

The Edmonton Unitarian: February 2019, Vol 60.2



February Theme: “What does it mean to be people who confront RACISM?”

February 3

“One Race”

Chorealis

Chorealis presents their annual Taizé inspired service. Come be reminded, through meditative readings and song, that although the people of the world have different religions, different languages and different coloured skin, we all belong to one human race.

Children’s focus will be “The second principle - We believe that all people should be treated fairly and kindly.”

February 10

“Understanding Racism”

Rev. Brian J. Kiely

Racism is a relatively new phenomenon in human history, though distrusting ‘others’ isn’t. Today I will look at what racism actually is.

Children’s focus will be “The love of all” – All children will be together and we will have a Valentine’s party.

February 17

“The Worth and Dignity of Every Person”

Rev. Brian J. Kiely

I have always maintained that following our first Principle is the toughest thing Unitarianism asks of us. If we do it well, the Principle will keep asking us to go deeper and deeper in confronting our hidden biases, privileges and even sense of self.

All ages service.

February 24

“Black History Month”

Social Justice Committee

Social Justice presents Black History Month with guest speaker Deborah Dobbins of the Shiloh Centre for Multicultural Roots. Guest musicians will be members of Pepperseed Steel Orchestra. The Service will be followed by Soup Sunday provided by the Membership and Social Justice Committees – we welcome you to join us, this is a great opportunity to learn more about each other.

Children’s focus will be “Building Bridges” – As pertaining to racism as well as the possible induction of an 8th principle.

MINISTERIAL MUSINGS

This column is about stuff we don't always notice or remember to appreciate. Specifically I am thinking about things that get done behind our backs. A lot of that kind of work goes on around our church. In January we were asked on short notice to hold a memorial service for Joanne Olafson, a longtime member. When I added a request for volunteer help to the service announcement letter, about six people replied quickly and about a dozen showed up to help with set up, coffee, serving and cleaning up. Just like that!



And while it's true that we sometimes have trouble recruiting regular volunteers (as in the RE program), we also have a lot of folks who just do stuff. On Wednesdays a gang of mostly older guys come in to fix things, things I often didn't even know needed fixing. They make a list with the help of Mike Keast, but they add a lot of little things themselves. They also help unload the Food Bank truck when it comes. We don't have to organize them or remind them...we just have to say thanks.

Another often unnoticed area is communication. Few of us realize how much work it takes to keep the web site up to date, to manage our social media pages ensuring there is good regular and fresh content (including pestering the minister to provide some of that content), collecting and editing our newsletter, recording and publishing our services online. Short answer: It's a lot of work!

How about the kitchen? With more people renting and using our kitchen, it needs regular cleaning that goes beyond the scope of our building maintenance contract. Again some dedicated folk just go ahead and do it, making sure our kitchen is well regarded by the health inspector.

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I could go on and on noting the work of the tellers, the sound techs, the RE teachers, the gardeners, the aesthetics folks, the clean-up and prep crews for our various celebrations, the folks who return bottles and empty donation bins. My point is that this community exists because the members take care of it. If our community is vibrant it's because you make this happen. Sure, the elected Board manages things, and the staff all make their contributions, but without that ad hoc volunteer help we would be nowhere.

So thank you, nameless ones. Those of us who are paid to work here, know who most of you are and appreciate what you do.

See you in church
Brian



On January 12th I was pleased to attend the event where we celebrated the retirement of UCE's debts. We have now paid for our church building and that's a great feeling.

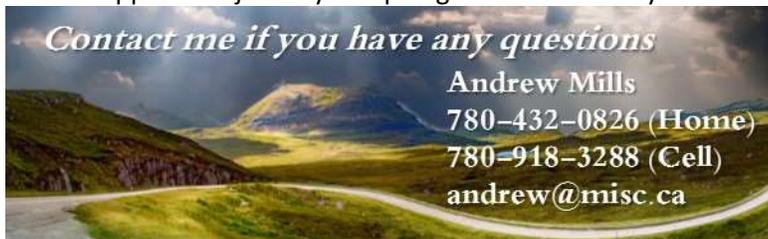
There were a lot of people that supported our journey to this new building. Our members and friends contributed over \$600,000 to our building fund when that call was made over 15 years ago. The Brews family that sold us the building were especially generous, selling us this building for \$300,000 less than market value, and then letting us pay over a period of years to match our building fund donations. At the end of construction, the remaining debt was sold to our members as debentures. Then our members and friends paid for those debentures by volunteering for casinos. This fall the last debenture was paid back. Along the way there has been lots of additional support; the anonymous donation that built the new kitchen, the debenture holders who donated their earned interest or even their entire debentures back to the church, the donation for our sound system, and the additional fundraising for completing the library, Keeler Hall, the labyrinth floor, and the donations to the endowment fund that have brought it back to nearly where it was before being spent on the construction. What a journey it has been! Thank you!

But our building is not our church. It is more than that. Our journey includes the people and activities and services and events that bring us all together. During the past 15 years while we have been paying for this building we have continued to support the work of the church through our annual canvass. In each of those 15 years we still raised the ~\$180,000 needed to support our staff and the programs of our church. With the final payment for the building we can now divert that funding (casino funding mostly) to other needs. The board is asking us what our next needs and wants will be and will be asking for everyone's input in the next few months.

That brings us back to canvass again! Your donations are still needed to support the journey of this church. We may end up with a bit more funding to fix a leaky roof or buy new chairs, but we still need your canvass contributions to support our staff and programs. I look forward to your continued support!

Canvass is our annual call for support to the members and friends of this church. We ask that everyone submit a pledge by the end of March so that we can plan UCE's journey for the next year. You can find more information in the Canvass section of the UCE web page at <http://www.uce.ca/canvass/>. You can also find an online pledge form here <http://www.uce.ca/canvass/pledge.html>.

Please support our journey and pledge to the work of your church.



CHURCH EVENTS

IMBOLC

Join us on Friday February 1 in a gathering aimed at moving us toward spring and letting go of items that hold us back. We will celebrate Imbolc, the feast day of the Celtic goddess Brigid, by walking the UCE labyrinth.

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*You are
the answer
to my prayers...*



*...meditations,
and/or moments of
quiet reflection.*

Imbolc is the first agricultural event of the New Year. For our ancestors, it was a time when lambs were being born, and fresh milk and cheese became available. It reminds us that despite the cold and darkness, the seeds are stirring beneath the snow, and the sun stays longer each day.



At Imbolc, we can write or draw the year's burdens and regrets and burn them in Brigid's flaming cauldron. Then, we can walk the sacred labyrinth, keeping our minds open to inspiration.

Please feel free to arrive anytime between 7 and 8:30; each individual will have an opportunity go through the Labyrinth and complete the personal work of their choice. You can expect to take about 30 minutes to go through the entire process, and you are welcome to stay for tea and discussion once you're done!

This is a meditative walk that is best suited to those who are comfortable and respectful of quiet contemplation – often age 12 and older.

The UCE Pagan Group

RELIGION ON TAP

Religion on Tap is our monthly social/theological chat. It will be Tuesday, February 12 at 7 p.m. at Metro Billiards, 10250 106 St. These are informal gatherings where we socialize (anywhere from 3 to about 15 people) and have a religiously themed discussion that runs from 5 minutes to an hour depending on interest. Brian Kiely leads and all are welcome. Everyone (over 18) is welcome.

RE FAMILY FUN NIGHT

March 2nd at 5pm we will have a family fun night with potluck here in Keeler Hall. This RE potluck will give families a chance to meet and mingle, but everyone is welcome; we will have game (tabletop and active), crafts, and other activities for all. Please let us know if you plan to attend so that we know how many tables and chairs we may need.



CHOREALIS CABARET

The immensely popular Cabaret night returns!
Save the date for Saturday March 23.

UCE FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Save the date for Saturday May 11!
A bit later in the year so all the snow birds can join us too!



NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE WORKING GROUP



The Social Justice Working Group has been active over the holidays! On December 16 and January 20 we attended the Sidewalk Parties outside the Hope Mission. We handed out hot food, warm clothes and candy canes to over 300 people! There were many volunteers in December because of the holiday season, but we know things will be bleaker again during the winter. The Social Justice group attends the Sidewalk Parties on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 7pm, and you are always welcome to join us!

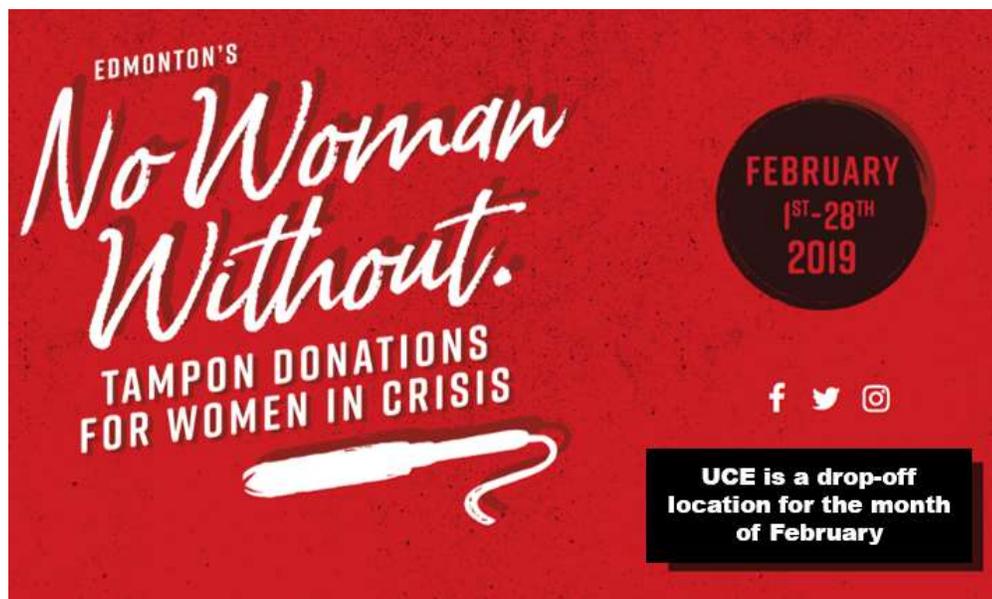
The next Social Justice Sunday Service will take place on February 24th, in honour of Black History Month. This will also be a

Soup Sunday, so we invite you to join us for lunch after the service!

Sunday February 17 falls on the Family Day weekend, and it's also the date when the Social Justice Committee attends the Sidewalk Party outside the Hope Mission at 7pm. We invite you to join us, and bring your family, for a first-hand look at how poverty and homelessness affect our fellow citizens, and to get to know our neighbours in the inner city. Please bring some food, blankets or winter clothing to share.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2289172244466188/>

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The UCE Social Justice group voted unanimously to be a drop off location! Be prepared for there to be a drop off in the church lobby for feminine hygiene products (Tampons, Maxi Pads, Panty Liners, Feminine Treatment Products, Packaged Underwear, Menstrual Cups...) in the month of February.

FEBRUARY THEME:

“WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE PEOPLE WHO CONFRONT RACISM?”

February is Black History Month, the precursor to Black History Month was created in 1926 in the USA, when historian Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History announced the second week of February to be "Negro History Week". This week was chosen because it coincided with the birthday of Abraham Lincoln on Feb. 12 and of Frederick Douglass on Feb. 14, both of which dates black communities had celebrated together since the late 19th century.

Even though February is Black History Month, many consider Martin Luther King Day (January 21, 2019) the beginning of Black History Month. Did you know that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his speech “*Don't Sleep Through the Revolution*” at the Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly May 18, 1966? [Click here to read it on the UUA web site.](#)

In Dr. King's speech, you will see mention of Unitarians Rev. James Reeb and Mrs. Viola Liuzzo, who answered the Call to Selma and Jimmie Lee Jackson – all of whom lost their lives in Alabama fighting for human rights.



Jimmie Lee Jackson (December 16, 1938 – February 26, 1965) was an African American civil rights activist in Marion, Alabama and a deacon in the Baptist church. On February 18, 1965, while participating in a peaceful voting rights march in his city, he was beaten and shot by Alabama State Troopers. Jackson was unarmed and died eight days later in the hospital.

His death was part of the inspiration for the Selma to Montgomery marches in March 1965, a major event in the Civil Rights Movement that helped gain Congressional passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Murder_of_Jimmie_Lee_Jackson

Rev. James Reeb (January 1, 1927 – March 11, 1965) was with thousands who gathered on March 9, 1965 to march but were turned back at the Edmund Pettis Bridge. That night, Reeb and two other Unitarian Universalist ministers, Orloff Miller and Clark Olsen, left a diner on foot. The three headed, side by side, to the chapel where Dr. King was to speak. On the way to the chapel, the three ministers were assaulted by four or five white men. On March 11, two days after his arrival in Selma, James Reeb died. His death so shocked the country and the U.S. Congress that President Johnson sent the Voting Rights Act to Congress within days. Dr. King, invited to Washington to support the Voting Rights Act, declined. Instead, he delivered the eulogy at Reeb's funeral.



Read the story of Rev. Reeb: <https://www.uua.org/re/tapestry/adults/river/workshop5/175806.shtml>



Viola Gregg Liuzzo (April 11, 1925 – March 25, 1965) was a UU layperson and mother of five children from Detroit. Passionate about racial justice issues, she traveled to Selma to participate in the marches of 1965. While transporting marchers in her car, she was shot and killed by members of the Ku Klux Klan.

Today, she is remembered as a martyr for the civil rights movement, and is honored along with Jimmie Lee Jackson and Rev. James Reeb on the Selma Memorial plaque at UUA headquarters.

<https://www.uua.org/pressroom/stories/celebrating-uu-women-history>

Read more of the fascinating story and the FBI's attempt to discredit Viola Gregg Liuzzo here: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Viola_Liuzzo

Submitted by Karen Bilida

YOUNG ADULT'S GATHERING: Let us know if you are interested!

This will be a time for our young adults to get together and have a safe place for community in the “bridging years”. I see this group something like “Religion on Tap” but instead of getting together at a pub we would maybe have a potluck here with discussion and fun (board games, Cards, etc.) Anyone Interested or know anyone that maybe interested let us know. We will start as soon as we have some participants. You can reach me, Will Adair, by email at ucekids@uce.ca or by phone at 780-454-5816.

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

Mystery Buddies

Mystery Buddies has started and we will have a Reveal Party service in the Keeler Hall after service on February 17th. The date of the reveal party has changed do to Schedule difficulties.



RE Volunteers Needed

We need you! The RE program cannot run smoothly without volunteers! Please talk to Will or look in the lobby for opportunities!
Even one Sunday a YEAR makes a difference!

UCE GLOW GETTERS!



Hi there! The GlowGetters are a small group of volunteers working to upgrade the energy efficiency of UCE (Andrew Mills, Karen Bilida, Scott Harrison, and Mike Keast). The church spends nearly \$30,000 a year on utilities so we are *Glowing* to get that reduced!

We started by applying for the Business, Non-profit, and Institutional Energy Savings Program. This program paid for an energy audit of the church (including our leased spaces in the front of the building). That audit was completed before the holidays and laid out a

series of energy saving strategies that the church could take to reduce our energy use. They identified 15 things we could do to save energy. The GlowGetters are reviewing these identified items and will make recommendations to the board so that they can choose whether to include some upgrades in next year's church budget.

Completing the audit also qualified the church for the Non-profit Energy Efficiency Transition (NEET) program. This week a contractor came to assess the church for that program, and we qualify for funding for some upgrades. The most significant upgrades will be to our lighting. The contractor found over 400 fluorescent tubes that they will upgrade to LED lights free of charge. This doesn't quite do all the lighting but it will go a long way to completing the lighting upgrades recommended by the energy audit. As I write this, we have just heard from the contractor that they will start installing these new lights as soon as next week!

Stay tuned for more updates in coming newsletters.

Andrew Mills

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SHARING OUR ABUNDANCE

The Unitarian Church of Edmonton donates half of the loose change collected each month to a different charity. For the month of February UCE will be sharing with iHuman Youth Society, Edmonton. iHuman 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.

UCE HAS A MINISTERIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

What is a Ministerial Relations Committee (MRC)? Why do we have one?

This committee's role is to make sure the relationship between the minister and the congregation is a healthy one. An MRC receives and/or gathers information by survey or questionnaire in order to prepare a report for the organization at year end. The MRC does not exist because there are problems. Our current focus is on exploring the general health of the whole. This year we would like to know how the membership sees the totality. Our mandate is to collect that information as a basis for making recommendations on how we could improve and maintain healthy relationships as we move into a time of change.

What does that mean to me? Who can I talk to if I have questions?

It means that your feeling and experiences about ministry in UCE aren't just declared to be 'important'. The work of the committee is to make sure there is an avenue for those feelings and experiences to be expressed and make a real impact on how things are going in the relationships between the different parts of the UCE community.

If you have comments, questions or concerns, please contact a member of the MRC.

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Your feedback enables the committee to prepare an annual report which would inform the congregation how it is doing and possibly ways to make it better.

Thank you for your cooperation.

UCE WALKING GROUP SCHEDULE

February 1	Louise McKinney Park/Funicular
February 8	Laurier Park, lunch at the Zoo
February 15	Highlands Golf Club
February 22	Kinsmen to Q.E. Park



Walkers carpool from church, leaving at 10:00 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.

HONOUR OUR UCE MEMBERS

Two annual awards will be presented at the fellowship dinner on Saturday, May 11th:

- ☺ 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 to board secretary Gloria Krenbrenk by email – gkrenbrenk@gmail.com – or in writing through the church office.

The board will choose the 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.

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Everyday I thank

(please check one)

- God
- The Universe
- The Unnamed
- The Spirit
- Earth Mother
- All of the Above
- None of the Above

FOR YOU

HEART TO HEART

-  Jim Logan has returned home from a short stay at the hospital, and would like visits at #414 8956- 156 street.
-  Ed Holmes is in long term care at Edmonton General Hospital ward 8Y room 26B, and welcomes visitors.
-  Carol Brooks, daughter in law of Rev. Audrey, is still in hospital recovering from surgery for an aneurism, and will undergo one more procedure before entering a recovery program at the Glenrose hospital.
-  Long-time member of UCE, Joanne Olafson died quietly in her sleep. Her memorial service was held Saturday January 19th with many friends and relatives in attendance.
-  Visiting with Liz Cloutier is always a pleasure; she enjoys having a cup of tea and a chat at the Rosedale estates.
-  The flu season is upon us, and some folk have had a go with sinus colds as well. Take good care of yourselves, drink lots of liquids, take lots of naps and hug yourself lots!
-  We have a few people heading for warmer places for a while: we send our good wishes with you, and await your return with anticipation!
-  Dorothy Keeler is recovering nicely from her knee surgery.
-  To those who are moving, looking for work, attending workshops and programs, in fact, anyone who is travelling along life's journey of joy and concern, may you have the sun at your back and good people with you on your path!
-  UCE's Choreal choir, with Karen Mills and Gordon Ritchie as beloved co-conductors are having a very creative and satisfying year, our next service is on Feb. 3.
-  Many, many thanks to all the volunteers who give their time and care to the operation of our church. Without you, we would be only a fraction of what we could be here, and in the larger community!

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

Enrich your life and our community's by volunteering!
 This is a great way to meet new people and be more involved in the church community.
 Many volunteer opportunities available for sign up on credenza in UCE lobby.



PLEASE DROP IN TO HELP OUR WEDNESDAY CREW BETWEEN 10AM-1:30PM.



You do not have to have any handyperson experience, though that is always appreciated! We can use electricians, and carpenters, but there are also very valuable jobs that need to be done like cleaning out kitchen drawers, shoveling, sweeping, putting away dishes ... always things to do. You might learn something new and you will feel great about it too!

SUNDAY SERVICE VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	Coffee	Greeting	Ushering	Piano	Sound Tech
February 3	John Turvey	Jennifer Hinchcliffe	Donna Hamar	Chorealis	Marg Booker
February 10	Clair Horne	Jan McMillan	Art Breier	Karen Mills	John Pater
February 17	Clair Horne	Wendy Smith	Shirley Edgar	Gordon Ritchie	Marg Booker
February 24	Clair Horne	Karen Bilida	Barbara Forbes	Karen Mills	Bill Lee

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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RE met on the 1st Sunday of each month
 Social Justice met on the 2nd Sunday of each month
 UCE Maintenance team meets every Wednesday from approximately 10am-2pm
 UCE Board meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month.
 If you want to attend a Board Meeting please contact the UCE Board President, Karen Mills (karenmills@me.com). The next Board Meeting is Wed, February 27, 2019 at 7:15 p.m.

A question or concern? Please feel free to put a note in the suggestion box in our lobby. Messages will be forwarded to the board at the monthly meetings.

***make sure you check the website calendar and orders of service for changes in schedules

If your gathering or meeting uses the coffee nook and/or the kitchen:

- ☺ Please wash, dry and put away your dishes.
- ☺ Make sure the counters and tables are cleared and wiped down.
- ☺ Sweep and/or mop up any spills
- ☺ Make sure food is labeled and stored correctly.

UU BOOK CLUBS

- ☞ The Edmonton UU Literary discussion group will be reading four Alberta award winning novels this year. We are made up of people from both UCE and Westwood. We meet every couple of months at the home of one of our members. For more information, contact John Pater at johncpater@gmail.com.
- ☞ The Westwood Unitarian FreeThinkers' Book Club meets in the basement of the Westwood Unitarian Church at 7 pm on the last Wednesday of the month from October to March. All are welcome.
- ☞ Canadian Unitarian Online Book Club - Winter has arrived in Canada, and wouldn't it be nice just to curl up at home and discuss a good book with like-minded folks, without having to brave the weather? Come join our online discussion group. We meet monthly on zoom. Send an email to canadian-unitarian-book-group+subscribe@googlegroups.com or contact Mary Maler (mmaler@videotron.ca).



SOCIAL MEDIA

Social Media is not a replacement for coming in to church but another way of connecting new friends, people that are traveling, people that have moved to a location without a local congregation, etc.

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

Every comment, like, share, retweet, and invite helps us. Need help with Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter? Contact Karen Bilida Unitarian.Edmonton@yahoo.ca Need help with YouTube? Contact Bill Lee @ 780-435-7477 or billlee@ualberta.net



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Group for all interests and updates <https://www.facebook.com/groups/41659071349/>
Page for UCE specific updates <https://www.facebook.com/UnitarianChurch/>

THANK YOU TO THE EDMONTON FOODBANK!



It is well known that the Unitarian Church of Edmonton becomes a food hamper depot on Wednesday nights with the help of many church volunteers. What members and friends do not know, is that the UCE rents out the kitchen to organizations like the Edmonton Foodbank so they can host collective kitchens which gives their clients more experience cooking for themselves. Judy Yawney, an employee of the Foodbank, coordinates these cooking sessions and has on occasion, generously, donated kitchen utensils and equipment to supplement our wares. These are items that were donated to the Foodbank but they cannot make use of them there. Just in time for Building Bienvenue!

MESSAGE FROM THE CUC: Delegates wanted for CUC AGM

The Canadian Unitarian Council (CUC) is the national organization for UUs in Canada. The CUC is made up of member congregations to which it is accountable. It provides support for UUs and congregations across the country, fostering growth and outreach, particularly in the areas of lifespan religious education, spiritual growth, and social responsibility.

This year's AGM is in Toronto on May 11, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. UCE is entitled to have four delegates, who may attend in person (at their own cost) or online. Delegates are authorized to vote on the board of trustees and the motions discussed at the meeting.

Delegates should be willing to become familiar with proposed resolutions for the CUC AGM, other matters pertaining to the AGM, and Annual Meeting Rules of Procedure. They should also be willing to report back to the congregation on the AGM.

There is an online orientation session and an email group to support delegates.

Delegates must be selected and registered by April 1.

If you are interested in being a delegate for UCE, please contact Karen Mills (karenmills@me.com), board chair, by **March 20th**. The board will select delegates at their March 27th meeting.

CanUUdle XIX

Friday, May 17 @ 5:00 pm – Monday, May 20 @ 12:00 pm MST Hosted by the Calgary Unitarians

CanUUdle is the annual national conference for Canadian UU youth and their adult advisors. It's a beautiful weekend where youth and adults create an amazing community, worship together, grow as spiritual beings and join in multigen activities.

In 2019, CanUUdle and its sibling event for young adults, Chorus, are happening separately from the CUC's Annual General Meeting.

RSVP to the Facebook event to get updates!

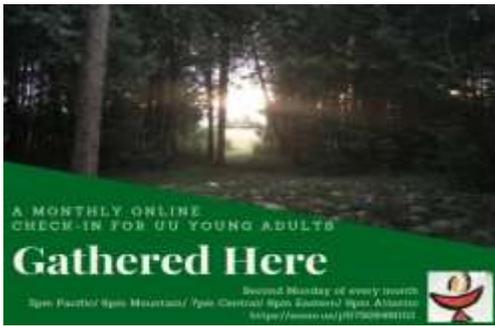
Chorus 2019

Friday, May 17– Monday, May 20

Each year, Canadian UU young adults (18-35) gather to build beloved community, deepen our cross-country connections, and grow as spiritual beings. This gathering, called Chorus, is a weekend-long conference which happens in conjunction with its sibling youth event, CanUUdle.

Join us in Calgary in 2019 for a mix of young adult social and worship time, multigenerational events and workshops, and time to gather with older youth for bridging activities.

RSVP to the Facebook event to get updates leading up to the event!



Join other UU 18-35 year olds on Zoom (a video-conferencing platform) for the sharing of joys and concerns, deeper check-ins, prayerful reflections, and an opportunity to process current events with a spiritually grounded community. Every 2nd Monday of the month at 6pm MST /8pm Eastern time, you don't need to sign up in advance, just show up online.
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1894212357364432/>

Arising out of a common concern, voiced by religious professionals, we invite people to join in this time of reflection and sharing – looking at the ways we find Hope in Hard Times. Many of us are feeling discouraged during these challenging times.

Join us to share and to hear from others. CUC staff and a Canadian UU minister will convene these discussions. You are invited to register for the session that works best for your schedule.

Please register for either:

Wednesday, March 6, 7:00-8:30 ET

Saturday, March 9, 12:30-2:00 ET

<https://cuc.ca/events/gathering-hope-in-hard-times/1551898800/1551904200/>



Our 2019 Seminar will be April 11-13, in New York City. (Youth and sponsors will arrive April 10th for orientation.) Addressing the 2019 theme of Equity in Action: Gender in an Intersecting World, participants will consider both local and global engagement with issues such as:

- Understanding the reality of the non-binary nature of gender and the conditioned performance of gender within cultural context.
- Confronting internal biases, and finding opportunities for growth in mistakes.
- Working for gender equity at the intersection of dismantling systems of white supremacy, patriarchy, heteronormativity, and other forms of oppressions.
- United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 5: "Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls" - and all its associated targets.
- The #MeToo movement which calls the world to believe and support survivors of sexual violence

<https://www.uua.org/international-justice/un/spring-seminar>

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.

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