



June 3

Pride

Rev. Brian J. Kiely

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

June 10

Literature for Liberals

John Pater

You may have heard of “The Bible for Liberals”. This will be an exploration of why and how literature is important in shaping, influencing, challenging and inspiring liberal religious folk like us. This is inspired in part by Canadian novelist Yann Martel’s “recommended reading for a prime minister and book lovers of all stripes.”

June 17

Picnic Service

Rev. Brian J. Kiely

It’s our annual picnic in the park across the street (if the weather agrees, otherwise we will meet in church). Bring some food to share and a portable lawn chair or blanket. We will have a short informal service around 11 a.m. followed by food and fellowship.

June 24

Blessing of the Pets

Rev. Brian J. Kiely

Our last service of the regular church year welcomes in the animals that make our lives brighter and better. Bring your companion whether cat, dog, goldfish or whatever. (Pictures are okay too). We will acknowledge what they bring to us and bless each one individually.

Ministerial Musings



I ask you to indulge me for a moment as I ponder the end of my 21st year serving this congregation. And no, I am not leaving anytime soon.

21 years is a long time, especially for a Unitarian minister. Many careers aren't even that long, for this is a field that burns some people out. Most parish ministries average 7 or 8 years. Perhaps conflict grows underground and finally erupts; perhaps ministers and congregations simply grow a tired of each other. I can't really say.

What I can say is that I am proud that we have figured out how to work together amiably for this last two decades and more. There have been many changes in the congregation and the way it goes about its work. I also think there have been many changes in the way I do my work.

I do know that I chose to come here in 1997 because I realized that this was a very mature institution. Not old - mature: wise, sensible, a congregation that knew how to do church. You knew then, and still know now, that the congregation owns a large share of the work. The generations of leaders I have worked with have understood the limits of my knowledge and skill as well as understanding that some of the work of the church was simply not mine to do. You have never asked more of me than I could reasonably deliver. I hope the reverse is also true.

And when things have gone well in my personal life, you have celebrated with me and my family. And when things weren't going so well, you have been understanding, sympathetic and kind.

So as I wind this year down and head off towards July vacation, I just want to say thank you. I couldn't have dreamt of working with a better congregation or a better group of people.

Happy summer
Brian

Religion on Tap



Join us for our informal drop-in social and theological discussion evening. "Religion on Tap" will be on Tuesday, June 19th, Metro Billiards, 10250 106 Street, starting at 7 p.m. This will be the last gathering until September.

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 or 780-619-6843, to sign up for one of the summer services.

Summer Services to Look Forward to

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.

Celebrate with Lauren Kay!

We are going to get together on
Friday July 20
for a **Potluck Farewell Party**

Doors at 6:00pm
Dinner at 6:30pm
Hugs all night

Please bring food to share with everybody
(an extra Kleenex would probably come in handy too)

Please join the Facebook event to be kept updated <https://www.facebook.com/events/124963095043484/>

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 to start the process of becoming a fully-fledged member of our very vibrant community. We look forward to welcoming you.

Seniors' Lunch



If you are retired or semi-retired and 55 years and better, please join your friends at the Seniors' Lunch on Friday, June 8th. The doors open at 11 am, food and refreshments will follow.

If you would like to attend, you may RSVP by emailing chadmin@uce.ca or call 780-454-8073.

We can't wait to see you here in your Carousel attire (or just bring your singing voice)!

Unitarians in the Pride Parade

The Parade is Saturday **June 9th at 11am**. Along with WESTWOOD, UCE members and friends will be marching in the Pride parade on Whyte Avenue.

Gordon Ritchie is making signs in **turquoise**, **hot pink** and **orange**.

We hope that you have a green UU shirt to wear or your own **green**, **turquoise**, **hot pink** and/or **orange outfit**.

It's going to be an amazing time! This is an annual event for us in support of our family and friends in the LGBTQ+ community.

[Please join the Facebook event to get updates.](#)



Please email Lauren at ucekids@uce.ca to register to walk in our group. You must register to get a wrist band. You will not be allowed to march without a wrist band. Please let us know ASAP if you can attend.



🌹Heart to Heart🌹

🌹 Former long-time member, Joyce Buchwald died on March 10 at the age of 82. Her husband, Bertie, died some years ago. Bertie and Joyce are survived by three sons: Julian, Jonathan and Jason.

🌹 Ivo Dalla Lana, husband of former member Mary, Died March 5th at the age of 91, He is survived by their 4 sons.

🌹 The memorial for Everett Hewitt, husband of Joanne Olafson will be held on August 25, 2018. Please contact Foster and McGarvey for details at: www.fostermcgarvey.com

🌹 Mury Storhwell from the Peterborough New Hampshire UU church, and Bill Barnes from the UU Church in Alaska were here for the May 6 service and said they loved it!

🌹 It's a pleasure to see Jennifer Hinchcliffe back at church, radiating her usual smile after recovering from a foot injury.

🌹 Ali H, Audrey and Joel B visited the Hope mission on Sunday May 13, to join other groups in bringing and serving donated food to many inner city folk in need of food, shelter and friendship. We would like to keep doing this, and encourage others to donate food and join us when we venture forth again. Just let us know if you are interested.

🌹 Alex Polkovsky is struggling, trying to get back the mobility he had (until recently) through physio and exercise. We are also hopeful that he can get the opportunity to be an in-patient at the Glenrose this summer for about 4 -6 weeks to get more intensive, daily physio.

🌹 On Saturday, May 12, "Mother's Day at the Rosedale" was celebrated with UU residents and their families; a good time was had by all.

🌹 "Our mission is love, our race is humanity; our faith is in each other."

🌹 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. There is no cost for this service.

Care and Concern for Our Members

If you become aware of a church member or friend who is ill, recuperating, in the hospital, has a significant birthday, etc. etc. - please take an appropriate card out of the basket in the administrator's office. You can put it on the membership desk and make the congregation members aware to sign it. If you are not able to send or deliver it – leave it in the administrator's office to be sent to the person. Thanks.

Sylvia Krogh

Sharing Our Abundance June 2018

George Spady Centre, Edmonton is an inner city agency which provides overnight shelter to 72 adults. They also have a 20 bed detox for adults under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Admission is immediate and offered on a 24 hour- 7 day a week basis.



Casino Help



Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help, we now have enough people! 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.

Our Massive Successful Garage Sale



Another exceptional garage sale has come and gone. Thanks so much for all your donations. Every year someone says: "We won't ever get that much stuff again – most people have downsized already." And of course, they are wrong! Now our friends and families as well as UCE renters are also bringing their treasures and then making purchases.

It was busy from April 20th to the final cleanup on May 9th with many hands to organize, price, work the garage sale, help with Free Day and then get Keeler Hall back to the way it we found it. Those who pitched in for many hours were Rosemary Falconer, Susan Ruttan, Yvonne Mireau, Wendy Smith,

Ali Hammington, Linda Berryman, Pauline Atwood, Elaine Reynard, Shirley Edgar, Kathy Stanley, Sylvia Krogh, Alan Boyle, David and Paulette Hagel, Christina Keast, Audrey Brooks, Gaylord Madill, Vic and Bev Romanyshyn, Elin Logan, Lauren Kay, Herb Hartshorne, Ayla White, Sue Lynch, Maurice Bourgoin, Louise Charach, David Rae, Jolien Pauw, Ann-Marie Harder, and others. A special thank you to my hardworking sister Donna Hamar who put in long hours and was there much later than I was on many days. We also appreciate people outside our church community who enjoy working at our sale as well as donating -- Ruth Smith-Hill, Douglas Oakley, and Sandra Maygard.



Karen Bilida was responsible for advertising with revolving pictures on Kijiji for several days prior to and during the sale. Kudos to Scott Harrison who constructed brand new signs. He and Karen were out at 11 pm the day before the sale, blanketing the surrounding area and then picking them up Saturday afternoon. Most buyers find us from those two methods, so we owe them a huge thank you! As well, they organized and managed Free Day on Monday. Karen also had a brainwave to hold a Flash Garage Sale on Kijiji for a few hours the Saturday before our sale because we had so many donations and our tables were overflowing. Thanks to all of you who came out at the last minute to help with that effort. We made \$900 in just a few hours and cleared space for many more items that came in. Clair Horne did pickups of bigger items with his truck. And workers were treated to food from Elaine Reynard, Stella Clarke, Paulette Hagel and Kathy Stanley.



To serve our delicious hotdogs and pop were chefs Brian Reed on Friday and Rev. Brian Kiely on Saturday. Brian K. also added pulled pork sandwiches that were served at our Hawaiian themed annual church dinner.

Gaylord Madill kept us informed of the running total during the sale and then he and Edwina had the challenge of counting almost \$10,000! This was especially rewarding, considering that our church just voted to pass a deficit budget at our annual general meeting.

Heritage Testimonial



During International Women's Week this year, at our Unitarian Church of Edmonton March 4th service, I shared the event of my first Métis sash draping that occurred at the Weavers Tent, 2017 September 17th during an annual Festival. This was personally important because my "mixed-blood" family had been socialized to reject our First Nations heritages; I am convinced this resulted in various and accumulative dysfunctions. A main mechanism to impose such denial were narratives of our so-called "extinction", upheld by textbooks, movies and other "racial purity" propaganda.

Many other "mixed-bloods" and Creoles, whose forebears did not confer "status" on their descendants, have formed "unofficial" networks, e.g., the [former] North American Métis Association, to which I had belonged for a number of years. "Jim" Lavers told me about 6 months before his

sudden death, for various reasons, he did not expect to confer Métis status upon his offspring. The completion of my "draping" was not meant to confer "official/legal" status; most significant was the spiritual/ psychological acceptance.

Wanda helped me select my sash, informing me all were handwoven in Winnipeg (by Étchiboy artist Miguel Vielfaure), asking [if she could] "drape" me; another woman (elder/probably also "status" Métis), a young man/weaver ("status"), and my husband Sean, also were present, as well as a woman who stated she was, "mixed-blood", but "not" Métis. -- I was told "red" dominants had "Anglican significance" and worn equally by men and women [and the chosen] "red" dominant weave "suited me perfectly" [and] my cash "donation" supported Indigenous Andean women and orphans. For me, this enhanced the spirituality of the event.

"We" believe (our late) "Uncle Bill" Wuttunee and "Big Jim" Lavers approved, as would "[Elder Sister] Grizzly Packs Good Medicine" . . .

tdl turner, Edmonton, on Treaty 6 Lands

Notes from CUC Conference

- The Winnipeg church has about 90 children so many that baby strollers clog the church entrance. Winnipeg has 217 members (UCE has 174) and a dynamic new minister. However, most congregations struggle to get children, and UCE's current youth program is the envy of many.
- Many churches are doing what ours does, hiring Sunday workers to help with the children's program. The Calgary church is also thinking of contracting a human resources company to help with HR issues. Lack of volunteers is common to most congregations.
- The big Toronto church has started offering an app called Tithe.ly which lets people donate on their phones, rather than in the collection plate. Great for younger members.
- Several congregations have changed how chairs are set up in their sanctuary on Sundays – they do a U shape, so people can see each other. Nice.
- The current board president of the Hamilton church is moving to Edmonton with her husband. They'll be checking out UCE and Westwood, especially to find a good place for their 14-year-old daughter.
- The Vancouver church, biggest in the country, is trying out a summer camp for their kids this year. Their RE director, Kiersten Moore, has just joined the national CUC board.

-- Susan Ruttan attended the annual CUC conference in Hamilton May 18-20. Her three-year term on the national board ended that weekend.

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



Missed a service? Want to hear a past service?



Check out the Unitarian Church of Edmonton YouTube Page!

Help us help communicate to the outside world what a great community we have plus stay tuned to all the latest!

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.

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It isn't too late. Time is not running out. Your life is here and now. And the moment has arrived at which you're finally ready to change.

Cheryl Strayed

Our art therapy practicum student, Karen Stevenson, has now launched her new practice and is currently offering art therapy and counselling service out of UCE.

This summer she will lead creative healing workshops as a summer program at UCE. If you would like to learn more about her work visit www.sustainingwonder.ca.

UCE Summer workshops will be listed in the July newsletter.

Volunteer Opportunities

Property Pride Week

To gear up for the Edmonton Pride week we will be starting off Property Pride Week on June 3 after the service.

We need to clean up our parking lot and garden.

Kathy Stanley will be heading up the Garden Pride Division so gardeners of all ages and skill levels are welcome, please bring your gardening gloves and favorite weeder.

Mike Keast will be heading up the Parking Lot Pride Division and we will need to sweep the lot and trim any branches that might be sticking through the fence, again any skill level is welcome and please bring a push broom if you have one.

The whole cleanup should take no more than a couple of hours, so please feel free to help out as you are able.

We will be providing the traditional hot dogs and treats for those that are able to help out.

Thanks, Mike



Help Fundraise for UCE Youth



Once again our youth group has been asked by the Edmonton BMX Association to help run their concession for Provincial races they will be hosting June 23 and 24th.

In exchange, the BMX club donates \$1500 to our youth group. Our youth group then uses this money to offset costs associated with Youth and OWL Conferences and supplies for their program. It is extremely valuable to our growing youth group.

However they cannot do it alone. Please consider helping out to handle cash and/or flip some burgers. It would be greatly appreciated. You can sign up at www.volunteersignup.org/DMAXM or contact Lauren Kay (ucekids@uce.ca) or

Brandie Moller-Reid (brmoller@hotmail.com). Thank you on behalf of UCE Youth Group.

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, mobile 780-435-7477

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

Volunteer Without Meetings for the Food Bank

Maurice is off to Quebec, we need volunteers in the summer or we will have to shut down Food Bank Distribution for the summer.

There are non-lifting and lifting jobs available. 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
June 6	Marge Roche		
June 13	Karen Bilida		
June 20	Marge Roche		
June 27			

Sunday Volunteer Schedule

Date	Greeter	Usher	Sound Technician	Coffee
June 3	Art Breier, Jennifer Hinchcliffe	Jeff Bisanz	Kat Hartshorne	Clair Horne
June 10	Art Breier	Rosemary Falconer	Bill Lee	Clair Horne
June 17	Picnic Service			
June 24	Lilas Lysne	Jennifer Hinchcliffe	Marg Booker	Clair Horne

Occasional Office Help Needed: Paid Position



Our Administrator, Janet Polkovsky will be working a reduced schedule during the summer (please see below). In order for the church to fulfill the terms of the work agreement, an occasional office assistant needs to be hired to cover Janet’s vacation time (dates to be determined). Ideally, the person would also be able to work a day or 2 during the regular church year to cover sick days, etc. The pay will be \$16.00 per hour. The candidate will need to have experience with Microsoft Office and database entry. Must have good organizational skills and work well with a diverse group of people as part of the job includes reception work (in person and on phone), responding to email inquiries and coordinating an events calendar. They will also perform kitchen duties (set up and clean up) on Sundays to provide coffee and tea to members attending services. If you are interested, please contact Janet Polkovsky at chadmin@uce.ca.

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.



June 1	Kinsmen, meet at front entrance
June 8	Seniors’ Lunch
June 15	Muttart Conservatory
June 22	Laurier Park
June 29	Hawrelak Park

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.
- **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 .
- **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.
- **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).

Child Haven International 15th Annual East Indian Dinner On Sunday, October 28, 2018 at 5 pm.



Inspired by the ideals and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi, Child Haven International is a registered not for profit charity founded in 1985 by Unitarian Minister Reverend Fred Cappuccino and his wife, Bonnie. Child Haven International assists children and women in developing countries, who are in need of food, education, health care, shelter and clothing, emotional and moral support. Child Haven has five homes in India, one in Nepal, one in Tibet in China and one in Bangladesh. Further information is available at www.childhaven.ca

The Annual Edmonton Child Haven dinner will be held on Sunday, October 28, 2018 at the Meridian Banquet Centre, 4820 – 76 Avenue NW, Edmonton at 5 pm. Adult tickets are \$60, Children 5-12 years are \$20 and 5 years and under are free. Bonnie and Fred Cappuccino will be in attendance and show slides of some of the children. There will be a bazaar, silent and live auction, children's craft table and auctioning a painting

created during the event by artist Lewis Lavoie. We hope you will join us. Tickets are available from Sylvia Krogh at skrogh@shaw.ca; phone 780-454-6216.

Sylvia Galbraith is having a garage sale in July and all proceeds will be donated to Child Haven. Sylvia Galbraith lives at 10728-125 Street NW, Edmonton. If you have any contributions – they would be appreciated. If you are not able to deliver the donations she will pick them up if you contact her at 780-455-6741.

Social Justice Film Night at Westwood Unitarian:

11135 – 65 Avenue, Friday June 8th at 7:00 PM for a screening of *The Chocolate Farmer*.

*"This full-length documentary takes us to an unspoiled corner of southern Belize, where cacao farmer and father Eladio Pop manually works his plantation in the tradition of his Mayan ancestors: as a steward of the land. The film captures a year in the life of the Pop family as they struggle to preserve their values in a world that is dramatically changing around them. A lament for cultures lost, **The Chocolate Farmer** challenges our deeply held assumptions of progress."*



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.

Summer Office Hours

Church Administrator, Janet Polkovsky will be working a reduced schedule throughout the summer of 2018: Wednesdays and Thursdays: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, Sundays: 9:30 am to 1:30 pm.

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More Garage Sale!



**Thank you Jan for all
your help coordinating!
We hope to see you all
again in 2019, May 3rd
and 4th!**

