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**May 6**

**From Mind, to Heart, to Action**

**Chorealis**

How do we embody our faith? Let's explore together how the commitments in our minds and our hearts might actually come to life through the work of our hands and the power of our voices.

**May 13**

**Liking Yourself**

**Rev. Brian J. Kiely**

St. Paul taught the separation of body and spirit, which has led to all kinds of loathing of the body. But body and spirit are one. Healthy living involves appreciating body and spirit.

**May 20**

**Being the Best UU You Can Be!**

**UCE Youth Group**

UCE's Youth Group is made up of people within the ages of 12 to 18. If this includes you, we would love to have you join us! Youth Group is not just a drop in program; it's a safe space for growing bodies and exploring minds.

**May 27**

**Flower Communion and New Member Welcome**

**Rev. Kiely**

Flowers embody and symbolize so many wonderful spiritual qualities. Today we celebrate our community with the ritual of the flower communion. Bring a flower to share and take another one away. Plus we welcome new UCE members today.

## Ministerial Musings

We like to say that ours is a church where all opinions and views are welcomed. Is that really true? I guess I put it to the test this week.

Through the CUC, there is a chatline for CUC leaders. Its messages go to ministers, congregational presidents and other folks in leadership roles nationally. This week the current CUC President Keith Wilkinson posted a report “outlining some of the actions and consequences indigenous leaders, faith group members, and others opposed to the proposed Kinder Morgan pipeline expansion are currently facing.”

What followed was a reasonable report as advertised. But it struck me that few in our movement would openly object to such a report going to all national leaders. Whether my view is true or not, it felt to me like there was an assumption that all good Unitarians would oppose this expansion and always take the side of the environment.



So I wrote: “Dear Friends, Well this will no doubt generate some strong reactions. For the past 21 years I have served in Edmonton. I think of myself as someone with a concern for the environment...but I am also concerned for the wellbeing of the people I serve...I feel a need to stand up and say that not all Canadians oppose this pipeline.” I then followed with my reasons, which I will be happy to share if you ask.

As expected the reactions were fast in coming and very passionate. Virtually all of the public responses were politely trying to show me how wrong headed the development of Alberta oil is and how dire it would be for BC. I now have many citations for articles and statistics supporting their cases. But I am happy to say the writers were neither rude nor abusive. There was a healthy exchange of views. It has proved to be a useful conversation part of which is being reposted by the Canadian Unitarians for Social Justice.

It was reassuring to have people with differing opinions discussing and making their cases without resorting to mean spirited rhetoric. It is something I think has been missing in much of the public conversation about oil. That’s what I mean when I say that all views and opinions are welcomed. They don’t necessarily get a free pass, but we don’t hate one another for thinking differently.

And yet... it is also worth noting that except for one person, the several comments I got supporting my views came to me as private messages, not shared with the chat. It seems like there are other moderates out there who are nervous about speaking their minds in an open forum. There is a concern that any response challenging the environmental orthodoxy will earn them full inboxes. Indeed my one expression of views earned at least a dozen responses from people hoping to show me the error of my ways.

If we are to speak out as Unitarians, we must endeavor to listen respectfully and to make it clear that differing viewpoints, even ones that deviate on questions that we think are self-evident need to be heard. That’s how we build a community that truly lives with the diversity we promise to newcomers.

See you in church...

...where your views are welcome. Brian



## Religion on Tap

Join us for our informal drop-in social and theological discussion evening. “Religion on Tap” will be on Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, Metro Billiards, 10250 106 Street, starting at 7 p.m.

## Summer Services at UCE

Every summer, we open up opportunities for members and friends of the Unitarian Church of Edmonton to lead Sunday church services. We need to fill about ten services in July and August. A service leader guide is provided to help you with all the core elements of a typical church service, but the topic and theme of the service is yours to choose and develop. Contact John Pater, [johncpater@gmail.com](mailto:johncpater@gmail.com) or 780-619-6843, to sign up for one of the summer services.

### Services to Look Forward to

#### June 3, Unitarians and Pride



Unitarians in Edmonton and North America have a long and proud history of supporting and welcoming LGBTQ people. What we sometimes forget is how much work it took to overcome our own prejudices and cultural norms. Today we honour the struggles past and continuing.

#### June 17, Father's Day Picnic in the Park Service

Another June tradition! Bring some food to share and perhaps a lawn chair and maybe things for outdoor activities. If the weather is nice, we gather in the park across the street, if not, we picnic in the church. Brian will offer a short service about 11ish and then we enjoy a shared meal.



#### June 24, Pet Blessing



We affirm, "Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part."

One way we like to remember this principle is by welcoming our furry, feathered and scaly friends to church once a year for a blessing service. Bring your pet friends or photos of those past or too tricky to transport and let us share a love of nature in a special way.

Rev. Audrey Brooks and the UCE Social Justice Collaborative have arranged for a special church service on **Sunday July 8, 2018**. Mufty Mathewson and Brenda Jackson will talk about the REDress photography project about Canada's missing and murdered Indigenous women.



This year the **Genocide Memorial Service** will be held at the Unitarian Church of Edmonton on **Sunday, July 15**, at 10:30 a.m. This service will mark the tenth anniversary of this event, which Rev. Audrey Brooks has organized from its inception. The service will be followed by a potluck luncheon. The Unitarian Church of Edmonton Social Justice Working Group will provide support prior to the service, throughout the potluck, and afterward. Please mark your calendars for this special event.

### Adult Education Workshop

The last 18+ workshop before the summer will be held on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm. The topic is yet to be determined. If you would like to attend please contact Lauren Kay at [ucekids@uce.ca](mailto:ucekids@uce.ca) for more information or to RSVP. Childcare can be provided on request.

## 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.

### UCE Annual General Meeting – Celebrating Our Community

UCE is humming with activities and ideas. It's time to celebrate that and plan for more at our AGM on **Sunday, May 6 at 11:45 am**. At the meeting, we'll:

- 🗳️ hear about the work of staff and committees
- 🗳️ decide how we want to allocate our budget
- 🗳️ elect new members to the Board, the nominating and ministerial relations committees

The decisions from this meeting will affect all of us, so it is important to have all our voices as part of the discussions and decision making. Everyone is encouraged to attend, and anyone who has been a member for 60 days may vote. A light lunch and childcare will be available. If you have any questions about the annual general meeting, please speak to a board member.

**See you on Sunday, May 6!**

### Candidates List, Annual General Meeting May 6

The following church members have offered to stand for positions on the UCE board and two committees, nominating and ministerial relations. Our thanks to them for agreeing to keep our congregation strong. Elections will be at the annual congregational meeting on Sunday, May 6, when nominations can be made from the floor.

President: Karen Mills

Vice-President: Karen Bilida

Treasurer: Doug Eastwell (completing one year of a two-year term)

Secretary: Gloria Krenbrenck

Trustees: Robert Begg and Yvonne Mireau (ongoing trustees: David Rae and Marilyn Gaa)

Nominating Committee: Two vacancies. (ongoing: Rosemary Falconer, Cathy Loiselle)

Ministerial Relations Committee: Graham McFarlane, Ruth Patrick (ongoing: Sylvia Krogh, David Hagel).

**Karen Bilida:** Karen started attending UCE in 2007 with her partner Scott Harrison, who was born into the church. Karen has become increasingly more involved with the inner workings of UCE. Some of her current UCE activities are: - VP of the UCE Board - Chair of Communications Committee - Member of Auditing and Finance Committees - Advertising for UCE events such as the UCE Garage Sale and for UCE rental space – Sous chef for Blue Hawaii – Homeless Connect Liaison. Karen has also volunteered outside of UCE by volunteering at Edmonton Folk Fest, the Fringe, Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, Canadian Cancer Society, Run for the Cure Board, and currently by doing taxes at the Bissell Centre.

**Doug Eastwell:** Doug joined our congregation last year and has been an active participant since then – he even plays his drum with the choir. Doug was a Senior Cost Estimator for the Drainage Services Branch of the City of Edmonton for more than 25 years, before his retirement in 2008. He is a Chartered Quantity Surveyor with the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors and a fellow of the Canadian Institute of Quantity Surveyors. He is also a Registered Engineering Technologist. He has done a variety of part-time and sub-consultant work in his field since retirement from the city.

**Gloria Krenbrenk:** I was born into the Unitarian congregation in Wynyard, Saskatchewan. I've worked as a legal assistant for the past 18 years. After raising three sons in St. Albert I moved to the Oliver area and began singing with Choreal is the fall of 2013. I joined UCE a year later and I love it. I'm still working but plan to retire in a couple of years.

**Yvonne Mireau:** I joined the choir in 2006 and became a UCE member about a year later. I've been a Board Trustee for two terms and I'm finally getting the hang of it! I've been fairly active in the church, volunteering most of my energy to various events here, because this is my community and these are my people.

**M. Ruth Patrick:** founding member of UCE, I have served as a chaplain, worked on almost every committee except maintenance. Major focus has been essentially on the life and wellbeing of this church community i.e.: Church Services, Denominational Affairs, Religious Education, etc. I continue to hold a strong interest in the life of this church and think I can still make a solid contribution.

**Beth Jenkins:** joined the Unitarian Church of Edmonton in April 1990. She served on the board of directors as a trustee and then vice-president. After a one-year break, she then served as president from mid-1996 to mid-1998 and then as past-president. She has also served on the Nominating Committee - twice. If elected for the 2018 to 2020 term, she will bring those experiences, plus skills developed as an educator and researcher, to the leadership development and selection process as the committee transitions into its expanded role under the updated bylaws of the congregation.

### **Treasurer's Report: The Budget**

Our new budget year starts July 1, and our budget for that year contains notable changes.

- We are giving sizable raises, roughly 10 per cent, to our Administrator and our Director of Religious Education. The Administrator job will go from \$21 per hour to \$23 per hour; the DRE job will go from \$18 to \$20 per hour.
- On top of that, we are eliminating the practice of hiring a summer worker. Administrator Janet Polkovsky will now cover the summer months as well, although with shorter hours – 12 hours a week instead of her usual 20 hours a week. Janet will include in those 12 hours the duties of opening and closing the church for the summer Sunday services. We will hire a fill-in worker when Janet takes her 3 weeks of vacation.
- The bookkeeper budget line has had a major increase. This is the first increase in several years, and it reflects the need to start paying our bookkeeper the going hourly rate, rather than an annual salary.
- The Social Justice budget has shrunk from \$200 to \$100. The reason: Social Justice has a \$2,000 special fund that will cover its expenses for several years.
- Snow removal costs have gone up sharply, now that we no longer have Horst Konrad as our snow-clearer. Horst did the job on a cheque-exchange basis.
- We have a new electricity contract with Atco, negotiated by Larry Charach that will save us \$2,000.
- We expect a bump in donations, according to member pledges we've received this spring.
- Revenue from people renting our church for events will be somewhat lower than it was last year. Still, we expect total revenue from church renters and long-term tenants to be \$126,000, which is \$19,000 more than four years ago.

Finally, we will have revenue from the casino that our volunteers will work on June 12 and 13 – perhaps as much as \$75,000. That money will be used to pay off our remaining debt of \$38,000 and to create a Building Maintenance Reserve Fund with the rest.

Bottom line: a close-to-balanced budget and a church with a bright future.

-- Susan Ruttan, [ruttans@shaw.ca](mailto:ruttans@shaw.ca)

## Board Update

The next board meeting will take place on May 9, 2018 at 7:15 p.m. If you would like to address the board on a particular topic, kindly contact President Karen Mills one week prior to the meeting.

-- Gloria Krenbrenk, Secretary

### 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

 Ruth Patrick, one of the founding members of UCE, celebrated her 95th birthday March 13. Congratulations, Ruth!

 We send loving thoughts to Lynn Wolfe and Ed Holmes and family, as Ed, who is in hospital, is dealing with more health issues.

 The memorial service for Everett Hewitt, husband of Joanne Olafson, will be held in August. Watch newsletter for details.

 Kim P., a new UCE member, organizer of Dragging Youth Series, UCE Wednesday maintenance crew member, suffered a stroke last month. Kim's recovery is going well at Norwood.

 Our church supports Habitat for Humanity each year as part of our church outreach. This year we have chosen to provide lunch for a crew that will be working to build walls at the Pre-fabrication shop. Audrey Brooks is the contact person for donations.

 Each year we honour persons who volunteer countless hours on behalf of our church. For 2018, the recipient of the W.H. Alexander Award for service to the church is Larry Charach, who contributed his many organizational talents to both the financial and administrative areas of church management.

 The Charles Potter award recipient is Jeff Bisanz who reaches beyond our church to reflect UU values. In his professional life, especially in the field of education, and enthusiastically contributes to the UCE Social Justice Working Group.

 We send thanks to Rev. Anne Barker who has served as Interfaith Chaplain at the University of Alberta for over a year, and who has regretfully retired from that position due to her other duties as Minister of the Westwood Unitarian Congregation.

 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.

 Our mission is love, our race is humanity and our faith is in each other. Rev. Audrey Brooks

## Sharing Our Abundance May 2018

### YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND SUPPORT SERVICES (YESS)

For over 35 years, YESS has been providing support, programs, housing and resources to youth who are lost, abandoned without a place to turn. Over 60,000 meals are served annually to this high needs group. YESS needs 6 million annually to stay up and running and one half of that amount comes from donations.



### Our Mammoth Garage Sale....

...is fast approaching

**Friday, May 4th 8:00 am - 6:00 pm**  
**Saturday, May 5th 8:00 am - 4:00 pm**



**Please bring your contributions now! The biggest job is getting set up so it would be very helpful if you would unpack your treasures and put them out on the tables in the designated areas.**

**There are signup sheets on the credenza to help with setting up as well as running the sale and cleanup. Days of setup will be Monday-Friday April 23rd-27th and April 30th-May 3rd. And especially Saturday April 28th for all those who are unavailable on the weekdays.**

**This is our largest annual fundraiser and we need your help! Ask your family and friends to bring contributions and join us to shop for great bargains!**

**Our Chefs will be serving up Jumbo hotdogs and drinks to workers and shoppers alike on both days of the sale from 11-2 pm.**

Please bring items for



**Edmonton's Food Bank  
To the Garage Sale**



**Please join us on Facebook to keep up to date and join in the conversation.**



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.

## Blue Hawaii Dinner 2018

**Blue Hawaii Congregational Dinner Was a Hit!** What makes a good party? People, of course. And the annual church dinner on April 14, with its Blue Hawaii theme, was a very good party. Huge thanks to Chef Brian Kiely and his team for the terrific meal. Thanks to all the organizers and planners and promoters - Karen Bilida and Scott Harrison, take a bow. Thanks to the decorators and dish washers and everyone else who pitched in to make our dinner a success. A special thank-you to our DRE, Lauren Kay, for organizing the fun. The hula competition and the hula hoop performances were memorable. Thanks to everyone who came, many with their Hawaii costumes on. It was an evening of great conversations, of two little girls dancing on the stage, of honours to two special UCE members, and much more. Let's do it again next year.



Larry Charach received the W.H. Alexander Award for his years of volunteer service



Jeff Bisanz received the Charles Potter Award for his huge contribution to social causes outside the church



## Volunteer Opportunities

### Casino Help

Our biannual Casino fundraising event is fast approaching! 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 intimidated 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 through 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).

### Kijiji Communications



Want an easy way to volunteer? About ½ hour of time on your own schedule! We need some people to post on Kijiji. You do not respond to any of the responses, you just have to post wording and pictures that are provided to you. Training is provided. Please contact Karen Bilida @ [Unitarian.Edmonton@yahoo.ca](mailto:Unitarian.Edmonton@yahoo.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 Choreal. 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

### 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.

## Volunteer Without Meetings for the Food Bank

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 cross names off of lists and people to lift boxes – something for most everybody. Please sign up in the UCE lobby.



### Food Bank Volunteers

Date	Key Holder	Person 2	Person 3
May 2	Maurice Bourgoïn	Marge Roche	Rosemary Falconer
May 9			
May 16			
May 23			
May 30		Gerard Hayduk	Stephen Greenhalgh



### 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL INTERFAITH WORKS PROJECT!



You CAN! Help us complete 59 homes in Edmonton and Fort Saskatchewan

#### Inviting all faith groups to JOIN US!

Begins February 27, 2018 and continues until May 31, 2018.

#### No experience necessary

- We provide all tools, safety equipment, training, and lunch.
- Volunteers must be at least 16 years old (16-17 years old must be accompanied by a participating parent/legal guardian).
- *Hard hats and steel-toed boots are required and can be borrowed.*

#### Volunteer Opportunities

*Habitat Build Sites  
(Edm & Fort Sask):  
Tues - Sat  
8:30 am to 4:00 pm*

*ReStores:  
Mon - Sat  
8:45 am to 5:00 pm  
(half-days available)*



If you're still unsure of volunteering, watch: [https://www.youtube.com/Interfaith Habitat Works Promo 2018](https://www.youtube.com/InterfaithHabitatWorksPromo2018)  
**Rev. Audrey Brooks is the UCE recruiter and volunteer for this initiative. Please contact her at 780-489-8842 or [audbrook@telusplanet.net](mailto:audbrook@telusplanet.net).**

## 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>May 4</b>	Help with UCE Garage Sale
<b>May 11</b>	Meet at Jewish Centre at 10am; lunch at Vancia Café ( 9707 110 St )
<b>May 18</b>	Meet close to Trudel Residence (81 Street and Jasper Ave). Lunch at Cartago (8205-106 Avenue)
<b>May 25</b>	Meet at Planet Organic and walk High Street and Gallery area



## Sunday Volunteer Schedule

Date	Greeter	Usher	Sound Technician	Coffee	Piano
<b>May 5</b>	Erica Kiely	Ali Hammington Pauline Atwood	Marg Booker	John Turvey	Chorealis
<b>May 12</b>	Gerard Hayduk Stephen Greenhalgh	David Rae Ali Hammington	Marg Booker	Clair Horne	Gordon Ritchie
<b>May 19</b>	Mike Keast Christina Keast	Jeff Bisanz Ali Hammington	Bill Lee	Clair Horne	Karen Mills
<b>May 26</b>	Stella Clark Bryce Missall	Jeff Bisanz Ali Hammington	Kat Hartshorne	Clair Horne	Gordon Ritchie

## Around Our Church

- 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.
- **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).

## Around Our Neighbourhood



Queen Mary Park (across the street) is having a clothing swap Thursday, May 10 at 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM.

What happens to clothes that are left behind after the event? Good business attire will be donated to Suit Yourself for women getting back in the work force. Other items will go to YESS and the Bissell Centre Thrift Shoppe.

Check out Facebook for more details. <https://www.facebook.com/events/210665566374442/>

## 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.

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 the May long weekend.***

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