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**The Edmonton Unitarian**

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**“First Nations Spirituality”**

**February 4**

**Annual Taize Service**

**Chorealis**

We gather with a hunger for reconciliation. What is done cannot be undone. What is done next must now be done with care. We gather because we are hopeful, because we have visions and dreams of a brighter future. This morning Chorealis will offer their annual Taize service focusing on meditations and reflections.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/467667766961608/>

**February 11**

**“Resilience”**

**Social Justice Working Group**

The Seven Sacred Teachings provide insights about the qualities we all would like to see in ourselves and in our relationships. The extraordinary resilience shown by Indigenous peoples over the last few hundred years also provides valuable lessons for us all. This service, organized by the Social Justice Working Group, is about the quality of resilience.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/952662201569318/>

**February 18**

**“Seven Sacred Teachings: “Wisdom and Humility”**

**Rev. Brian J. Kiely**

Which came first? Wisdom or humility? Sorry for the bad joke, but it seems to me that these two Sacred Teachings are linked. I will explore that connection today.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/543045159402599/>

**February 25**

**“Seven Sacred Teachings: Truth”**

**Rev. Brian J. Kiely**

The simplest word, the most complicated concept. In *Jesus Christ Superstar* Pilate sings to Jesus, “But what is truth? Is truth unchanging law. We both have truths, are mine the same as yours?” Today we look at the final Sacred Teaching, Truth.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/370236553439616/>

## Ministerial Musings



On January 14th as part of this series on First Nations Spirituality, our Social Justice team arranged for a Kairos Blanket Exercise. This was an ‘embodied exercise’ meaning we moved around in a very simple role play designed to help us not only think, but to feel as well. We moved around the carpet of blankets representing Canada in the role of First Nations people. We experienced ‘our’ lands being taken away, slowly at first and then more rapidly. I saw one of my daughters segregated because of European disease. We saw ‘children’ taken to residential schools and how legislation divided communities stripping or restricting rights. It became a powerful path to discover some of the feelings and histories that shape today’s First Nations peoples.

After, there was a talking circle debrief that lasted some 90 minutes as everyone had a chance to share their reactions to the activity. The responses were varied and rich, and some people were moved quite powerfully.

Our youth and some of the children participated as well. In the talking circle, many adults remarked on how inspiring it was that the young people were there that day.

Driving three of those young people home (my daughters) I asked them how it was for them. Responses ranged from “OK” to “Good!”. They all found the talking part a bit long...no surprise. But then I learned that two of the girls had done the exercise before and one told me, “You know, we learn about the oppression of the First Nations people in Social Studies. None of this was new to us.”

In preparation for this sermon series, I reviewed an old history book of mine, Donald Creighton’s *Dominion of the North*. First published in 1944, it was still being used in high schools in the 1970’s.

There were no words like ‘First Nations’. We only learned about Indians and Metis (also called half-breeds). There was no mention of western treaties, not a word on residential schools. “Gift” blankets poisoned with small pox were left out. Stripping of rights did not merit consideration. Even the hated Indian Act is not referenced in Creighton’s work. Indians were mostly discussed in their role as fur traders and as either allies or enemies of the governments in the wars up until 1812. There is no mention of Indians after 1883, “Whose existence had been also been brought to a final crisis by the coming of settlement on a large scale.” His message: they stopped being a player in this nation after that.

Yes, my education was sadly lacking. Frankly it did not get all that much better in the early 1980’s when I took a history degree, though to be fair, I focused on the French and Indian fur trade. That all happened before most of the land grabs took place and when there was a viable economic partnership and some degree of interdependence. Even so, as a university graduate in history, I never heard of residential schools until 1986 when the United Church apologized for their participation. Appalling.

So perhaps my greatest takeaway from the blanket exercise was discovering that our children and grandchildren are learning a very different history than we did, or at least than I did. Their history contains the faults and failures of Canadian policy. Their history admits the racism and abuses.

The history today’s students are learning encourages me. Their lessons are steps forward on the path to Truth and Reconciliation. That gives me hope. This path will be generations long. I am glad that those who will walk the paths in the future are learning different and more respectful lessons than I did.

See you in Church, Brian



I'm not sure that I have ever seen a time in my life when the truth has been so hard to find. Fake news proliferates widely, there are "science-deniers" in charge of scientific organizations, and the politics to the south of us has gone from inspiring to terrifying in a single election. But it's the fact that people are now believing all these falsehoods that really bothers me. It's as if the truth filters have been ripped out of the world and thrown off a cliff. People are believing the most unbelievable stories without question. Mainstream media used to check stories and filter the most blatant falsehoods but now the mainstream media is in retreat; letting go of their skilled reporters as they lose market share to poorly researched blogs and opinion pieces.

Where will we find the truth in the world these days? Perhaps we need to climb the mountain and seek out the guru or the Buddha. Perhaps we need to find a place to meditate so that we can sort the good information from the false. Maybe we need to embrace our Unitarian 4th principle, "A free and responsible search for truth and meaning" and engage with the people in our church. Finding your truth has never been more important than in this era when we are surrounded by falsehoods and people that would mislead us. Now is the time to support finding truth by supporting your church.

The truth is, that your church needs your financial support. Between now and the end of March we are asking all members to complete a pledge form showing their financial support for the coming church year. We would like a pledge form from everyone please; from those with ongoing donations to those who can only give a small amount. Take a moment to fill the pledge form and drop it in the collection plate or forward it to the church office. There is a pledge form attached to this newsletter; or, you can also pledge online at this link: <https://yxd.wufoo.com/forms/z1fiv5eb0y2rv84/>

Each year I prepare a web site with additional details on how canvass works. This year you can find that web site at <http://www.yxd.ca/2018>.

If you have any questions please contact me directly. I look forward to your generous pledges and donations in 2018.

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### 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, February 27<sup>th</sup>, Metro Billiards, 10250 106 St starting at 7 p.m.  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/579065385759458/>

### The Travelling Chalice Kit!



Each week we light a chalice in church, but few of us do it at home, even for special events. The Travelling Chalice is a new idea for us where families (of one or more) can borrow our kit for a week and explore what the chalice means to them. We will have a sign-up sheet on the credenza so you can book it ahead, or if no one has taken it, note that you have it and it's yours for a week.

What's involved? Inside the box you will find a chalice and wax or electric candle (your choice), a lovely traditional Transylvanian Unitarian cloth, a book of meditations, a book with some longer essays on our Principles and a blank journal. You may want to use the chalice during meals or at bedtime or in the morning. You can choose a

reading in the kit or devise something of your own. There are no rules.

In the journal we would encourage you to record how you used the chalice, perhaps write down a reading you found or simply add it to the box. You can sign your entry or not. And if you are one of the first users, you will find a couple of entries as the staff has been taking it out for a test drive. Enjoy!

### Blanket Exercise



On Sunday, January 14, the congregation participated in a Blanket Exercise as a special, extended morning service. This service was organized by the Social Justice Working Group and was designed to contribute to the church's focus on First Nations Spirituality during January and February. Originally developed by Kairos ([www.kairosblanketexercise.org](http://www.kairosblanketexercise.org)), the Blanket Exercise is an activity that helps participants understand the complicated relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples over the past 500 years. Over 60 people, including many youth, learned or were

reminded of the early intent of treaties, the loss of land, the stripping of rights, the forced separation of children from families and, through it all, the extraordinary resilience of Indigenous peoples.

The Blanket Exercise is a step toward gaining the broad understanding we will need to support reconciliation as a congregation and as citizens. We are grateful to Elder Evelyn Day and to Marilyn McSporran and her team from St. Albert Family and Community Support Services and the Michif Cultural and Resource Centre for leading us through the Blanket Exercise.



### Sharing Our Abundance

The Unitarian Church of Edmonton (UCE) donates half of the loose change collected to a different charity. **For the month of February UCE will be donating to -- iHUMAN Youth Society, Edmonton** supports youth to obtain housing, get mental health and addictions support and build on their creative strengths. Their mission is to work with traumatized and marginalized youth who live high risk lifestyles. This coming month more than ever they are in need of our help due to the flood damage caused by a burst pipe in early January. <http://www.metronews.ca/newsihuman-youth-society-hoping-to-partially-reopen.html>



### 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. A couple of no-scent signs will be going up in the building shortly.

### 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.

### 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 Krenbrenck by email – [gkrenbrenck@gmail.com](mailto:gkrenbrenck@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.

### 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)]

### Adam Family Update

This is a brief update on the Syrian family we helped bring to Edmonton in May of 2016.

The Adam family consists of dad Mohamad, mom Ramza and three school-age children. The children are doing well, enjoying their school and mastering English – they sometimes help translate for their parents.

English has been harder for the parents to acquire, as it has been for many Syrians who have come to Canada. They are both continuing with the English as a second language classes.

Mohamad has been anxious to find work, but his limited English has been a barrier. He has prepared an excellent resume for jobs as a driver – he has a Class 5 driver’s licence and considerable experience from his life in Syria. The funds that we collected in 2016 ran out in November, and the family is on social assistance.

Our committee keeps in touch with the family, and helps when we can. Marilyn Gaa, who visited them on Wednesday, says: “They are genuinely happy and hopeful, not putting on a brave face.”

The Edmonton Unitarian Refugee Committee

### UCE Adult Education Session

Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, our DRE Lauren Kay will be leading a workshop titled Polyamory and other intimate Relationship Structures. 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.



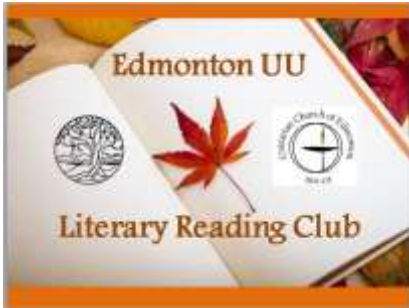
### From the Communications Chair



Thank you for everyone that participated in the Chair Luncheon. Thank you for coming together and being part of what makes this church tick! We really are an interdependent web. Next luncheon is currently scheduled for April 15.



## 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):

February 25 – **Michael Ondaatje**: A Cat's Table

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).

### 🌹HEART TO HEART🌹

🌹With deep sadness we inform you of the passing of Evelyn Charach z'l, on January 16, 2018. She was the beloved mother to Larry Charach and his wife Louise. The funeral service took place Thursday, January 18, 2018 in New Westminster, BC. Our heartfelt condolences go out to the entire family.

🌹Elin Logan has had a fall on the ice, is recuperating at home, still with a certain amount of pain, from a broken shoulder. Friends are visiting and bringing casseroles, see you back at church, Elin, and hope you will be able to play your ukulele soon! We miss you!!

🌹Liz Cloutier is "down with the weather" at Rosedale Senior's residence. She informed us that her dear Clem is going into care in the near future. Both Clem and Liz are special people in our lives here at UCE. Who can forget Liz and those fragrant loaves of bread lovingly made for our church gatherings, and a sense of humour that is totally, "The best in town!"

🌹Reva Russel has let us know that her mother, Marion De Shield, is in Grey Nuns hospital awaiting placement in a long term care facility. Marion is in her 90's, and a sweet lady!!

🌹Don Royer is recovering from a bad fall in December and would be happy to receive visits from old friends at the Norwood Centre.

🌹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

### Save the Dates!

#### Chorealis Cabaret



**Saturday, March 17,**  
featuring Chorealis,  
local musicians and  
actors doors open at  
7:00pm Cabaret  
begins at 7:30pm  
Cash Bar Tickets  
\$15.00 available from  
Chorealis members

or from the Church Office

<https://www.facebook.com/events/303587030164320/>

#### Spring Is a Long Way Off...



Please mark your calendars!  
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!

## Volunteer Opportunities at Church

### Prepping the Floors for Waxing, February 18<sup>th</sup>



It is high time that the floors get a fresh coat of wax! There is a lot of furniture moving that needs to happen before the cleaners can get to work. If you are ready to do some heavy lifting please contact Mike Keast at [mikekeast@shaw.ca](mailto:mikekeast@shaw.ca) and let him know that you are able to help on the 18<sup>th</sup> after the service. Volunteers will be rewarded with snacks.

### 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 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 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).

### 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's.

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.

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) .



Thank you to the Communications Committee and their hard work on **Facebook**, **You Tube**, 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.

### Kitchen News (Reposting)



Due to recent issues and the perennial problem of dirty dishes left behind, the kitchen has now been secured with a number padlock on the door leading to from the coffee nook. The remaining doors will remain dead bolted. If you require access to the kitchen please contact Mike Keast at 780-780-497-1303 for the code. The good knives and the chafing dishes are in now in locked cupboards and you can sign the keys out from the workroom key box.

If you would like to take part in a cleaning bee to get the kitchen in tip top shape in the New Year, please contact Susan Ruttan at [ruttans@shaw.ca](mailto:ruttans@shaw.ca)

### Donation of Microwave Appreciated

The microwave that was recently moved to the Coffee Nook has broken. The Church would greatly appreciate a reliable, used microwave. So if you have recently updated your own and can spare the old one, it would be put to good use at the Church. If you can help, please email Mike Keast at [mikekesast@shaw.ca](mailto:mikekesast@shaw.ca).



## UU Activities around Edmonton this Month

### Theatre for Living Presents: "šx??am??t (home)"

Rev. Meg Roberts, a former intern minister in this church is appearing in an interactive play about First Nations issues entitled "šx??am??t (home)". It has solid reviews in BC and is now touring. It also fits in with our January and February themes of exploring First Nations cultures. There are two performances, Sunday, February 11 and Tuesday, February 13 at 7 p.m. at the Boyle Street Community League. Tickets are \$15. Brian will be attending the Sunday performance with others for the church, but I am sure you will see familiar faces both evenings. Here is a link about the play itself [http://www.theatreforliving.com/present\\_work/sxwPamet/index.html](http://www.theatreforliving.com/present_work/sxwPamet/index.html) Kindly use the link below to purchase your tickets: [Performance Tickets](#)

### "The Ethics of Living and Dying", Rev. Brian J. Kiely will speak at Southminster-Steinhauer United Church

Medical assistance in dying is the law of the land, and has been for one-and-a-half years. As of three months ago—the last count from Health Canada was reported October 6—there have been 2,149 physician-assisted deaths, and that number has been rising faster as time has gone by (though the opposite appears to be true in Alberta).

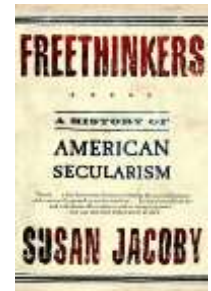
In an address at Southminster-Steinhauer United Church on Wednesday, February 7, the Rev. Kiely will take up this fraught subject, focusing on the human dimension. One of the once-a-month presentations in Beyond: The Speakers Series, the talk, "The ethics of living and dying: the choices we face," open to the public free of charge, will begin at 7 p.m. at the church at 10740-19 Avenue.

### At Westwood Unitarian

**Westwood's Free Thinker Book Club:** Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:00- 8:30 PM – Downstairs, Westwood Unitarian, 11135-65 Avenue NW

At a time when the separation of church and state is under attack as never before, *Freethinkers* (Susan Jacoby) offers a powerful defense of the secularist heritage that gave Americans the first government in the world founded not on the authority of religion but on the bedrock of human reason.

Rich with such iconic figures as Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Paine, and the once-famous Robert Green Ingersoll, *Freethinkers* restores to history the passionate humanists who struggled against those who would undermine the combination of secular government and religious liberty that is the glory of the American system.



**Social Justice Movie Night:** All are welcomed to the Social Justice Movie Night at 7:30 PM on Feb.9 in the Church.

This month's film, by Karen Cho, focuses on issues of critical importance in regard to the rights and the safety of women in our society. Synopsis: Feminism has shaped the society we live in. But just how far has it brought us, and how relevant is it today? This feature documentary zeroes in on key concerns such as violence against women, access to abortion, and universal childcare, asking how much progress we have truly made on these issues. Rich with archival

material and startling contemporary stories, [Status Quo?](#) uncovers answers that are provocative and at times shocking. Westwood Unitarian, 11135-65 Avenue NW.



### 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."

### 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.
- **Edmonton Food Bank:** Are always looking for volunteers, please visit this link for more information: <http://edmontonsfoodbank.harmonyapp.com/donate/volunteer-opportunities/>  
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).

### Sunday Volunteer Schedule

Date	Greeter	Usher	Sound Technician	Coffee
February 4 <sup>th</sup>	Gertrud Janke	Barbara Forbes	Marg Booker	John Turvey
February 11 <sup>th</sup>	Art Breier	Maurice Bourgoin	Kat Hartshorne	Clair Horne
February 18 <sup>th</sup>	David Rae, Will Adair	Rosemary Falconer	Bill Lee	Clair Horne
February 25 <sup>th</sup>	Donna Hamar	Jeff Bisanz	Bill Lee	Clair Horne

### 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>February 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	High Street/124 Street Meander. Park underground at Planet Organic, lunch at Remedy
<b>February 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Government House Park. Lunch at Arno's (park at Jewish Centre)
<b>February 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Victoria promenade to Federal Building (park at Jewish Centre)
<b>February 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Laurier Park. Lunch at Flamingo (159 St/87 Ave)

### 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 Family Day*

The Administrator's Office will be closed Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. In case of emergency, please see below for contact information of our pastor, chaplain, board members and building maintenance.

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

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