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**Theme: What Will I Risk?**

**March 4**

**"Risky Women"**

**Revs. Audrey Brooks and Brian Kiely**

#MeToo, Missing and Murdered Women...women are standing up as never before and taking risks to demand their rights and to right wrongs. In celebration of International Women's Day, let's look at what's involved in risk taking. <https://www.facebook.com/events/556661731378223/>

**March 11**

**Do You Suffer from the Fear of Being Fabulous?**

**Chorealis**

Every one of us, at some point in our lives has been subjected to some form of commandment to NOT break out beyond where we came from and be who we truly are. We can end up feeling blocked by what can be called "the fear of being fabulous." This morning, as affirming Unitarian Universalists we don our rainbow flags and celebrate a kaleidoscope of diversity: working, loving, and living on the side of love. <https://www.facebook.com/events/153379712041701/>

**March 18**

**"Taking a Chance"**

**Rev. Brian J. Kiely**

In business 'risk assessment' usually means trying to figure out how to avoid taking chances at all costs. But life isn't a business. Sometimes we decide to take a chance, other times we have little choice. <https://www.facebook.com/events/208601416359813/>

**March 25**

**"Taking a Chance on UCE"**

**Rev. Brian J. Kiely**

The Board has been looking at questions about identity as a faith and as a congregation. Stating that we go to church often feels risky to some people. Explaining Unitarianism is even harder and many of us start with "Well we aren't..." Let's take a risk to think positively. <https://www.facebook.com/events/169599710331470/>

## Ministerial Musings

What does it mean to be a Unitarian Universalist? What does it mean to be part of UCE?

Well, those questions are likely to be answered differently by each person who claims the titles.

Many of us arrive at this church for the first time a little wary of religious stereotypes we have encountered. We wonder if we will fit in with the people we meet. We wonder if we will like what we hear in the services. We wonder if the theology will make us feel confined or uncomfortable. For some, coming to church is about crossing off the reasons why we might not want to come back. We start by dealing with negatives.



Not surprisingly those who do come back feel a measure of relief with the answers they find to all of the above questions. Because many of us start with those concerns, when someone asks us what Unitarians are, we often begin with, “Well they are NOT...” You can fill in the blank for yourself.

That was how I first answered the questions when I started attending a long time ago. Sometimes and in certain situations I still find myself saying, “Well, we are not that!!!” It’s usually a response to someone trying to stick me and my church in a pigeonhole of their own design.

Over the last months the Board has been discussing a book called “Fishing Tips”. It’s an account of how a United Church congregation in Calgary changed their point of view and their activities and grew in astonishing ways. One of the steps they took was to become clearer on who they are and how they carry out their mission. It’s a lesson we might all find useful. In the weeks ahead we encourage conversations about who we are as Unitarians. Maybe we can move away from “They are not” to “We are!” spoken with enthusiasm and ownership.

See you in church!

Brian

P.S. On a personal note, the Kiely family is moving in March to the Alberta Avenue part of town (114 Avenue and 96 Street). I will be in the new house doing some painting and renovation the week of March 12-16 and using up some accrued vacation time. I will be available by phone and email, but just out of the office that week.

## Religion on Tap



Join us for our first informal drop-in social and theological discussion evening of 2018. “Religion on Tap” will be on Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, Metro Billiards, 10250 106 St starting at 7 p.m.  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/2073269139557998/>

## Invitation to Newcomers

If you are receiving our monthly *Newsletter* and are not yet a member of the church, but would like to be, please contact [Church Administrator, Janet Polkovsky, Phone: (780) 454-8073 -- [chadmin@uce.ca](mailto:chadmin@uce.ca) to start the process of becoming a fully-fledged member of our very vibrant community. We look forward to welcoming you.



## The Truth about Canvass

March 2018

Ok, I'll admit it. The picture of the monk is a fake. If you look at the mountains you can see the curve of the earth which means the picture is from very, very, very high up. There is no way the monk could be standing on a piece of mountain that high (not without a space suit). From Mount Everest you can see the curve of the earth, but the monk is looking down on the mountains from space. It's not that hard these days to create images that can fool the eye. Try telling a 6-year-old Harry Potter fan that magic isn't real! The first movie I saw where I knew I was being tricked by special effects was 2001 A Space Odyssey in 1968. I was 10 years old. I couldn't spot the difference between the real and the imagined then (the effects were excellent). I only learned about the special effects from reading an article about them in a magazine. I believed what I read in the magazine because they were reputable and subscribed to a standard of journalism.



This morning, I was up early enough to see my morning paper delivered. I watched as the delivery person drove his car down the street, delivered one more paper and drove away. On my street with 22 houses only two are having a newspaper delivered. Now that makes me feel old! So where are people getting their trusted information these days? Where do they go to verify what they've just read on Wikipedia? Where do they go to get their truth?

Our church is a place where you can explore truth. In community we bring the stories and news of our days together for discussion. We look at the mythology of gods, goddesses, and demi-gods and choose what we will take away as truth. So I ask you to support your church. It is a place where you will find a community that is interested in helping you to find your truth; and, aside from my "monk on a mountain," is a place where you can trust what people tell you.

March is canvass month. Please complete a pledge form by the end of this month. There are pledge forms [online](#), in the church, at the end of this newsletter, and in the orders of service for March. I look forward to your continued support! Thank you! More on canvass at: <http://www.yxd.ca/2018>

Andrew Mills 780-918-3288 [andrew@misc.ca](mailto:andrew@misc.ca)

### Call for Nominees for Elections at Annual General Meeting, May 6<sup>th</sup>

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for office at the Annual General Meeting in the spring. Positions that will be open on the board are treasurer and trustee. We would welcome new members on the Nominating Committee. The Ministerial Relations Committee may need new members. This will be clarified later

The committees are critical to keeping the church functioning; the board is our governing body. If you are willing to run or can suggest a candidate, contact our committee. It consists of Cathy Loiselle, Robert Begg, Ruth Merriott and Rosemary Falconer [[rfalcon@shaw.ca](mailto:rfalcon@shaw.ca)]

### Calling All Committees and Working Groups



The Deadline for submitting the Annual General Meeting Reports will be Monday, April 9th. Please send your reports electronically in either a Word or PDF format (email to: [chadmin@uce.ca](mailto:chadmin@uce.ca)). Reports will be posted to the UCE website as they are received and paper copies will be made available at the Church Office.

### Scent-Free Zone



UCE is a scent-free zone. We have members, some of them small children, with severe allergies. So avoid wearing any scents when you come to gatherings at the church – colognes, hair spray, etc. Also please remember when cleaning church property (tablecloths, counter tops, dishes, etc.) to use scent-free products.

### Sharing Our Abundance March 2018: International Council of Unitarian Universalists

The International Council of Unitarians and Universalists is a network of Unitarian, Universalist and Unitarian Universalist organizations. Twenty-two national full member groups comprise the voting members of the Council. Provisional and emerging groups represent Unitarians from more than a dozen more countries. The ICUU's mission is to empower existing and emerging member groups to sustain and grow our global faith community. Past president is Rev. Brian Kiely.



### The Right to a Healthy Environment?

The Social Justice Working Group plans to support an initiative that would enshrine the right to a healthy environment in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. "Support," in this case, would mean sending a letter to City Council to encourage them to take the actions necessary to proclaim Edmonton's support for this initiative. According to the Blue Dot Campaign, over 160 municipalities have already declared their support and 110 countries have included this right in their constitution. For details, see the following sites:

<http://healthyveg.org/the-plan/>

<http://bluedot.ca/about/>

<https://www.ecojustice.ca/case/right-to-a-healthy-environment/>











<http://elc.ab.ca/environmental-bill-rights-action-today-albertans-tomorrow/>

The Social Justice Working Group can support this initiative on its own, but the effect might be greater if the congregation supported it. Such a decision on the part of the congregation would require a motion, discussion, and vote at the Annual General Meeting in May. **Should we bring this item to the AGM?** If you have an opinion one way or the other, please contact Marilyn Gaa ([marilyngaa@telusplanet.net](mailto:marilyngaa@telusplanet.net)) or Sylvia Krogh ([skrogh@shaw.ca](mailto:skrogh@shaw.ca)) soon. We look forward to your input.

Jeff Bisanz, for the Social Justice Working Group



## HEART TO HEART

-  It's been an icy winter: Elin Logan is recuperating at home with a broken shoulder; we miss her voice in the alto section of Choralis!
-  Liz Cloutier is now receiving physiotherapy at the Glenrose rehabilitation hospital, and can receive visitors.
-  Don Royer is back at home after spending some time mending from a serious fall.
-  Marion de Shield is still lodging at Grey Nuns Hospital waiting for a placement in a senior's residence. She is alert and conversationally engaged at 97 years old, though not out dancing these days. Marion liked socializing.
-  Brian Kiely, Erica and family will be moving to Alberta Avenue as of March 21. A new home location, a new beginning for a newly formed family and more adventures ahead.
-  Lilas Lysne is back at home after dislocating her new hip, a visitor or two would be gratefully received, as Lilas is somewhat housebound at this point.
-  We have several chalice groups that are meeting regularly to share food and conversation around interesting topics. Ask Lauren Kay about joining one that might fit your views.
-  The UCE Pastoral Care office will be open for booked visits with Rev. Audrey Brooks, on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Please call 780-489-8842 to book, or email Audrey at [audbrook@telusplanet.net](mailto:audbrook@telusplanet.net). There is no cost for this service.
-  Please let us know if you would like a home visit, and also if you would like to be a part of our visiting team.
-  Our Mission is love, our race is humanity, our faith is in each other – Audrey

### **Honour Our UCE Members**

Two annual awards will be presented at the fellowship dinner on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>:

- The W.H. Alexander Award honours a person or persons for extraordinary services provided to benefit the church community.
- The Charles Potter Award for Community Engagement honours a member of our congregation who has made an outstanding volunteer contribution to communities outside our church, and whose work there shows exceptional commitment to UU principles and values.

Submit your nominations for these awards by March 12 to board secretary Gloria Krenbrenk by email – [gkrenbrenk@gmail.com](mailto:gkrenbrenk@gmail.com) – or in writing through the church office. The board will choose the winners at its March meeting. Check the list on the bulletin board in the church foyer to see previous winners.

#### **Rules:**

- Nominations must be made in writing by UCE members and must include reasons for nominating the person or persons.
- Members of the board may not submit nominations.
- Staff members and current members of the board are not eligible.
- 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.
- A person may be nominated for, or win, the award more than once.

### **CUC Award: Call for Nominations for Knight Award**

At the CUC's Annual Conference and Meeting in Hamilton, Ontario next May, the Knight Award will be presented to a living person who has, as a volunteer, contributed at the national level to furthering the principles of Unitarianism in Canada. The award honours the ideals exemplified by the lives and work of Victor and Nancy Knight.

Nominations may be submitted by any member or friend of a Canadian UU congregation, and must be accompanied by a citation describing what the nominee has done at the national level to promote liberal religious principles in Canada and why she or he should be considered for the award. The citation should be at least 200 words in length and may be submitted to Mary Lu MacDonald ([jbmlmac@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:jbmlmac@ns.sympatico.ca)) or by mail to her at 2677 Gladstone Street, Halifax NS, B3K 0A3. Nominations must be received by April 1st, 2018."

### UCE Pagan Chalice Circle

Come join us on the last Friday of every month for a pagan circle. We are learning the pagan path and celebrating rituals together. All are welcome! We are a scent free group. See Lauren Kay ([ucekids@uce.ca](mailto:ucekids@uce.ca)) or Marilyn Gaa ([marilyngaa@telusplanet.net](mailto:marilyngaa@telusplanet.net)) with any questions. Communications are set up via Facebook and email.



### Ostara Ritual on Tuesday March 20 at 7pm.



Ostara, the spring equinox, welcomes a season of balance, when the light is equal to the darkness. This is a great time to celebrate the rebirth of the soil and the land. Ostara is known as a time of fertility and abundance, a season to welcome back life after the cold, dark winter.

We meet in Keeler Hall.

### UCE Adult Education Session

UCE adult education night: *Exploring Bondage Basics* Monday March 26. Join Angel from Alberta Sex Positive Education and Community Centre as we explore all things Bondage. We will be sexploring various forms of erotic bondage, from ropes to leather, with this guided tour that focuses on consensual and risk aware practices. This workshop includes some show and tell, with various bondage items to check out, and a demonstration of some basic bondage techniques.

Angel is a cisgender, pansexual educator, known for sex positive and shame free workshops and presentations.

Lauren Kay will be hosting and we will discuss sexuality and the connection with spirituality during the event.

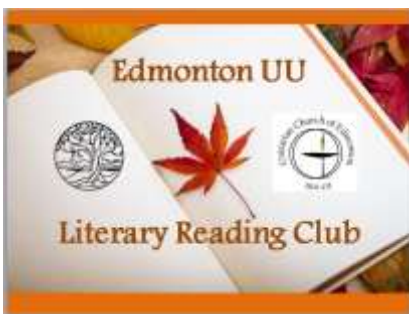
If you have questions or to register, please contact Lauren at [ucekids@uce.ca](mailto:ucekids@uce.ca).

Childcare can be made available on request.

There is no charge for this class but donations are always appreciated.

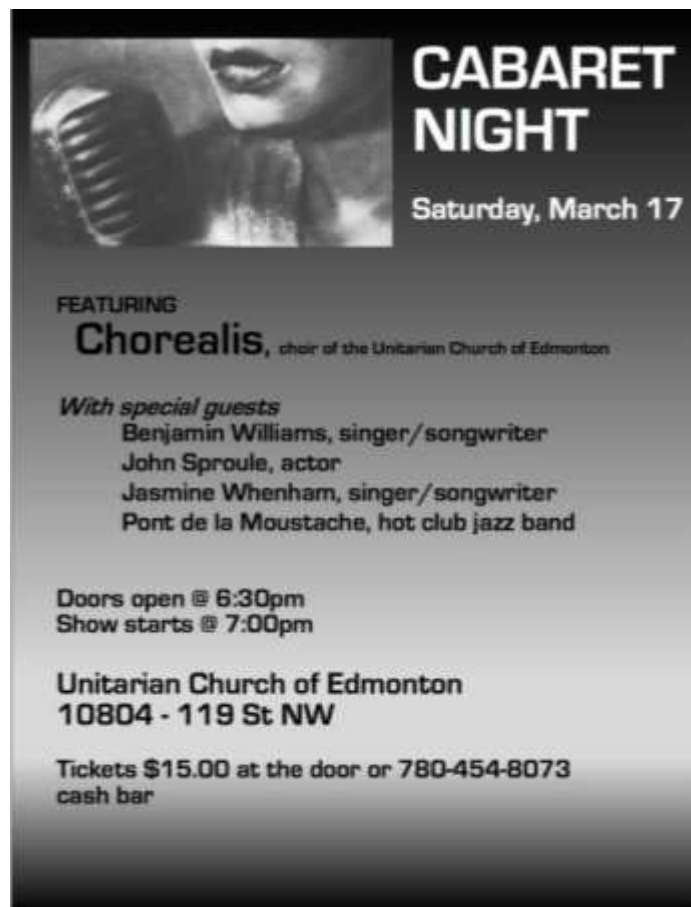
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### Edmonton UU Literary Reading Club



Members and friends of Westwood Unitarian and Unitarian Church of Edmonton are invited to join in the second year of a book club that discusses Canadian finalists and winners of top literary awards and competitions.

For this year we will be reading four great novels and meeting on the following Sunday evenings (6-8pm). Our last meeting: April 22 – **Richard Wagamese – Ojibway Author: Indian Horse**. In our discussions we explore what these books mean to religious liberals. You are welcome to come to one or more of the group discussions. For more information and for meeting locations (we meet at members' homes) please contact [johncpater@gmail.com](mailto:johncpater@gmail.com).



# CABARET NIGHT

Saturday, March 17

FEATURING

**Chorealis**, choir of the Unitarian Church of Edmonton

*With special guests*

Benjamin Williams, singer/songwriter

John Sproule, actor

Jasmine Whenham, singer/songwriter

Pont de la Moustache, hot club jazz band

Doors open @ 6:30pm

Show starts @ 7:00pm

Unitarian Church of Edmonton

10804 - 119 St NW

Tickets \$15.00 at the door or 780-454-8073  
cash bar

## Congregational Dinner



Blue Hawaii is our theme for this congregational dinner on **April 14th!**  
Come in your hula skirt, wear your board shorts and come dance the night  
away in Hawaii!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/272106803321856/>

## Last Month

The Social Justice Committee brought a special guest speaker last month and following the service we were able to enjoy soup and fellowship with each other. Thank you to everyone who brought soups and other goodies for the February Soup Sunday, and a big thank you to everyone who helped with the setting and cleaning up.



We were delighted to see the UCE Youth Group as Service Leaders, hopefully it won't be too long before they are leading again. Thank you to Alex DeNeve, Lily and Elora Kiely and Violet Slevin.

Also on February 18<sup>th</sup> many volunteers, including our president Karen Mills (assisted here by Damon Kay), helped with the heavy lifting and moving of furniture so that the floors could be waxed. Thank you to everyone for staying after the Sunday service. In the near future we will need additional help getting the floor of Keeler Hall cleared for waxing.



Help us help communicate to the outside world what a great community we have. Please join us on [Facebook](#) and our new [Twitter](#) Account. Please also look for links throughout this newsletter. Social Media cannot be successful alone. Every comment, like, share, invite helps us. Please share with your friends and family and on your pages.

## UCE Walking Group Schedule

Walkers carpool from church, leaving at 10 am, or meet at the walk site at 10.20 am. There are often changes to the schedule so if you are not on the email list please call Sheila, 780-454-7581 the day before to confirm the walk.

<b>March 2</b>	Londonderry Mall. Carpool from church, leaving at 10:15 am
<b>March 9</b>	Old Museum Grounds. Walk from Victoria Plaza at 10:15 am
<b>March 17</b>	Mayfair Golf Course. Meet in parking lot at 10:30 am
<b>March 24</b>	High Street/124 Street. Meet at Victoria Plaza at 10:15 am
<b>March 30</b>	Gro Porcelain Studio, Sherwood Park. Car pool from church leaving at 10:15 am





### Sunday Volunteer Schedule

Date	Greeter	Usher	Sound Technician	Coffee	Piano
<b>March 4</b>	Jennifer Hinchcliffe	Gertrud Janke	Bill Lee	John Turvey	Chorealis
<b>March 11</b>	Doug Eastwell, Elaine Reynard	Rosemary Falconer	Marg Booker	Clair Horne	Karen Mills
<b>March 18</b>	Barbara Forbes	Maurice Bourgoin	Kat Hartshorne	Clair Horne	Karen Mills
<b>March 25</b>	Art Breier	Jeff Bisanz	Bill Lee	Clair Horne	Gordon Ritchie

### Volunteer Opportunities

#### Casino Help

It is time for our biannual Casino fundraising event. Every 2 years we are given the opportunity to work a Casino in which the church earns \$70-80K for our efforts. This year the funds are especially significant as the church is planning to use the funds to pay off the last of our building debt!

However we cannot do it without you. Please donate your time, to this very important fundraiser.

The Casino will be at Casino Edmonton on Argyll Rd on June 12/13th.

If you have worked a Casino before you know how fun they are. If not, please do not feel intimidate by the position names - General Manager, Banker etc. All positions are VERY easily done by all and a paid Advisor is on site with us the entire time, to walk all our volunteers thru their duties.

You can sign up very easily for your desired shift at [www.volunteersignup.org/3wQJR](http://www.volunteersignup.org/3wQJR)

If transportation is an issue (we can help!) or if you have any questions, please contact Brandie Moller-Reid, our Casino Coordinator at [brmoller@hotmail.com](mailto:brmoller@hotmail.com). <https://www.facebook.com/events/357253148069018/>

#### Volunteer Without Meetings

You can come for one week or 52 weeks!

An easy job, but a very important one. Help UCE distribute food from the Food Bank. Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30 pm. We need people to lift boxes and people to cross names off of lists.



Please sign up in the UCE lobby.

#### Maintenance

The property management volunteers would like to invite anyone to come on in and help out around the church on Wednesdays from about 10 am till 2 pm. Any skill level is welcome and coffee and tea is supplied. Occasionally we even have a lunch supplied.

We also need someone to volunteer to show up before Sunday service and make sure all the entry ways and emergency exits are cleared. If you are able to do one Sunday a month or even one Sunday over the winter please let us know, [mikekeast@shaw.ca](mailto:mikekeast@shaw.ca).



## Sound Tech Team

The church has a small team of sound techs who do the sound for Sunday services. Does joining us appeal to you? You need not think of yourself as a techie--many past and current techs will agree. :) It's mostly about attention to detail.

We'll start emailing you the monthly schedule so you can connect, at your convenience, with current team members before their assigned Sunday. On the Sunday, you'll meet them about 9:30-9:45 at the church. They will train you very gently at your own pace. You'll start by shadowing one or more tech on one or more of their Sundays. When you feel ready, you'll take over doing the setup, sound board operation during the service, and take-down after, with that Sunday's tech coaching you as needed. You can continue to train for as many Sundays as you like. (And of course, you can opt out any time if you decide being a tech isn't for you.)

Once you feel ready, you can go solo.

Towards the end of each month, I email team members to find out which Sundays of the next month they can and want to be available. (If you expect to be too busy, it's entirely okay to ask to sit out a month.) Once they've all replied, I match members' availability with Sundays and email the schedule to the whole team, also cc'ing Brian, Janet, and Karen & Gordon for Chorealis.

Current team members are Marg Booker, Kat Hartshorne, and me. If you think you might like to join us, catch one of us in church, or email, call or text me.

Bill Lee: [billlee@ualberta.net](mailto:billlee@ualberta.net), mobile 780-435-7477.

## UU Activities around Edmonton

### Workshop at Westwood Unitarian

The Song in Our Hearts: 5pm Friday April 20 – 2pm Sunday April 22, 2018  
**INSPIRED BY THE MUSIC OF JASON SHELTON? This is a FIRST-TIME IN CANADA opportunity!** Join us at Westwood Unitarian in Edmonton for a Choral Music Weekend with the renowned UU musician JASON SHELTON, accompanied by the equally delightful Jane Perry.

- \* Friday evening simple supper & musical vespers

- \* Saturday all-day Choral Workshop – including a sneak peek at Jason's new music! Lunch & snacks included

- \* Sing in, or simply attend, the Sunday Service – where Jason will also be our guest speaker. 'Lunch for the road' will be provided

Registrants will receive copies of all the music taught this weekend & are free to reproduce & perform this music back home. You can listen to some of Jason's music HERE: <http://www.jasonsheltonmusic.com/audio/>

For more information or to register please visit the Westwood Unitarian website:

<http://www.westwoodunitarian.ca/workshop-with-jason-shelton/>



### The Free Thinker Book Club

Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm at Westwood Unitarian Church, 11135-65 Avenue NW. This month the Book Club goes multi-media- or at least to audio. We will listen to and then discuss a podcast of a 2017 CBC Tapestry program that focuses on a number of families' experiences helping their children become religiously literate while they remain secular in their own beliefs.

## Start your Summer Off Right!



Mark your calendars on June 9th for the Edmonton Pride Parade!! The Pride Parade is an annual event that is not to be missed! Pull out your most colourful attire from your closet and show your pride! This event is for all ages. We have already submitted the registration application in the name of both congregations. We have the parade leader and the 'volunteer' Marshall recruited.

## Around Our Church

- **Scented** products such as hair spray, **perfume**, and deodorant can trigger reactions such as respiratory distress and headaches. We thank you for keeping your scents at home.
- **Sermons:** On the YouTube website, <http://www.youtube.com/EdmUnitarian> Need help: Contact Bill Lee [billlee@ualberta.net](mailto:billlee@ualberta.net) or 780-435-7477
- **Brunch:** Going for brunch after church is a UCE tradition. Want to join? Contact Marge Roche or Jennifer Hinchcliffe at church.
- **Recycling:** We don't have recycling pickup at the church, so we need help with taking blue bags home for home collection or to the Recycle Centre. The bags are in the kitchen and/or social hall
- **Walls:** Please do not use scotch tape on a painted wall. If you need a sign printed and posted in the church please contact the office, [chadmin@uce.ca](mailto:chadmin@uce.ca).
- **Bissell Centre:** All items donated to our church green box in the foyer go to the Bissell Centre Thrift Shoppe on 88st & 118 Ave. Also accepted is all bedding and linen (with the exception of cushions and pillows), small household items, CD's and videos but no books or tapes.  
For further information contact Barbara Forbes 780 439 4553 or Rosemary Falconer 780 472 9287.
- **Pop Cans:** We raise money from returnable bottles, tetra packs etc. donated by members. Drop your contribution in the second storage room (the single door) in Keeler Hall.
- **Food:** If you use our kitchen, clean it up afterward and don't leave any food behind. Public Health Regulations prohibit the storing of perishable food for more than one day
- **Security:** If your committee or groups are meeting after Church hours, please make sure all the exit doors are locked before setting the alarm and leaving. The exits that need to be checked are Keeler Hall and the side door (on the same as the main doors, by the picnic table).

The Unitarian Church of Edmonton is a liberal, multi-generational, religious community. We celebrate a rich mosaic of free-thinking, spiritually-questing individuals joined in common support and action. We welcome diversity including diversity of beliefs from divine believers to humanists, from pagans to atheists and agnostics. We believe in the compassion of the human heart, the warmth of community, the pursuit of justice and the search of meaning in our lives.

We gather with gratitude on traditional Cree lands that are now a part of Treaty Six and shared by many nations. A treaty is an inheritance, a responsibility and a relationship. May we be good neighbours to one another, good stewards to our planet and good ancestors to our children.

### Minister's Office Hours

Brian is usually in the office Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 until 2:30. Sometimes community meetings and visits cause him to be away. People dropping by are most welcome, but it's always best to call ahead and check to make sure he is there.

### *Office closed for Easter Long Weekend*

The Administrator's Office will be closed Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> and Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. In case of emergency, please see below for contact information of our pastor, chaplain, board members and building maintenance.

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February 15, 2018

For many of us the verdict in the Colten Boushie case shook us to our core – others are outraged, enraged, even fearful. The verdict is a step back in the journey towards reconciliation – a big step backward.

In 2014, Canadian Unitarians, through our Expression of Reconciliation pledged to be in solidarity with our Indigenous siblings in spirit, and we committed to the journey of healing and reconciliation between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous people.

Our thoughts are with the family of Colten Boushie and with Indigenous people across Canada who have lived through situations like this countless times. We acknowledge we are only just beginning to feel the deep grief that comes with the work of reconciliation.

As we do with anyone in our community that is grieving, let us turn our attention to those who need us now - our Indigenous siblings in spirit. As Canadian Unitarians, let them hear from us that we know they are not alone.

Let us reach out to our local communities and offer our deep condolences for what they must be going through.

Let us bring food, send cards, show up at local events being organized.

Let us reach out to our Indigenous neighbours and ask what they need at this time.

Let us begin conversations with our neighbours.

Let us raise our voices to the call on our government demanding a review of the judicial system that continues to fail Indigenous people all across the country.

Let us support a government that is calling for change to jury selection, let us pressure that government to appeal the verdict,

let us rage, hold one another, pray and march –

most of all, let us show up.

The path of Truth and Reconciliation is and will be a long one - generations long. Let us do what we can to ensure that the path grows ever smoother as we and those who will follow continue the journey.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "C. A. S. Oakley".

The Rev. Samaya Oakley  
President  
CASO/BK/caso





**Yes!** I want to support UCE as a place to find truth.

Here is my financial pledge to the Unitarian Church of Edmonton for the coming year:

My name is: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like: (choose one)

- ☐ to pledge 10% more than last year
- ☐ to pledge the same as last year
- ☐ to pledge a specific amount:

For the period 1 Jul 2018 to 30 Jun 2019 \_\_\_\_\_  
(how much per month or how much per year?)

I will pay my pledge: (choose one)

- ☐ with the preauthorized deposits that I have already set up
- ☐ with preauthorized deposits that I would like to set up now please (call Andrew)
- ☐ with cash, cheques, or online donation that:
  - ☐ I will send or donate now (include with pledge form)
  - ☐ I will send later (I've explained when in the notes)
  - ☐ I will pay as I am able (explain in the notes)

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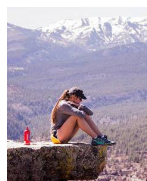
If you have any other notes, instructions, or comments please include them here or call or email me any time.

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The canvass page at [www.yxd.ca/2018](http://www.yxd.ca/2018) has more info and an electronic pledge form  
Andrew Mills 780-432-0826 (home), 780-918-3288 (cell), [andrew@misc.ca](mailto:andrew@misc.ca)

Put your completed pledge form in the return envelope; place in the collection, mail to the church, or drop at the office.

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