton, AB, T5M 1K8 780-453-1331 [minimum value \$25, please; include your full name, full address and phone number and the dollar value of your item]

If you wish to volunteer contact: Sylvia Galbraith 780-455-6741



Kidstuff

Director of Religious Education, Kat Hutter

An Invitation to Parents and Caregivers

January 15th, 12:00 p.m., classroom 2

Want to get involved, or just find out how things work? Join us for a meeting of the Religious Education Committee after the service on January 15th. This is the group that gives input into planning for the children's lessons and organizes parties and special occasions. Childcare will be provided for the meeting.

Sharing Our Abundance

Some members and/or visitors like to make a direct contribution to our designated recipient by way of a cheque or cash with an included note. As UCE has no way of managing these donations through our bank accounts (nor does it allow for the donor to receive a tax receipt) we request the following:

Should you choose to write such a cheque, kindly make it out to the order of the charitable organization. UCE can then include your cheque with that of the church's at month's end. The organization will then mail you your tax receipt.

Cash donations will be added to our unidentified contributions with half of the amount going toward that month's charity.

Thank you for your anticipated co-operation.

Edwina Madill, Head Teller

Sermons

The sermon sound files are now up to date on the church website <http://www.uce.ca>. In the future, the files for each month will be added to the website in the first or second week of the following month. Questions or comments are welcome; please e-mail them to billlee@ualberta.net.

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.

Bissel Centre Wish List

New Items- Diapers, including pull-ups, gifts for young children

Books, CD's cosmetics, combs, games for teens

Hoodies for adults and teens, heavy toques, socks

New/gently Used- Heavy wind and waterproof gloves and mitts, snowsuits, snow boots, towels, grocery bags- note that knitted items are not waterproof, so are not useful for those living on the street.

Please bring and put in the big green 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.

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 front of the double doors by the kitchen. 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 - January 6, 2012 - April 20, 2012

NOTE: Leaders are assigned arbitrarily so exchanges are expected and possible. We meet at 10 during Standard Time and at 9:30 during Daylight Saving time.

1. We always meet at UCE and carpool from there to the walk of the day. We suggest a driver donation of a loonie (in town) or twoonie (out of town) each way. If you prefer to meet us at the start point of a walk please check with the leader and/or Dorothy or Helen.
2. Walks out of town (which take more time) are noted in bold type.
3. Walks are cancelled if the weather is unsuitable (eg -20 including windchill). We try to email changes ASAP. If in doubt check your email before you leave home.
4. Most walks finish by lunching together before returning to UCE. (Entertainment books are often useful for the lunch component of these walks)
5. Some walks are dog friendly. If you are unsure please check with the leader.
6. Let Helen or Dorothy know about your favourite walks for future inclusion.
7. We try to maintain a current email list and have a phone tree so that we can alert you about significant arrangement changes. Ask Helen or Dorothy if you would like a copy. **WE ENCOURAGE TO YOU TURN ON YOUR CELL PHONE DURING THE WALK FOR THE SAKE OF SECURITY AND COMMUNICATION WITHIN THE GROUP.**
8. 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 Jan 6 - Whitemud Creek South from Rainbow Valley

leader - Ruth

Fri Jan 13 - Mill Creek Ravine north from the swimming pool

leader - Abigail

Fri Jan 20 - Hidden Trail

leader - Inge

Fri Jan 27 - Gold Bar to Rundle Park

leader - Shirley

Fri Feb 3 - Laurier Park

leader - Liz or Elaine

Fri Feb 10 - Hawrelak Park

leader - Kathy or Helen

Fri Feb 17 - Mill Creek Ravine North from Muttart

leader - Kathy or Dorothy

Fri Feb 24 - St Albert

leader - Nonie

Fri Mar 2 - McKinnon Ravine

leader - Audrey

Fri Mar 9 - Kinsmen Park (E or W?)
leader - Shirley

Fri Mar 16 - Emily Murphy to Hawrelak
leader - Donna

Fri Mar 23 - Ft Edmonton Footbridge
leader - Barbara

Fri Mar 30 - Muttart to footbridge and then east

leader - Jan or Donna
Wm Watson Lodge R and R.

Fri Apr 6 - Muttart to footbridge and then west and up to downtown?

leader - Jan or Donna

Fri Apr 13 - St Albert

leader - Jolien

Fri Apr 20 - Roper Ponds

leader - Dorothy

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

January 2012

1 "Reflection on the Stories of 2011"

2

7:00 renter S

8 "Celebrating Our Second Principle"
2:00 renters S

9

7:00 renter S

15 "Dancing in Desolation"
noon Religious Education C2

16

7:00 renter S

22 "Reflections on What Inspires Us" noon,
Social Justice C1

23

7:00 renter S

29 "Seeking Peace"
noon, Membership C1

30

7:00 renter S

3

10 9:30-11:00
renter S

5:00 renter S

17 9:30-11:00
renter S

5:00 renter S

24 9:30-11:00
renter S

5:00 renter S

31 9:30-11:00
renter S

5:00 renter S

4

2:00-4:00 Food Bank Social Hall

11 2:00-4:00 Food Bank Social Hall

7:00 renter C1

18 2:00-4:00 Food Bank Social Hall

25 2:00-4:00 Food Bank Social Hall

5:00 renter S

5 10:30 a.m.
renter S

7:30 Chorealis S

12 10:30 a.m.
renter S

7:30 Chorealis S

19 10:30 a.m.
renter S

7:30 Chorealis S

26 10:30 a.m.
renter S

7:30 Chorealis S

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5:30 renter S
7:00 renter C2

13 9:-10:30
renter S

7:00 renter C1
7:00 renter C2

20 9:-10:30 renter S
Newsletter Deadline

5:30 renter S
7:00 renter C2

27 9:-10:30
renter S

5:30 renter S
7:00 renter C2

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4:00-8:00 renter Soc Hall
7:00 renter C2

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7:00 renter C2

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7:00 renter C2

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5:30 renter S
7:00 renter C2