

# The Edmonton Unitarian Unitarian Church of Edmonton

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## Services for February

### Services Begin at 10:30 a.m.

**February 5, 2012**

**Lance Beswick, Lay Chaplain**

#### **"Homelessness and Poverty in Edmonton"**

Lance, who works at Boyle Street Community Services, will be leading the service with speakers from Boyle Street.

**February 12, 2012**

**Chorealis**

#### **"Reflections on Our Third Principle"**

We as Unitarian Universalists affirm acceptance of one another and encouragement of spiritual growth in our congregation. This morning Chorealis will perform music from the Taize tradition. Guest musicians are Alison Grant-Préville, flute and Marcus Fung, crystal bowls. Marcus will offer a musical meditation before the service.

**February 19, 2012**

#### **"Sharing the Lessons"**

**Kat Hutter, DRE**

In the children's program, Sunday mornings at church are active, personal and participatory. This family day weekend we will have an intergenerational service that explores our church from the kid's point of view. Expect storytelling, sharing over candles, songs, and a few hands on activities inspired by what our children have been learning.

**February 26, 2012**

**Rev. Richard Reimer**

**Lutheran Chaplain, University of Alberta**

Struggling with forgiveness last year, I made it my Lenten discipline to read holocaust survivor Simon Wiesenthal's, "The Sunflower: On the Possibilities and Limits of Forgiveness." The cover of the book poses the provocative question, "You are a prisoner in a concentration camp. A dying Nazi soldier asks for your forgiveness. What would you do?" I will reflect on what I gained from this exploration.

## Sabbatical Postcards

Hello friends.

In the first couple of weeks of my sabbatical I had the pleasure of attending two exciting seminary courses at my old school in Chicago. They were right in line with my project of looking into how the church might need to change and adapt in order to serve the needs of younger adults even as we continue to serve the Boomers and the Builder generations.

As a course project I started a blog called [Divining the Digital Reformation](#). I invite you to visit and perhaps even become a 'follower' (click the button and you will be notified whenever there is a new post.) Some of you already have, but to let you know what it's about, here is the first post from January 5:

### **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.

Hi Folks,

This is the beginning of a kind of diary of a sabbatical project. I'll explain in a bit. To start with, I'm a 56 year old minister at the Unitarian Church of Edmonton, Canada. I have been a minister for 24 years, which means I went to school a long time ago back when churches were churches and the Internet was barely into its infancy.

"Churches were churches?" Yep. Meaning you went mostly on Sunday mornings to hear some guy like me brilliantly, wisely (and, of course, humbly!) sermonizing about life, religion, politics sometimes, morality, principles and so on. There were hymns and music and an offering and children some of the time...you know, church.

That still happens, of course, but church is changing, no matter what flavour of religious popsicle you lick. It used to be that we (who were part of them) all understood how church worked. The church was really run by volunteers who were members who stuck around for at least 5 years and often 30 or 40. They passed around the jobs and supported the church with money as well. They were the pillars and the backbone.

The thing is, we are entering a new age. Volunteers are harder to find. The idea of commitment and even community is changing in the age of social media, the Twitterverse and radical democratic communication.

There's nothing wrong with that, of course. Everything changes in time and technology is not to blame...never has been. Ever since the invention of the alphabet, people have been complaining that these technological innovations would be the ruin of society as we know it. I'm serious about the alphabet complaints, BTW and will mention that in another post. True society changed, but it was because people had new tools and chose how to make use of them in ways they thought made their lives better. I can't challenge the will of that many people.

But the change brings anxiety to church systems. For one thing those aging pillars still want the church to be the place they knew and where they can still feel comfortable. Seems pretty reasonable to me. They invested the time and money and deserve that support. The trouble is that not enough newer church members share those expectations, or are willing to give to the community in the same way their elders did with either time or money. And this is a generation not likely to have as much money to contribute anyway. That's fine too.

The challenge for today's church leaders, lay and ordained, is how to serve the needs of both groups in what is certainly a period of transition and may even be a Digital Reformation.

My Edmonton congregation has kindly granted me an earned sabbatical of several months and I have decided to try to learn and explore these issues. As a first step I am in Chicago right now at my old seminary, Meadville/Lombard. Next Monday we begin a week of intensive lectures on digital/spiritual literacy. I have been doing a lot of prep reading for the course and a lot of ideas are firing across my synapses. This blog will be a place to share some ideas that I learn, explore some of the things that come my way and hopefully, be a place where people like you can help me learn more.

So this is the start.

And in closing I want to offer a shout out to Elizabeth Drescher, the scholar and author of *Tweet if You Love Jesus: Practicing Church in the Digital Reformation*. Her term Digital Reformation - used in my title - suggests that we are seeing change that is far greater than a minor alteration in the way we do church. Instead she thinks we are on the edge of a completely new paradigm for religious discussion and discernment,

one driven not by fogeys like me, but by all of you, empowered by the radical democratization of communication tools and abilities.

Let's see where this leads, shall we?

Cheers  
Brian

If you want to visit, click the link above or here:

<http://diviningthedigitalreformation.wordpress.com/>

## President's Report

### **Bundle up, brave the cold, and warm up with the love at UCE**

The Board is accepting submissions for the W. H. Alexander Award which will be presented at the March Shindig. The W.H. Alexander Award is your opportunity to honor an extraordinary person within our spiritual community. Nominating rules are printed in this newsletter.

Our fellowship dinner will be called the March Shindig (same as last year). The date is March 10 so please mark your calendars and get your tickets early as last year was a full house. The Irish band, the O'Neills, will be back this year and the reviews were excellent from last year.

We are already enjoying our lay leaders and guest speakers as Brian's Sabbatical is in its early days. The Sabbatical committee put together a truly interesting offering of speakers and topics so...

See you at church  
Kathy Stanley, President UCE

## Blue Christmas

*My apologies to Christina for missing this in the January newsletter. Better late than never? Linda* Thank you to all who pitched in once again this year to help make Blue Christmas such a success. This has quickly become one of my favourite holiday traditions, and it's the hard work of the tremendous volunteers that makes it all possible. (If you've never participated, consider signing up for next year!) It's a real joy and a true blessing to work with you all.

Christina Keast

## It's Our Annual Party!

Get your tickets now for the annual fellowship dinner of the Unitarian Church of Edmonton on Saturday, 10 March. Again this year it will be a St. Patrick's Day celebration which we're calling an Irish Shindig, with live Celtic music from the O'Neills. You'll enjoy a yummy meal, lots of conversation, presentation of the Alexander Award to our top volunteer, and maybe some dancing.

Last year the place was packed, so don't wait – get your tickets now. We've kept the prices very low: \$10 per adult, \$6 for kids aged 2 to 12. Tickets are on sale at Sunday services or by calling the church office at 780-454-8073.

The party starts at 4 p.m., supper at 5:30-ish. Kids very welcome. BYOB.



## Introducing: Harry Sierink and Anne Nelson

You may recognize Harry Sierink and Anne Nelson from their volunteer duties as ushers at some Sunday services. Being an usher is a good way to meet people, Harry says.

The couple have been attending the Unitarian Church of Edmonton for about a year and are now members.

"It's just been a good place to go, where everyone is accepted for who they are," says Harry. Anne adds: "I like the sense of community."

While their original religious background is Christian, Harry is a Ritualist – which means, a follower of the northern gods such as Thor, Freya and Saga. Another term for it is Asatru. Here's hoping he'll tell us more about that some time.

Harry works for Edmonton Public Schools and Anne works for Covenant Health. She hopes to become a full-time hospital chaplain. They have four grown children, the youngest being 18-year-old Nicholas.

Welcome, Anne and Harry.



## W.H. Alexander Award

The objective of the annual W.H. Alexander Award is to allow the Unitarian Church of Edmonton to honour a person or persons for extraordinary services provided to benefit the Church community.

### RULES:

1. Nominations must be made in writing by members of the Unitarian Church of Edmonton and must include reasons for nominating the person or persons.
2. Members of the board may not submit nominations.
3. Persons who have been staff members or members of the board within the preceding year are not eligible to receive the award.
4. Past staff members and members of the board are eligible if the services for which they are recommended were not performed during the period when they held these special positions.
5. Members of the board will select the winner of the award from among the nominees at a regular board meeting. The final decision must be supported by a majority of the board members.
6. There is no limit on the number of times a person may be nominated for, or win, the award.

Please note date of submissions has changed. Nominations must be submitted to the Board by **February 24, 2012**. Nominations may be put in the President's mailbox.

## Democracy – Principles in Practice

Participation in the democratic process is one of the UU guiding principles. In keeping with this principle, the Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for:

- Board executive and trustee positions
- Nominating Committee
- Ministerial Relations Committee

In order to present a full slate of candidates at the Annual General Meeting, the Nominating Committee will be approaching members of the congregation over the next few weeks to ask about their willingness to serve in various roles/positions.

**Board positions** for 2012/2013 include:

- President (one-year term)
- Vice-president (one-year term)
- Secretary (two-year term)
- Two trustees (two-year terms)

### Ministerial Relations

· Two members are elected at each annual congregational meeting for a two-year term each. This committee acts as a 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. 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 Ministerial Relations Committee and the Nominating Committee.

If you would like more information and/or are interested in serving in any of the positions, please contact any of the Nominating Committee members:

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Christina Keast	mckeast@shaw.ca	780-471-0872

## **\*Movie Night for Young Adults\***

**Friday, February 24th, 7 p.m.**

**Location T.B.A.**

Approximately once a month the Gen XY group for younger adults gets together for a movie night. If you'd like to be included on the email list for adults ages 18 - 35 please sign up on the credenza in the lobby.

## **Do You Want to Improve School Climates for All Students, and Particularly LGBTQ Students?**

Are you a youth interested in developing leadership skills, sharing your story, and giving back to the community?

We are looking for you!

The Institute for Sexual Minority Studies and Services and Edmonton Public Schools are excited to announce our new "fYrefly in Schools" program. This program, based on Camp fYrefly's peer-to-peer mentorship model, is geared towards promoting LGBTQ-awareness in local junior and senior high schools.

Ideally, we are looking to train 20 youth to help deliver school---based presentations throughout the 2012 school year. All "fYrefly in Schools" presentations are facilitated by experienced presenters in conjunction with student panelists.

Where: Room 5---180 Education North, U of A

When: 10am – 3pm, February 4, 2012

RSVP: By January 18 to [hillyard@ualberta.ca](mailto:hillyard@ualberta.ca) To participate in this peer---to---peer educational program, you must attend the training on February 4<sup>th</sup> ***Though the deadline has passed, if you're interested, I recommend you contact Dr. Wells***

Questions? Please contact Dr. Kristopher Wells E---Mail: [kris.wells@ualberta.ca](mailto:kris.wells@ualberta.ca)

Phone: 780-492-9908

## **An Evening Singing with Carolyn McDade**

**Wednesday March 7<sup>th</sup> 2012**

**7:30 to 9:30 PM**

**Unitarian Church of Edmonton**

Find inspiration, sustenance and celebration with Carolyn at the piano and lyrics in your hands. A great way to warm the late winter ~ singing together favourites, old and new ~

Admission by Donation

Refreshments Provided

Proceeds to the Widening Embrace Project ~ for the generations of life who continue beyond our time ~

Event Information: Sara McEwan

[hisaram@gmail.com](mailto:hisaram@gmail.com)

780 426 7748

Carolyn McDade draws on the power of the human voice to sing and speak humanity toward liberating transformation. For decades she has moved us to deeper human consciousness and to understand ourselves as part of a living planet. Circles of women sing songs rooted in experiences that encompass the spiritual and political, planetary and cosmic.

As a social activist, Carolyn connects people of all faiths, to touch families throughout the world with a sense of communal responsibility to care for each other and to work for a sustainable world.

For more information visit: [www. carolynmcdademusic.com](http://www.carolynmcdademusic.com)



# EDMONTON 1912 UNITARIAN 2012 *Canvass 100*



Welcome to this year's 100-year Canvass. No, I'm not going to carry on for 100 years, but I am going to highlight some of the things that happened back in 1912 when the first Unitarian church was founded in Edmonton. It is amazing to think about how far we have come in 100 years.

In 1912 John Walter's ferry still crossed the river at 105 Street. Shortly after that the High Level and Walterdale bridges were completed. Then in 1915 a large flood damaged the cable mechanism and the ferry was dragged up on the shore for the last time. I find it an interesting connection to the past that the ferry boat is still there on the river bank under the bridge.



Our connection to the past is our church. Though our donations and volunteerism we keep this church operating now 100 years later. So now it is time once again for all members of this church to declare their support. Attached to this newsletter is a pledge form; there is also an online form at [www.yxd.ca/2012](http://www.yxd.ca/2012). Please take a moment right now to let me know how you will help support the church in its 100<sup>th</sup> year.

Andrew Mills  
[andrew@misc.ca](mailto:andrew@misc.ca)

## **Do You Know about a Place for My Dog and Me?**

My name is Patrice Dion; I travelled from Montreal by bike, on my way to the Yukon with my dog, Napoleon. For two months, we have been house guests with Audrey Brooks, but I have decided to work here for awhile to improve my English, to repair my equipment, and need a small place to live while I do that. Audrey says Napoleon is well behaved, he does not bark, and gets along very well with people. If you have place to rent, or can suggest a place, please call me. Phone 587-588-7906 – cell or Audrey at 780-489-8842.

# Kidstuff

Director of Religious Education, Kat Hutter

## Mystery Buddies

Mystery Buddies is here! Each year children and adults are matched in Mystery Buddy pairs who write letters back and forth until our Reveal Party in April, when they discover the identity of their pen pal. We kick off this year on February 12<sup>th</sup>, just in time for Valentine's Day. If you or children in your family would like to participate, please sign-up as soon as possible in the lobby.

## Ways You Can Help

There are always opportunities to contribute to children's program here at the church. Below are some ways you can help out this term, organized by commitment type:

- Every Sunday until June, with prep work
  - Classroom teacher, Chalice Children
    - ★ Teach lessons from our set curriculum for 1 term to 4-7 year-olds. Involves planning, prep work, and classroom management skills.
  - Youth co-leader
    - ★ Help lead youth group on Sunday mornings. Involves planning and prep work.
- Last Thursday of the month until June
  - RE Committee
    - ★ Join in children's program planning and give your input.
- Special Event Planning
  - Organize Family Community "Giving Back" event:
    - ★ Be a part of a group planning and running a party in appreciation of older church members.
- 1 Sunday, then it's over
  - Classroom assistant
    - ★ Join a class as a helper during the service
  - Bring a snack
    - ★ Bring some fruits, veggies or cheese for approximately 25 kids
  - Help us spread the word
    - ★ Grab some of our brochures from the credenza and share them with others



If you are interested in any of these ways of helping and don't know how to sign up or get started, contact Kat Hutter, DRE, at [dre@uce.ca](mailto:dre@uce.ca) or (780) 454-5816.

## **Child Haven International 10<sup>th</sup> 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



### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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 - February 3, 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 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

## Corrections for the Directory

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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

# February 2012

**5** "Homelessness and Poverty"  
noon Nominating Cttee C1  
4:30 renter SH

**12** "Reflections on Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Principle"  
noon Social Justice C1; Solar Sunday, SH 2:00 renter S; 4:30 renter SH

**19** "Sharing the Lesson"  
4:30 renter SH

**26** Rev. Richard Reimer speaks  
noon Membership Cttee C1  
4:30 renter SH

**6**  
7:00 renter S

**13**  
7:00 renter S

**20** Office Closed

**27**  
7:00 renter S

**7** 9:30 renter S  
5:30 renter S  
6:00 renter SH

**14** 9:30 renter S  
5:30 renter S  
6:00 renter SH

**21** 9:30 renter S  
7:00 renter C1  
6:00 renter SH  
5:30 renter S

**28** 9:30 renter S  
5:30 renter S  
6:00 renter SH

**1**  
Food Bank 2-4  
7:00 renter C1

**8**  
Food Bank 2-4

**15**  
Food Bank 2-4

**22**  
Food Bank 2-4

**29**  
Food Bank 2-4

**2** 10:30 renter S

7:30 Chorealis S

**9** 10:30 renter S

7:30 Chorealis S

**16**<sub>S</sub> 10:30 renter

7:30 Chorealis S

**23**<sub>S</sub> 10:30 renter

7:30 Chorealis S

**3** 9:00 renter S

5:30 renter S  
7:00 renter C2

**10**<sub>S</sub> 9:00 renter

5:30 renter C1  
7:00 renter C2

**17** 9:00 renter S  
**Newsletter Deadline**  
5:00 renter C2  
5:30 renter S  
7:00 renter C1

**24** 9:00 renter S  
5:30 renter C1  
7:00 renter C2

**4**  
7:00 renter C2

**11**  
7:00 renter C2

**18** 9:00 renter C2  
7:00 renter C2

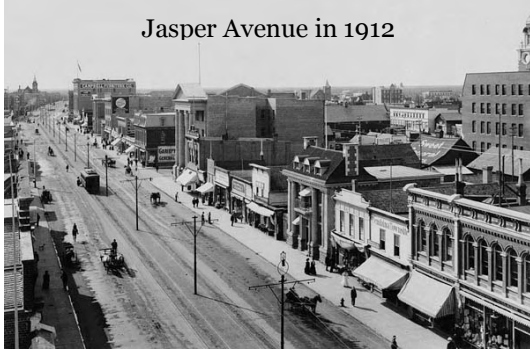
**25** 5:30 renter S  
7:00 renter C2



# EDMONTON 1912 UNITARIAN 2012 *Canvass 100*



One Sunday evening in April 1912 a group of liberal Christians met at the Blue Moon tea rooms for their first service. That meeting turned into the first Unitarian church in Edmonton.

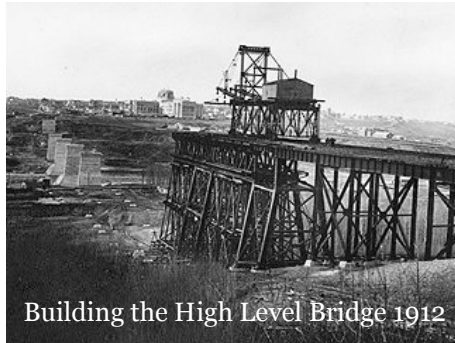


Jasper Avenue in 1912

So what was it like in 1912? What was the background against which this church was founded? In this year's Canvass I will explore some of the interesting things I have found out about the church and what Edmonton was like in 1912. It's interesting to compare what was happening then with what is happening now.

In 1912 they were starting a new church. They had bylaws to write and organizational details to address but they also needed funds; something that is still true today! In those days a labourer's wage was about \$1/day but they called Rev Pineo for the very generous salary of \$1800/year (teachers earned half of that). But the call to liberal religion was so strong that they cranked up the funds and got the Unitarian church started in our city.

Now it's time for us to crank up\* the funds for another year. Please take a moment to fill out a pledge form and drop it in the collection plate or mail it in. You can also find an electronic pledge form at [www.yxd.ca/2012](http://www.yxd.ca/2012) if that is more convenient.



Building the High Level Bridge 1912

## A Window to the Past

Edmonton in 1912 had a population of 53,000, with 50,000 of those people having arrived in only the previous ten years. It was a true boom town and a new and vibrant community.

In 1912 the High Level and Rosedale Bridges were still under construction – the Walterdale ferry still crossed the river at the bottom of Old Fort Road. Jasper and Whyte Avenues were still unpaved dirt tracks even as Edmonton and Strathcona merged into one City.

Labourers building the new legislature building were earning \$1 a day, there was only one building completed at the UofA (Athabasca Hall), and the Hotel MacDonald had just started construction.

- Quebec Bulldogs win Stanley cup over Moncton
- Admunsen claims S. Pole
- Scott dies in Antarctic
- \$5 bill is introduced
- Pulitzer Prize founded
- First parachute jump

I am also available to discuss your pledge if you would like to talk to me in person. Please call me or email me at the contact points below. I am available from now until Feb 25<sup>th</sup> and then again starting with Canvass Sunday on Mar 18<sup>th</sup>.

Unitarians have supported a church in Edmonton for nearly 100 years now. I trust I can count on your support as we start our next century!

Andrew Mills  
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\*electric car starters were only invented in 1912 so all cars started with a crank





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## Pledge Form

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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:

Your name:

Choose 1 of the following:

- I would like to pledge 10% more than last year
- I would like to pledge the same as last year
- I would like to pledge a specific amount  
*If you want to pledge a specific amount  
then enter that amount here for the period from  
1 Jul 2012 to 30 Jun 2013*

How will you pay your pledge? (choose 1)

- I have preauthorized withdrawals set up
- I would like to set up preauthorized withdrawals (call Andrew)
- I will give cash or cheques:  
(select from below)
  - which I have already sent to you
  - that I'll send later (explain in the notes)
  - which I will put in the collection plate
  - through some other arrangement (explain)

Any Other Notes or Comments:

Now that your pledge is filled out either drop it in the collection plate on Sunday or mail it back to the church .

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