

UCE is an active, participatory congregation. In addition to the weekly service, we offer a wide variety of programs, events, activities, and committees including opportunities to periodically conduct church services.

UCE Walkers

Every Friday, 9:30 AM, a group of 6 – 12 meet at the church and car pool to the start of the scheduled walk. Many walkers elect to join for lunch after. Dogs are welcome. We vary the walk locations; schedule published in the newsletter and order of service. Join us for exercise, familiarization of the walking trails in and around Edmonton, socializing and lunch. Each year the group organizes a 3 day trip to William Watson Lodge in Kananaskis. Contact: Dorothy Keeler, 481-0094.

Chorealis

Choir - this is a non-auditioned, 4-part mixed group that gathers weekly to enjoy singing together. We sing a wide variety of music; once a month we sing at the Sunday Service. Practice: Thursday evenings 7:30 – 9:30 PM, September to June. Contact: Jan McMillan, 453-2097
Choir members host several pot luck dinners and BBQ's; everyone is welcome.

Chalice Circle

Groups of six to ten people meet on a regular basis, ranging from bi-weekly to monthly for discussion, activities and fellowship. Chalice Circles develop their own programs, and as such each is a unique reflection of its members interests and talents, although the overall focus is on

deepening our spiritual development in communion with each other. Please join us on the journey of life.
Contact: Jolien Pauw, 460-7737

Children's Program

The Unitarian Church of Edmonton provides a variety of religious programs for our youngest members. We have a **Nursery Program** with qualified childcare providers for the babies to 4 year olds. A simple program is offered for the 2-4's which encourages music, art and verbal expressions of their spiritual questions.

For the older children, the **Children's Program** allows integration in the adult services by regular attendance for part of some of the services. **Intergenerational services** throughout the year are the contribution of the children to the religious life of our community in a more formal sense.

In the **classroom**, the children explore the important questions of life from a Unitarian perspective, using our **Principles and Sources** as a guideline. We explore other belief systems as well as our own, in order for the children to learn to respect other traditions.

We have a **Youth program** mentored by specially trained advisors, to meet the spiritual needs of youth 14-18. It allows the nurturance and encouragement of youth to develop as people of conscience in the Unitarian tradition. It gives them opportunity to join with other Unitarian youth across Canada and the world.

Throughout the year we have special events and celebrations, which include all members of the Church in joyful participation. We offer workshops of

special interest to those concerned about children.

There is a Director of Religious Education (DRE), who jointly with a Religious Education (RE) Committee, plans programs and events and provides support to parents in their raising of children in a Unitarian tradition. Extensive volunteering by the adults of the congregation allows the children to experience themselves as a vital part of our religious community. If it requires a village to raise a child—this church is your village.

Entertainment Books are available.

Contact: Jennifer Hinchcliffe, 488-8350

Annual Friendship Dinner and Dance Saturday, March 11

Spring Luncheon

For the seniors of our church, retired and semi-retired members and friends.

Contact: Barb Appleton, 456-0157

Picnic in the Park

Each June a service is conducted in the park across the street, followed by a family picnic and social.

Workshops

April 4, 11, 18 - Croning

Contact: Audrey Brooks, 489-8842

Religious Education Learning

April 8 - "Songs of Protest"

Contact: Rosemary Manning, 454-5816

Care and Connections

The Care and Connections Committee represents the commitment of our church community to be supportive of one another. Members of the Care and Connections team listen carefully, can be there when times are difficult, or when you and your family are searching.

We offer confidentiality in a framework of genuine caring, based on the purposes and principles of this church.

We believe that members and friends of our church, regardless of race, creed, social status, gender, age or sexual orientation are part of our caring community.

Speak to us. We want to get to know you. Watch for us at church services and events. We will be wearing our Care and Connections name tags. Office hours are from 2-4 p.m. each Wednesday at the church. Or, if you prefer, you may discuss your concerns directly with our minister, Reverend Brian Kiely (after April 17, 2006). Audrey Brooks (team facilitator) 489-8842, Karen Stevenson 461-1708, Jolien Pauw 460-7737, Paul Burnell 417-2036, Florence Campbell 452-1425, Elin Logan 481-9311, Mary Campbell 434-5932, Alex and Elaine Kozeluk 987-2174.

Committees

The church offers a number of committees such as Social Action, Membership, Denominational Affairs, Finance, Property Management, as well as an elected Board of Trustees. Participation ranges from member at large to executive positions.

Chaplaincy

Our two Lay Chaplains provide services on behalf of the congregation. Lay Chaplains solemnize marriage ceremonies, perform funeral and memorial services, child dedications and other ceremonies that mark significant milestones.

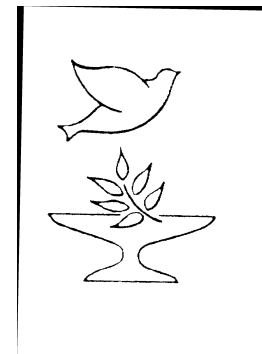
In keeping with our Unitarian Principles supporting religious freedom and respect for all individuals our services are particularly attractive to couples or families with differing religious backgrounds or no religious background.

Lecture Series on topical subjects such as “Religions of the World” and “the Bible from an Historical Perspective”

There are also regular activities held at the church that are not church sponsored, such as Yoga, Quilting and Toastmasters.

The church is also available for rental space for workshops, concerts, meetings, etc. Contact: Linda Stolee, 454-8073.

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