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# The Edmonton Unitarian

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## Summer Service Schedule

**July 2**

**Voices of Canada**

**Michelle VanDerMolen**

On this day after Canada Day, in this year that some celebrate 150 years since Canada named itself a country, we will gather to listen to a few of the wonderful story tellers (in words, songs, images) that belong to this land. Michelle has been an active member of UCE for almost 20 years. She is an ardent listener of CBC radio and has lived in the Canadian Rockies, the arctic and the prairies.

**July 9**

**The UU Elevator Speech: It Ain't Easy**

**Susan Ruttan**

With seven principles, six sources and five inspirations, Unitarian Universalism isn't getting easier to explain to outsiders. Maybe the ancient Greeks can help us to define ourselves in a monotheistic world. Plus: we'll sing some favourite UU songs. Susan Ruttan is a retired journalist who is currently a member of the UCE board and the national CUC board.

**July 16**

**What Is the World Coming to?**

**John Pater**

An exploration of shifts in recent global politics - nationalism, globalism, populism, violent extremism. What are we to make of all this unrest and challenges to the status quo? John Pater has been a member of UCE for almost 20 years. He is a political junkie who enjoys observing and trying to understand shifts in the political landscape.

**July 23**

**Frantically Trying to Relax**

**Kat Hartshorne**

I've always been a rather high-anxiety person. I have taken to worrying as though it were a moral obligation. Lately, I've been inspired by people I meet who don't appear to do this. I've been somewhat shocked to discover that it appears to be possible to calm down, stop worrying, and still get things done and be a good person. In this service, I will explore what I am starting to learn about letting go of unnecessary and harmful anxiety. Kat Hartshorne has been a member of UCE for about 9 years. She is a lawyer, a mother, and a self-professed anxiety junky.

**July 30**

**Celebrating the Heroes Among Us**

**Louise Charach, Audrey Brooks, Christine Mowat**

Who worked for the Resistance in Amsterdam as a young teen? Who was a tennis champion? Who spent time in a refugee camp in Europe? Louise, Audrey and Christine will share snippets from our 40 interviews of the last decade The History Project is a group of dedicated volunteers at UCE who, for almost 10 years, has been interviewing and profiling prominent members of our UCE community. We have learned some amazing facts as these leaders among us have shared their stories.

**August 6**

**Why Are We Here? A Discussion About Purpose**

**Erica Deneve**

Many of us question why we are here, what are we doing, or supposed to do, with our time on earth. We will discuss finding our purpose and what happens after that. I won't promise answers, but I have plenty of great questions! Erica DeNeve enjoys studying the theologies of many religious paths. Erica was a past member of UCE, and is happy to be back after her wanderings. When her nose is not in a book she enjoys singing, reading and spending time in the woods.

**August 13**

**Words and Meaning**

**Graham MacFarlane**

Words can welcome, or they can alienate. Join us for a discussion of how we use our words. Please bring a small object with you that has some kind of personal meaning; to be used during the service and safely returned to you at the end. Graham MacFarlane is a relative newcomer to UCE in the last few years, but has been engaged in a free and responsible search for truth and meaning for a long time.

**August 20**

**Sides of a Coin - Giving / Receiving**

**Donna Hamar**

Donna will share her experience volunteering at a school for children from the slums of Mumbai, India. She expected to be giving - she did not expect to receive as much as she gave, to learn more than she taught, and to gain such an appreciation for living with the bare necessities. The service will consist of a presentation accompanied by slides. Donna Hamar worked for 30 years in the field of social work, mostly in Children's Services. After retirement she worked another 10 years as a short term contract worker in Child Welfare in Nunavut and Yukon.

**August 27**

**Happiness and Laughter... It can be a serious business!**

**Lauren Kay, Catherine Kay**

We will be exploring how this topic can change ourselves and the broader community. Changing the world, one happy moment at a time. Lauren Kay is the DRE and Lay Chaplain here at UCE. She enjoys event planning and connecting with others in this church and beyond. Catherine is her daughter. She is 13 and is a member of UCE's youth group, her school's Glee club and enjoys activism and service to her community.

**Board Update**

Your UCE Board met on June 14, 2017. We were advised that the Adam family wish to pursue their future in Windsor, Ontario, and will be moving soon. UCE and Westwood have accomplished our goal of supporting a refugee family until they are self-sufficient in Canada. We wish them well. Lockers have been installed in the women's washroom and will be installed in the men's in the near future. If you would like to speak on a particular topic, kindly contact President Karen Mills one week prior to the meeting. The next board meeting will take place following the Board Retreat on Saturday, September 16, 2017.

Submitted by Gloria Krenbrenk

**Treasurer's Report**

Dorothy Keeler has joined our Endowment Committee, which is headed by Beth Jenkins and needs new members. This committee has important work to do. Our Endowment Fund has grown from \$25,000 in 2011 to \$80,000 today. It's currently sitting in an account that earns .35 per cent interest, so we have to think seriously about investment possibilities. About \$5,000 of the money needs to be held back to pay interest on our debenture debt, but the rest needs a better home.

Dorothy also wants to raise the profile of the Endowment Fund, to remind people how important it is to our long-term future. Contributing to the fund is a good way to remember long-time church members on their death, for instance.

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

**Sharing Our Abundance**

During the month of July, we will share our abundance with the well-known Stephen Lewis Foundation. Their mission is to "turn the tide of AIDS in Africa." They provide care and support to women, orphaned children, grandmothers and others living with HIV and AIDS. During the past 15 years, they have funded over 1400 community initiatives, partnering with over 300 organizations in the 15 African countries hardest hit by the global AIDS pandemic. Our contributions mean they can continue their important work.





### Genocide Memorial Service

You are invited to participate in the annual Genocide Memorial Service to be held at 1 p.m. July 16, 2017 at 9916 - 154 Street, Edmonton, Alberta. This event is sponsored by the Unitarian Church of Edmonton and the Edmonton Interfaith Centre for Education and Action. The annual Genocide Memorial Service began as a witness to violence committed against human beings because of wars, greed, ethnic cleansing, slavery, gender bias, colonial appropriation of people and their lands, instances of neglect and political oppression, that resulted in mass extinction of helpless men, women and children. Please go to [uce.ca](http://uce.ca) for more details.

<http://www.uce.ca/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/GENOCIDE-MEMORIAL-BROCHURE-2016.pdf>



*Rev. Audrey Brooks with Rev. Brian Kiely at the 6th annual genocide memorial  
courtesy: Paula Kirman, Edmonton*

### Chorealis in the Summer



What a wonderful year we have had under the amazing direction from our co-leaders Karen Mills and Gordon Ritchie! And the Chorealis church services that they orchestrated have been highlights for many of our congregation. We have over 40 people registered in our choir and we all look forward to our weekly rehearsals. A very special thank you to Maurice Bourgoin who had a very complicated task as librarian. As well as our usual busy schedule, we hosted a very successful Cabaret. We concluded the year with a potluck in May.

To continue our connections, we are getting together for barbecues over the summer. Grant and Phyllis Harlton are hosting our first one on Thursday, July 13th at their home which is 7418-83 Avenue. It is on the NE corner of 83 Avenue and 75th Street and Phyllis says it is best to approach their place going north on 75th Street.

The August barbecue is on Thursday, August 17th at the home of Lillias Cowper. Her address is 10640-59 Street.

For both of these events which start at 6 pm, please bring something to barbecue, something to share (an appetizer, salad or dessert) and whatever you like to drink on a summer evening. Also bring your own dishes, cups, cutlery and a lawn chair if you can. We will still go ahead if the weather is inclement.

These events are open to anyone from the congregation who would like to join us.

We will be starting rehearsals again on Thursday, September 7th at 7:30 pm and always welcome new singers.

Submitted by Karen Mills

### Heart to Heart

**An Update for Liz Cloutier:** For those of you who may not know, Liz had a fall a week ago and has since been admitted to the Royal Alexandra Hospital because of a broken thoracic vertebra. She is in some discomfort, but she loves company - anything to take her mind off her troubles. Liz is extremely happy with the care and the meals, now if she can just get this pain under control. She has been told that a course of action is cement injections, but she is not familiar with the procedure. She is a joy to visit and very, very stoic.

## One Pride, Many Voices



Unitarian Church of Edmonton and Westwood Unitarian Congregation marched together again in 2017's Pride Parade on Saturday June 10. Over the years we have seen the parade go from a protest to a celebration. This year the rain held off for us to have a wonderful time. UCE and Westwood had 45 wristbands available for those who wanted to walk in the parade, and they were a hot commodity. All of us were incredibly fortunate to have Karen and Andrew Mills' house close to our parade set-up point. They supplied coffee, cookies and bathroom to the whole block -- even the Starbucks people helped themselves to coffee! Our group included long-time and new participants, young and old Unitarians marching together with pride this year, including two members of the existing CUC board, Susan Ruttan and David Rae, and

incoming board members Marilyn Gaa and myself, Karen Bilida.

I wish I was able to mention every participant by name, but all I can do is send my thanks and love to everybody. In this time of world strife and worry about hate taking over, it did my heart good to see so much love inside and around the parade.

Now, to be even more inclusive next year -- I hope we can make a float for people to ride if they can't do the walk.

Karen Bilida, UCE vice-president



Can you Tweet? The Communications Committee would love you to join us. This is a great committee of volunteers but you get to help from the comfort of your home and on your own timetable!

Please remember EVERYBODY can help with communications - Please participate in our active Facebook group page, remember to Like/ Share/ Invite/ Post/ Tag/ Comment. Use this link to go directly to our Facebook Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/41659071349/>

Or go to [uce.ca](http://uce.ca) and click on the Facebook link on the front page.



Not that familiar with Facebook?

**Facebook classes, BEGINNER CLASSES ON JULY 8<sup>th</sup> 2pm-3:30pm.** These classes are for "very beginner" but there will also be help for "not so beginner". Please contact Karen Bilida at [Unitarian.Edmonton@yahoo.ca](mailto:Unitarian.Edmonton@yahoo.ca) or 780-807-6380, we need a minimum of 6 people signed up to run the class.

Facebook Class Saturday July 8 2pm – 3:30pm **Please go to Edmonton Public Library and get your FREE library card before the class.** The first 15 minutes of the class will be showing you how to sign in to FREE online classes that cover many, many different subjects (including all levels of personal and professional Facebook use, e-book publishing, marketing, photography, and more). (Yes, you are welcome to stay for just that part of the class.)

The rest of the "Facebook class" will cover a range of information from complete beginners to the not so beginner. Please bring your iPad, smart phone, laptop to the class; if you do not have a portable device, you will still be able to follow along. Please sign up in the lobby of UCE.

Submitted by Karen Bilida



## FRINGE PLAY PREVIEW PERFORMANCE

At UCE - Friday, August 11 - Doors open 6:30 p.m. - Play begins 7:30 p.m. - No charge

“CRAZY TRAIN” A 90 minute drama by UCE member David Haas exploring the jump from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder to Child Abuse. Who beat little Bobby so savagely? His bravery medal winning soldier father – who probably has PTSD? His emergency ward nurse mother – who may have her own form of the malady? Or are investigators heading down the wrong track by ignoring the parents’ explanation of roving child bullies? Four belligerent people clash seeking the answer!

**ADDED ATTRACTION - CARIBBEAN JERK CHICKEN** The UCE kitchen will be in use that weekend to prepare this delicacy for the Cariwest Festival at Churchill Square.

Complimentary samplers will be made available to those attending the play. Hot off the smoker!

Please advise [david.haas@live.com](mailto:david.haas@live.com) or by phone to 780--940-9658 if attending.

Submitted by David Haas and Susan Lynch



*Ever Wonder: an expansive spirituality conference, Edmonton,*

**September 1 – 3, 2017**

***Ever wonder...how to nurture an expansive spirituality rooted in values rather than beliefs?***

- What ethical compass do we have for navigating these times in which we live?
- What do humanists, spiritual but not religious, atheists, and progressive Christians have in common and offer to the common good?
- Whether there is a place for spirituality in our activism for a better world?
- How to nurture an expansive spirituality rooted in values rather than beliefs?
- What teachings the universe story might hold for us?
- How to cultivate meaningful community while preserving individual freedom?
- Where to find a hospitable place to explore these and other questions?
- Ever Wonder is a conference for spiritual seekers who are open to wisdom from many sources, eager to learn from one another and willing to explore beyond the boundaries of belief systems.

Join us to experience meaningful music, inspiring spiritual gatherings, informative theme presentations, panel discussions, and workshops along with opportunities to have meaningful conversations with others exploring values based spirituality. We will also celebrate the work of the Canadian Centre for Progressive Christianity (2004-2016) and explore ways to cultivate an expansive spiritual network to serve us now.



Theme Presenter:  
Gretta Vosper

Minister of West Hill United Church  
Author of *With or Without God* and  
*Amen: What Prayer Can Mean in a  
World Beyond Belief*

For more info [info@smsuc.com](mailto:info@smsuc.com) , or <http://everwonderconference.ca/> to register

## Child Haven International 14<sup>th</sup> Annual East Indian Dinner on Sunday, October 22, 2017 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 Fred Cappuccino and his wife, Bonnie. Child Haven Int'l 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](http://www.childhaven.ca)

The Annual Edmonton Child Haven dinner will be held on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at the Meridian Banquet Centre, 4820 – 76 Avenue NW, Edmonton at 5 pm. Adult tickets are \$50, Children 5-12 years are \$20 and 4 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 other Unitarians and support this worthwhile Unitarian initiative. Tickets are available from Sylvia Krogh, Paulette Hagel, Louise Charach, Donna Hamar and Edwina Madill.

Submitted by Silvia Krogh

### Notable Unitarians



James Luther Adams (1901 – 1994), an American professor at Harvard Divinity School as well as at Meadville Lombard in Chicago, was a Unitarian Parish Minister and the most influential theologian among American UUs in the 20th century. Indeed at the time of his death, he was recognized as one of the preeminent Christian social ethicists and theologians of the 20th century. In his work, he emphasized personal and institutional behavior as the locus of meaning in religious belief and key to the structure of our churches --- belief without action and commitments was not worthy of UUs.

He was also a labor activist and civil rights advocate; journal editor; distinguished scholar, translator, and editor of major German theological works. He also was a founding member of three major study groups to help our clergy gain theological clarity, devotional strength, spiritual solidarity and stamina for personal and institutional ethical action in the world.

His influence was enormous. He visited Germany in the 1930s and warned colleagues about the profound dangers of Nazism. There he met Karl Barth, Paul Tillich and Albert Schweitzer. Later famous journalists such as Chris Hedges were influenced by him and spoke on his work at one of the James Luther Adams Foundation lectures. Back in 1973 I attended the General Assembly of the UUA in and was excited to hear him lecture, being, however, only dimly aware of his fame at that time.

NB. Christine was loaned a US dollar with the head of Susan B. Anthony, last month's Notable Unitarian, on it so if anyone wishes to see it, do just ask as it is in her wallet.

Submitted by Christine Mowat

### Garage Sale Signage



Rona on Stony Plain Road has generously offered UCE a 40% discount off all materials to make new signs for the annual UCE garage sales. Scott Harrison will be building the signs and Karen Bilida will be looking for help painting this summer so they will be all ready for the spring sale.

Submitted by Karen Bilida

### Around Our Church

- 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
- Bissell Centre: All items donated to our church green box in the foyer go to the Bissell Centre Thrift Shoppe on 88St & 118 Ave. There they are sorted, some going to the store, some to various other programs including the Community Closet at 105Ave & 96St where they are dispensed for free. Earnings from the Thrift Shoppe support the Community Closet. 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).

### Newsletter Submissions



We are looking for articles and news items that directly involve UCE. Since we are a diverse group of people with many different interests and events, UCE cannot print everything and must limit it to UCE items. Submissions should be short and may be edited for length and content. Don't forget to submit your newsletter items before the 20th of the month and before Thursday for order of service items. Please send appropriate articles and event descriptions **electronically** to the Church Administrator [chadmin@uce.ca](mailto:chadmin@uce.ca).

Thank you, the Communications Committee

### 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. Bring a picnic lunch if the weather is conducive.

July 7	124 Street stroll (park at Planet Organic)
July 14	U Of A Botanic Garden (formally Devonian Botanic Garden)
July 21	Kinsmen Park
July 28	Borden Park

Submitted by Sheila Parr



### Lost Camera

Did anyone misplace a camera at the Congregational Dinner in early April? If so, please contact the Administrator's Office at 780-454-8073 or [chadmin@uce.ca](mailto:chadmin@uce.ca)



### Summer Hours



The Administrator's office will be open Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, Wednesdays from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. The office will be closed on Fridays.

### Minister's Summer Schedule

Rev. Brian Kiely will be on vacation in the month of July and on call while on study leave during the month of August. He will be in town most of the summer. In a crisis, please go through the church office and we will do our best to meet your needs.

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