



Theme: Finding our Ground

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Sep 1

Rev. Brian J Kiely

As the calendar page turns, let us regather and note the start of the new church year. It's time to reflect on the summer (such as it was!) and shake hands with people we might not have seen for a while.

On Unitarian Ground

Sep 8

Rev. Brian J Kiely

It can be difficult to be part of a religion that has no creed. What connects us? Inspires us? Guides us? I think it is a set of ideas and principles based on a common theology.

On This Rock...

Sep 15

Rev. Brian J Kiely

Today we install the Board of Trustees that will guide our church in the next year. And while my title is a bit pretentious, it's important to remember that the ground of this congregation is its people, especially those willing to serve and lead.

Erin Vandermolen-Pater will be our guest musician, courtesy of Larry and Louise Charach

Yin and Yang

Sep 22

Rev. Brian J Kiely

In these days of polarization about nearly everything, it seems the world is out of balance. The Taoist philosophy of seeking balance and harmony might be a useful base on which to build.

Making The World Better

Sep 29

Social Justice

At deadline the details of this service have not been lined up. This service will present an issue of concern and perhaps propose some potential solutions.

MINISTERIAL MUSINGS

The theme for this month is “Finding Our Ground”. Perhaps I was prescient when I picked it a few months ago. I am suddenly aware that I am beginning my last five months as the minister of this congregation. I am facing quite a change in my life after more than 22 years. There are days when I get that little electric shock of anxiety about that. I need to reconnect with what grounds me.

There is nothing unique about that. Every one of us faces change at times. To cope with it we have to find that thing that keep us balanced and secure and grounded as we go through it.

Maybe it's family or friends, maybe it's a spiritual practice of some kind, maybe it's a routine activity like exercise or volunteer work, gardening or housecleaning. It's a familiar thing that reminds us of what we like and love, what we are good at or maybe just something calming or even distracting.



Distraction: On August 18 and 19 I again rode in the Enbridge Ride to Conquer Cancer for the seventh time. 208 kilometers of hilly cycling over two days raising funds to support cancer research, I am proud to say I finished. It was also a great road trip with my youngest daughter who worked in our Team Cross Cancer support van. Cycling is a grounding activity for me, and the training required for this event proved a great distraction as well. This is my first day in the office after that. Distraction is over... now it's time to commit to my last few months here and to the work of sorting my post UCE future.

And it's time for the congregation to think about what comes next. We are convening a worship planning meeting to work on the February to June Sunday schedule. The Board is working on their planning tasks as are other groups in the church. There will no doubt be future focused conversations. I hope you choose to participate. The members have always been the ground of this congregation, so your thoughts and dreams will be needed.

We will all have to find our grounding in different ways to make this next year flow smoothly.

See you in church!

Brian

RELIGION ON TAP

Our monthly pub night discussions return on Tuesday, September 17th at 7 p.m. These are informal evenings where people meet and socialize at Metro Billiards, 10250-106 Street. We chat for a while, then Brian Kiely throws out a theological or moral topic for discussion which lasts exactly as long as it holds folks interest. Drop in anytime!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/909652742750893/>



MURDER AT TWILIGHT LODGE (A RESORT FOR THE RICH AND FAMOUS)

WHAT - Murder Mystery Pot Luck Dinner

WHERE – Unitarian Church – 10804 - 119 Street NW

WHEN – Saturday, **Sept 14**, 2019

Doors open at 5 pm, dinner at 5:30 pm

COST - \$30 per person

REASON – raising funds to contribute towards the purchase of a much needed wheelchair for Alex Polkovsky

This is an evening of fun, excitement and good eating, an opportunity to meet new people and get to know people in a way that you never imagined possible!

You will be contacted, by email; about the character role you will be assigned, the suggested costume and what food we would appreciate you bring to be shared.

In addition to taking part in solving which of the suspects is the murderer, we will need help in setting up the hall and then the cleanup after as well.

Commitments and donations are welcomed at the desk in the foyer, plus signing sheets on the credenza.

For more information, check out our event on Facebook or please contact:

David/Paulette Hagel at 780-484-8400 or Kathy Stanley at 780-423-1407

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2356065071322260/>

CHOREALIS



Chorealis,
the mixed voice choir of
the Unitarian Church of
Edmonton



Chorealis's repertoire includes secular and sacred works — from ABBA to Vivaldi.
Our choir leaders are Karen Mills and Gordon Ritchie, two terrific musicians.



Please join Chorealis for the first practice of the season on
Thursday September 5.

Practice starts at 7:30pm but please show up at 7:00pm to
get some music and a feel of what is happening.

No auditions!
Just a love of singing required.

THE 'JEAN' HOUSE

'Carter Place' is a community of 58 homes built by Habitat for Humanity. It is named after Jimmie Carter and his wife Rosalyn who spent time on the site with Habitat volunteers 2 years ago in giving their support to a human rights effort they dearly believe in. On August 15th, 5 homes and a playground were dedicated to their financial sponsors with keys being turned over to new home owners. 14 homes remain to be built. Every other year an Edmonton Law Group sponsors a home with 8 now completed. This year, former UCE member and lawyer Jean McBean was recognized for her efforts and enormous support toward the betterment of lives in our city. Among her many endeavours she dedicated years of time and energy to the arm of Legal Aid especially for women. In a ceremony on a beautiful sunny morning, Jean's husband John Worton and daughter Bevin turned over the keys to a new five-bedroom home at the Carter Place site in Mill Woods. Single parent Saada and her 4 children are now its proud owners.



WESTERN REGIONAL FALL GATHERING



TOWARD A THRIVING FUTURE

Western Region Fall Gathering
October 18–20, 2019

Unitarian Church of Edmonton
10804 119 St NW, Edmonton

 Canadian Unitarian Council

**Saturday Dinner:
The Western
Region Ministers
invite you to the
“Broast” of
Retiring Edmonton
Minister:
Rev. Brian Kiely**

cuc.ca/events/western-region-fall-gathering-2019

Please register before **October 7** for Adults and Youth
and before **October 1** for children 12 and under



JUUST KEEP SWIMMING

WESTERN REGIONAL YOUTH CON
OCTOBER 18-20 2019
UNITARIAN CHURCH OF EDMONTON

Cool workshops!
Multigenerational
events!

Friends! Games!
Worship!

\$40-\$70 Sliding Scale

Register at cuc.ca/events
by October 7, 2019

<https://cuc.ca/events/western-regional-youth-con-2019/>

Keep reading for more details on the Western Region Fall Gathering

🌹 HEART TO HEART 🌹

In recognition of potential health risks, the Unitarian Church of Edmonton has developed a scent free policy.

Everyone is asked to refrain from using or wearing scented products when entering our building. Scents are included in a very large range of products. Please be considerate and do your best to be scent and smoke free.



DONATIONS NEEDED



We need your donations of clean and gently used/new Men's, Women's, and Children's clothing, shoes, backpacks for the next Homeless Connect happening at the Shaw Conference Centre.

Homeless Connect Edmonton is a broad based community inspired initiative that provides free and appropriate services to people experiencing homelessness and those at risk of becoming homeless.

The Unitarian Church of Edmonton is a drop off point year round for the Bissell Centre & in the Spring and Fall for Homeless Connect.



We are currently a drop off from Aug 15 – Sept 29, 2019 for the next Homeless Connect Event.

SHARING OUR ABUNDANCE

Camp fyrefly is an educational, social, and personal leadership retreat for queer and trans youth. It focuses on building and nurturing their leadership skills and personal resiliency in an effort to help them learn how to make significant contributions to their own lives and to their schools, home/group-home environments, and communities. Camp is designed for queer and trans youth.



RE PROGRAM

Hello everyone, welcome back to a new year. Helping with the planning committee for the WRFG, which will be hosted here at UCE this year, has inspired to think about not only our future but our past as well. Inspiring me to come back to basics so to speak with the programs this year.

Dates

- September 1st – Registration & in service
- September 8th – Registration & outside fun (weather permitting)
- September 15th – First full class

Themes

- For the first part of the year, all classes will focus on the seven principles.
- The second all classes will focus on sources and world religions.
- The third all classes will focus on community and the interconnected web of all things.
- Each of these topics will have elements of past, present, and future.

Classes:

- Classroom 3: Chalice Children – Up to grade 2
- Classroom 2: Pathfinders Group – grade 3 to 6
- Youth Loft: Youth Group – grade 7 and up

Snack

- Please note when bringing snack that we have three separate groups of young people.
- Please avoid “Junk food” when bringing snack. Things like veggies, fruit, cheese, crackers (please separate any dairy and gluten items)
- If there are no one volunteers for snack that day, we will not be able to provide one.

Changes

- Child/Youth Sign in – we will be having parent sign in their child(ren) each Sunday morning. Please sign in your young people by 10:25 or, please contact us if you are running late. If any classes do not have kids signed in by 10:25 it will be cancelled for that day so that volunteers may enjoy the service if they wish.
- We are planning to do more crafts involving paint this year. We ask that each child brings an old shirt that can be used as a smock to protect their clothing.
- We hope to spend some time outside this year, weather depending. Please make sure that your child(ren) come with appropriate outdoor clothing.

NOW HIRING!

Looking for energetic people to help with our Religious Exploration classes.

If you are interested please contact Will @ ucekids@uce.ca



Teachers needed to lead the Chalice children and Pathfinders Classes. The curriculums are provided. All supplies for all classes are prepared and supplied by DRE prior to each Sunday's class. Teaching is a wonderful way to increase your own knowledge of and connection to Unitarian Universalism and is one of the greatest gifts you can give to the congregation and our children. Come make a difference!

We will have a RE family potluck here in Keeler hall. All are welcome; we will have game (tabletop and active), crafts, and other activities for all. Please sign-up to let us know if you plan to attend so that we know how many tables and chairs we may need. Sign-up sheets are on the credenza in the lobby.



FAMILY FUN

RE Family Potluck Lunch & Activities

September 29, 2019
12 PM

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF EDMONTON

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR RE

Do you have a Sunday or two that you could spare? Volunteer to be second in the Sunday Religious Exploration Classes. Come make a difference! Now using SignUp Genius

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C4DA9AB2CA4F58-reclassroom1>

RE Snack Sign-up

Another way to volunteer is to sign up to provide snacks for the classroom.

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Welcome to UCE - An Accessible Place

We take pride in the easy access to our facility on many levels and we are always trying to improve our welcome.

Social media allows for even more accesibility.

There are many people that can not physically make it to our building but we still want them to feel included in our community. Social media allows many people to be able to participate with us and keep up on UCE and UU news.

Changes to Facebook this year have made it very hard for pages to reach the people who have liked them, much less new folks.

We need your likes and comments to get Facebook to see our posts as important to their algorithm. Shares are great too; if you think your friends might appreciate seeing them.

We appreciate your participation, whatever form it takes. We don't have a huge budget for paying to get posts seen, so we count on you all to spread them.



Facebook Group -

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

Facebook Page -

<https://www.facebook.com/UnitarianChurch/>

YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/user/EdmUnitarian>

Twitter - <https://twitter.com/UnitarianUCE>

Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/unitarianuce/>

Membership

Visitors are always welcome and can participate easily and without obligation.

If you are at least 16 years of age and in general sympathy with our purposes and program, we invite you to become a member by completing a Membership Application which you can drop off to the membership desk, minister, church office or e-mail to church administrator (chadmin@uce.ca).

There is no creedal test and no obligatory ceremony connected with becoming a member. All members, however, are expected to take an interest in their church and to contribute as they are able, both financially and through service (please see volunteer opportunities on the church credenza and in the newsletters). Please visit our [Donations & Planned Giving page](#) for more information on financial donations.

We welcome you to a church that is a fellowship of seekers, dreamers and doers.

You can find Membership forms on the [website](#) or at the membership desk.

SUNDAY SERVICE VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

**Still looking for volunteers. Sign-up sheet is in the lobby on the credenza.*

	Coffee	Greeting	Ushering	Sound Tech
Sep 1				Ruth Merriott
Sep 8				Bill Lee
Sep 15			Jeff Bisanz	Marg Booker
Sep 22			Jeff Bisanz	Bill Lee
Sep 29				Marg Booker



Edmonton Food Bank Volunteers

Volunteer Shift is Wednesday evening 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

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	Key Holder	Person #2	Person #3
Sep 4		Rosemary Falconer	
Sep 11	Marge Roche		
Sep 18		Rosemary Falconer	
Sep 25	Marge Roche		

UCE WALKING GROUP SCHEDULE



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.

Sept 6	Victoria Plaza to Legislature (via river valley)
Sept 13	Whitemud Ravine hosted by Pauline
Sept 20	walk from Chickakoo to St. Albert Botanical Garden
Sept 27	Borden Park to Highlands GC

MESSAGES FROM THE CANADIAN UNITARIAN COUNCIL (CUC)

Western Region Fall Gathering 2019

The Unitarian Church of Edmonton, the Westwood Unitarian Congregation and the CUC welcome you to imagine our Thriving Future!

There will be opportunities for Youth and wider networks to JUUst Keep Swimming and others to gather together to explore new avenues to create welcoming spaces, be re-energized with great music and seek better environmental realities with new allies.

Welcome to WRFG 2019 and let's share in taking our next steps Toward a Thriving Future.

THEME TALK:

Struggles in Being Black in Canadian Society
– Wilburn Hayden

PROGRAMS:

- ✚ Dismantling Racism and White Privilege: Honouring Our First Principle
- ✚ Climate Justice and Energy Solutions
- ✚ Choral Music Workshops

CHILDRENS' PROGRAM

(*register by October 1st)

- ✚ Infant and toddler childcare (under 6)
- ✚ Youth Fun - at the Telus World of Science (ages 6-12)

WRFG YOUTH CON:

JUUst Keep Swimming
Cool workshops! Friends! Games! Worship!
(Ages 12-20, adult advisors 25+)

Saturday Dinner: 6:30- 7:30 p.m.:

The Western Region Ministers invite you to the "Broast" of Retiring Edmonton Minister: Rev. Brian Kiely

<https://www.facebook.com/events/490579465086545/>

ADULT PROGRAM



Theme Talk: Struggles in Being Black in Canadian Society: 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.

Presenter: Wilburn Hayden. Wilburn is a Professor Emeritus, School of Social Work, York University (see the speaker bio below under Stream 1)

Stream 1: Dismantling Racism and White Privilege

Honouring our First Principle: 10:00 a.m. – noon (2 hours) and 3:45 – 5:00 p.m. (1.25 hours)

Presenters: Patricia Trudeau & Wilburn Hayden

Description: In three sessions spanning the workshop day, Wilburn and Patricia will share their experiences and knowledge about racism and anti-racism work in Canada. Expect an interactive day of insight and challenge. Participants are welcome to attend any of the three sessions. The workshop objectives are best accomplished by participating in all three.

Speaker Bio: Wilburn is a Professor Emeritus, School of Social Work, York University. With his partner Rev. Patricia Trudeau, he has been offering education on racism in various community settings including many UU groups.



Stream 2: Climate Justice & Energy Solutions

Building a Just Transition: 10:00 a.m. – noon (2 hours)

Presenters: Emma Jackson and Gabrielle Gelderman



In the face of climate catastrophe and deepening economic inequality, we need a bold vision that meets the scale of the crisis we face. Join organizers from Climate Justice Edmonton as we envision a transformative Green New Deal for Canada— one that upholds Indigenous rights, protects all workers, and enshrines dignity and justice for all. We'll talk about the critical role churches and faith communities have played in social movements in the past and why this critical juncture in history requires them, once again, to find their place in the climate justice movement.

Speaker Bios: Born on unceded Algonquin and Anishinaabe territory, Emma Jackson is a fourth generation settler on Treaty 6 territory. Gabrielle and Emma are both organizers and co-founders of Climate Justice Edmonton, a grassroots collective organizing for social and environmental justice on Treaty 6 territory. Climate Justice Edmonton seeks to empower individuals and communities to take action on climate change, support Indigenous resistance, challenge harmful corporate and political practices, and work towards justice-based solutions.

Energy Solutions: 2:15 – 3:30 p.m. (1.25 hrs)

Presenter: Lisa Y. Stein

It's often difficult to think of energy solutions outside the perspective of the oil and gas industry. However, renewable resources are plentiful, and transformative technologies aimed at replacing oil and gas with renewable resources is entirely plausible within 10-30 years. We will explore sources of renewable energy, work that Dr. Stein and others are doing to bring sustainable energy solutions into mainstream society, and paths for removing sociopolitical roadblocks that stand in the way of transforming our energy systems.



Speaker Bio: Dr. Lisa Stein is a microbiology professor at the University of Alberta in the Department of Biological Sciences. Her work focuses on the biological transformation of industrial waste streams into value-added products using microorganisms. She is part of the Future Energy Systems group at the UofA and her lab group focuses on the conversion of methane gas into bioplastics and liquid biojet fuels, and nitrogen use efficiency in vertical farming operations.

From Climate Grief to Action: 3:45 – 5:00 PM (1.25 hrs)

Presenters: Gabrielle Gelderman and Emma Jackson



Though the true scale of the climate crisis is incomprehensible, there are certain losses that we each feel deeply (and differently) and can bear witness to. Join us as we give words to our experiences of loss, and in doing so, make space for personal and collective action.

Speaker Bio: Gabrielle is a third-generation settler on Treaty 6 territory and has worked here as a community support worker, an environmental educator, and a farm hand. She is now in grad school studying Christian theology and climate grief.

Stream 3: Choral Music Workshops

Choral Music: 10:00 a.m. – noon (2 hours), 2:25 – 3:30 p.m. and 3:45 – 5:00 p.m. (1.25 hours)



Description coming soon! Check online for updates!

Speaker Bio: Kimberley Denis, M.Mus. Choral Conducting and Vocal Performance (University of Alberta), B.Mus. (Mount Allison University), B. Comm. (Mount Allison University) is known for her energy and enthusiasm both on stage and off, and is sought after as a soloist, choral clinician, vocal coach, and adjudicator for voice and choir. Upon completion of both her commerce and music undergraduate degrees at Mount Allison University in New Brunswick, she returned to her home province of Alberta where she completed a double Master’s degree in choral conducting and vocal performance at the University of Alberta. She also holds an associate diploma in Education and a music diploma in contemporary vocal performance from Red Deer College.

In addition to her work as a singer and conductor, Kimberley arranges pieces for choirs and is published by Cypress Music and Augsburg Fortress and was recently commissioned for an arrangement of the school song for the The Grange, a private, English-speaking school in Santiago, Chile and a setting of the United Arab Emirates National Anthem for an international school in Dubai. Her most recently completed project is a liturgy using Canadian Folk Songs. She is also the Managing Director for the Alberta Band Association.

SATURDAY EVENING EVENTS

Saturday Dinner: October 19th, 6:30- 7:30 p.m.

The Western Region Ministers invite you to the “Broast” of Retiring Edmonton Minister: Rev. Brian Kiely

“Coffee House Talent Extravaganza”: 7:30- 9:00 pm (following the dinner)”. Attendees are invited to sign up to perform.



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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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Tax Deductible contribution to UCE.**

- ☛ You can donate online by Credit card through [Canada Helps](#) or [ATB Cares](#)
- ☛ Place your donation in the basket during a Sunday service
- ☛ Contact the office for other donation methods

RE Registration Form

Date of registration: _____

Children

First Name	Last Name	Date of Birth	School Grade

Parent/Guardian Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone#: _____ * E-Mail: _____

Please include email to be included in program updates throughout the year.

Emergency Contact Information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone#: _____ Relationship: _____

Special Instructions:

Please list any Medical conditions, Allergies, Medications/Special Dietary Needs:

Authorization:

In case of emergency, I authorize the administration of emergency medical treatment for:

_____ (name of child)

_____ (name of child)

_____ (name of child)

Signature (Parent/Guardian)

_____ Date

Also If you are not currently Signed up to the UCE E-mail list would you like to be? If so add your e-mail,

The completion of this form gives consent for the above child to be enrolled in the religious education program at the Unitarian Church of Edmonton

Photo/Video Release Form

I hereby give permission for images of my child(ren), capture during regular and special Religious Education or church activities through video, photo, and digital camera, to be used solely for the purpose of church newsletter, order of services, website display and bulletin displays at the Unitarian Church of Edmonton. I understand that my child's name will not be use in captions to photographs and that group photographs will be preferred over individual photos. I waive any rights of compensation or ownership thereto:

Name of child/children:

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