



March 1 Radical Hospitality

Jennifer Askey with Yvonne Mireau

Churches and religious organizations all over North America are writing blog posts and think pieces and sermons on radical hospitality and the UUA and CUC are no exception. Join us this Sunday for a reflection on the historical face and present-day significance of radical hospitality. Bring your own thoughts on how you (might) incorporate radical hospitality into your spiritual practice.

March 8 International Woman's Day

Rev. Audrey Brooks with Ruth Patrick and Yvonne Mireau

We invite all to celebrate International Women's Day at UCE. We recognize the achievements within Unitarianism as well as the many gains in the wider world, and we recommit ourselves to protecting equality for all women.

Spring Ahead – **Don't Forget Daylight Savings Time!**

March 15 The Rhythms in Life Chorealis

Music acts as a through line or soundtrack for many of our lives. Snippets of a song can take us back in time or propel us forward. Certain lyrics may be our "go to" tools if we need cheering, calming, or a good cry. This service will be a chance to reflect on the many ways music plays a role in our lives.

March 22 Spring Forward

Rhonda Jessen and Rev. Audrey Brooks with Rev. Anne Barker

What does it mean to 'Spring Forward' - when you're not in sync with the bursting energy of the natural season? Join us for a time of reflection and re-imagining – where we'll ponder balance, beauty, and the transforming seasons of life.

March 29 What Will We Take with Us to Halifax?

UCE Youth

As we prepare for our trip to Halifax in May, the Youth have been thinking a lot about their place in the UU Youth community and our place in Canada. Using readings and musical selections originating from Halifax and Nova Scotia, we will explore how we can relate to the adult CUC theme of "Making Waves" and the Youth's CanUUdle theme of "Space Time ContinUUum".



Honour the Work of UCE Members

Two annual awards will be presented at our annual congregational dinner on Saturday, April 4th:

1. The W.H. Alexander Award honours a person or persons for extraordinary services provided to benefit the church community.
2. 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.

Nominations are due by March 3, 2020. 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 select the recipients.

Rules:

- Nominations must be made in writing (email is fine) by UCE members and must include reasons for nominating the person or persons.
- Board members may not submit nominations.
- Staff and current board members are not eligible.
- Past staff and board members are eligible if the services for which they are nominated 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.

Calling All Committees and Working Groups



The Deadline for submitting the Annual General Meeting Reports will be Monday, April 6th. Please send your reports electronically in either a MS Word or PDF format (email to: chadmin@uce.ca). Reports will be posted to the UCE website as they are received and paper copies will be made available at the Church Office.



Coffee with the Board will continue on the fourth Sunday of the month. March's Coffee with the Board will be March 22 after the Sunday Service.

Transitional Church Services Working Group

The Transitional Church Services Working Group will be meeting April 5th in classroom 2 following the service.

URGENT! UCE Casino Volunteer Request

Unitarian Church of Edmonton Casino April 30th and May 1st 2020

As you all know this is an extremely important fundraiser for the church.

All help is very much appreciated.

Please sign up at the following link: www.volunteersignup.org/DQ8BK or by contacting Brandie Moller-Reid at church or by email at

brmoller@hotmail.com to sign up.

Thank you, Brandie Moller-Reid





March is Canvass Month!

This is the month where we talk about raising the funds we need to be Here Together in this church. You will find a pledge form at the end of this newsletter and in the orders of service in March. We need to collect pledges from all of our members (and generous friends) by the last Sunday in March so that we can prepare an estimate of your financial support to the church before our annual general meeting. Church members need to complete a pledge form each year. This is your church, and you are the only people who can tell us how much financial support we will have for the coming year.

Our canvass theme is Here Together which is taken from a hymn that will be our hymn of the month in March. As you sing this hymn think about how we are Here Together for each other in this church and that we need to support our church with our attendance, our volunteer time, and our financial support.

It only takes a minute to complete a pledge form. Next Sunday take the form from the back of your order of service, fill it out, and then put it in the collection plate. You can also complete your pledge online now using [this link](#). Whichever way you complete your pledge please make sure you have it to us by the last Sunday in March.

For those that give us a pledge every year, thank you! If you haven't made a pledge of financial support to the church before then this is a good year to start! Each Sunday in March we will have short talks on canvass topics as part of the offertory. Andrew and Ruth will also be available after the services in the lobby to discuss how you can support the church. If you are new to the church and have questions please come and talk to us after church.

I look forward to your financial support as we gather Here Together in our church.



You do not have to be a member of the congregation to make a 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

Religion on Tap Returns!



The Communications Committee will be hosting our monthly pub night on Wednesday March 18, 7pm at B Street - wood fired stone oven, no deep dried food pub (11818-111 Ave). We will have a topic to start a conversation and then we will see where we go from there. You are welcome to drink or eat what you want, no alcohol requirement.

If you would like to host a future Religion on Tap, please let Karen Bilida know (Unitarian.Edmonton@yahoo.ca). All you have to do is pick a date, pick a place good for conversation, pick a topic, and show up.



Hold the Date!



Congregational Dinner, Saturday, April 4
Doors open at 5 p.m., supper at 6 p.m. All ages welcome
Pajama Party is the theme and more details to be announced -
watch your email and social media.



Pacific Time: A Time Travel Love Story



A Play by David Haas
Friday April 17
Fundraiser for the UCE Youth Group
Concession Stand - Coffee, Tea, Pop, Pies, & More
Doors 6pm, Show 7pm
Tickets \$15

UCE Annual Garage Sale

The annual garage sale will be Thursday, April 30 – Saturday May 2, 2020. We look forward to your donations but please hold off dropping your donations off at UCE until after April 20. Thank you so much!



Calendar of Church Events

Here are some upcoming dates in 2020 to mark in your calendar. Please watch upcoming newsletters and social media for details and any possible changes:

March 18	Religion on Tap
March 21	Draggin' Youth All Ages Show - <i>Green with Envy</i>
March 22	Coffee with the UCE Board
March 29	<i>I am Jazz</i> / Transgender Day of Visibility after the service
April 4	Membership Dinner
April 30 – May 2	UCE Annual Garage Sale
April 30 – May 1	Casino Fundraiser
May 3	UCE AGM

Unfortunately, the Choralis Cabaret has been cancelled this year. We look forward to a fantastic Cabaret in 2021!

***Please remember that events can be added or changed.

RE Update

Hello Everyone,

This month we will be talking a lot about change and renewal, as well as the importance of this time of year for many of the world religions in our Classes.

Important Religious Exploration Dates for March

- March 1st – Third Source – part 1
- March 8th – Third Source – **part 2, Also “Time with an Elder.”**
- March 15th – Forth Source & Youth planning for their service
- March 22nd – Forth Source – Part 2
- March 22nd – Youth Activity, Bowling 1 to 3 pm.
- March 29th – Youth Service – **“What we take with us to Halifax.” Children will have in class.**
- March 29th – All-ages event, reading of “I am Jazz” Noon - In support of Transgender Day of Visibility

Upcoming events to keep in mind (see more details of events in this newsletter and on Facebook)

Play “Pacific Time – a time travel love story.”

- All funds raised will be going to the youths travel to CanUUdle

CanUUdle

- May 15th to 18th in Halifax
- We have raised just over \$3500.00 toward travel expenses so far, and we have a few more events coming up in March and April. This amount is approximately half of what we will need for all youth of age to go.



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!

Can't commit to be in the classrooms every Sunday?

Volunteer to be an assistant for just 1 or 2 Sundays a year and you can really help with the RE programs. Or volunteer to bring in a healthy snack and feed a young mind.



Thank you for any support you can give.



Please contact Will Adair to apply for any position or with any questions.
ucekids@uce.ca or 780-454-5816.

Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV)

Please wear **PINK**, **BLUE** and **WHITE** on Sunday March 29 to show your support! In honour of TDOV, we will have a reading of “I am Jazz”, on Sunday March 29th after the Sunday Service. Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings wrote this story, from Jazz’s perspective as a child that has transitioned at a young age. We will also have at least one guest speaker as well as colouring sheets and other fun activities. Plus, we will gather for our annual UCE picture to show our support. Snacks will be available and any donations will go to the UCE youth fund.



News from the Social Justice Working Group



The UCE Social Justice Working Group encourages all interested parties to attend a meeting or two, and consider joining us! We meet following the service on the 2nd Sunday of each month in the board room. No long-term commitment is required, but we want to hear your ideas! Here are a few of the things we’ve been up to lately:

- On February 9, we presented a service about making connections, and invited speakers from SMILE to join us. The service was well-received, the speakers were excellent, and we followed up with a delicious Soup Sunday.

A few folks forgot to take their leftovers home, and we’ll need to be more vigilant with that in future.

- Thanks to the “Glo Getters” working group, we are well on our way to becoming a designated “Green Sanctuary”. Look for more information about this in upcoming newsletters!
- Our Food Bank distribution program will shut down for 3 weeks to accommodate our annual garage sale, as space is too limited during that time. We will also be shutting down during the months of July and August, as too few volunteers are available. The Food Bank team is currently seeking a volunteer for the position of keyholder, who is available on Wednesday afternoons. No lifting is required in this role.
- UCE Social Justice crew participated in *March for What Matters* (YEG) on Thursday, February 27 at the AB legislature.



Dear UCE Friends,






I wanted, on behalf of myself and my family, to thank you for the gracious and touching farewell on January 26th. The celebration was a beautiful retrospective, elegantly handled with grace and dignity.

Thank you as well for the lovely gifts and for the wonderful book of memories. So many of you made efforts to make it special. To give it fair due and to not be overwhelmed, it took me two days to read through it the first time. So many memories, and so much kindness, so many gracious messages. UCE was obviously the centre of my career and your efforts to say goodbye well tell me that my efforts were not wasted.

I wish you the very best in the months ahead. My heart will always be part of this congregation.

Thank you, Brian

Heart to Heart

-  Jennifer Hinchcliffe had successful surgery on Feb. 12, and, after having been well taken care of by her family, is now back at her own home, awaiting friendship calls.
-  Bev. Romanyshyn sends thanks to everyone who supports her as she continues to improve her health.
-  Lillias and Audrey visited Lilas Lysne Sunday afternoon, and found her ensconced in a private room that was decorated with her own art collection and family pictures. Not only that, but Lilas was all perky and talkative, and sporting a fancy new hair do that gives her a regal look. So now, when you visit, you will find “Queenie,” holding court, and ready for your most appreciated company!
-  Outreach to the larger community happens in many ways at UCE. On Sunday Feb. 9th the Edmonton Interfaith Centre for Education and Advocacy held its annual Multicultural concert at our church, to a sold-out crowd. Thanks go to all the volunteers who helped with the Soup Sunday and to Bill Lee, Geoffrey Jackson, and Kimberly Lang who helped make the concert run smoothly.
-  We said farewell to Rev. Brian Kiely on January 29, after he delivered his final sermon at UCE. The congregation enjoyed performance by Chorealais, our church choir; skits and songs based on **Monty Python’s Life of Brian**. John Pater, MC, musician and raconteur of the evening, ensured that the event went smoothly. **Brian’s accomplishments, friendships and ministerial career** were noted by representatives of the CUC and his ministerial colleagues, as well as members of UCE. Slide shows of pictures and sound recording available of the Jan 29 service and celebration are on You Tube:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TD2n_NZjiCU
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=asxv4xl2N0I>

“Our mission is love, our race is humanity and our faith is in each other.” Rev. Audrey Brooks
Remember that if you are experiencing loss, or would just like to chat about something, Email audbrook@telusplanet.net, or phone 780-489-8842 and ask for Chaplain Audrey

Sharing Our Abundance March Recipient

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALISTS (ICUU) a network of Unitarian, Universalist and Unitarian Universalist organizations. The ICUU's mission is to empower existing and emerging member groups to sustain and grow our global faith community.



Homeless Connect Donations Needed!



We need your donations of clean and gently used / new **Men's, Women's, and Children's clothing** for the next Homeless Connect happening at the Shaw Conference Centre. Please put your donations in the green bin in the lobby. <http://www.homelessconnectyeg.com/>

UCE Walking Group Schedule

March 6	Anne Lambert Textile Collection at U of A
March 13	Meet at Victoria Plaza. Lunch at Donna Hamar's
March 20	Gold Bar Park. Lunch at Cartago Restaurant
March 27	Emily Murphy Park. Lunch at Arno's

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.

Sunday Service Volunteer Schedule

	Coffee	Ushering	Greeting	Piano	Sound Tech
March 1	Clair Horne	Art Breier	Pauline Atwood		Bill Lee
March 8	Clair Horne	Art Breier	Stephen Greenhalgh Gerard Hayduk		Ruth Marriott
March 15	John Turvey	Rosemary Falconer	Jan McMillan	Chorealis	Marg Booker
March 22	Clair Horne	Jeff Bisanz	Brandy Moller-Reid		Kat Hartshorne
March 29	Clair Horne		Jan McMillan		Geoff Jackson

Food Bank Distribution Signup Sheet

Volunteer shift is Wednesday evening 5:30 – 7:30 pm.

Please come help, there will be somebody here that can show you what to do.

	Key Holder	Additional Volunteers
March 4	Marge Roche	Maurice Bourgoin
March 11		Jan McMillan, Lynn Wolfe
March 18	Marge Roche	Jan McMillan, Lynn Wolfe
March 25		



LISTEN TO PAST SERVICES AS PODCASTS

Recordings of UCE Services for January & February 2020

UCE podcasts the audio of Sunday services on our SoundCloud.com channel.

Anyone using a podcast app can subscribe to the channel and receive new episodes as soon as they are published. To subscribe, open your app and search for *Unitarian Church of Edmonton* or for *UCE*. Once subscribed, you can stream any service or you can download it to your phone, tablet, or computer and then listen without an internet connection.

If you don't wish to use a podcast app, you can stream the services directly from the SoundCloud host. Here are direct links to the January services and to the February services uploaded prior to the Newsletter publication.



January 5 *Endings and Beginnings*, Chorealis <https://bit.ly/36wb3lk>

January 12 *A Different Kind of New Year*, Rev. Brian J. Kiely <https://bit.ly/2uPnm4C>

January 19 *What You Bring*, Rev. Brian J. Kiely <https://bit.ly/2GaD2BJ>

January 26 *So Long and Thanks for All the Fish*, Rev. Brian J. Kiely <https://bit.ly/37xVzmv>

February 2 *Taizé Service*, Chorealis <https://bit.ly/2tt63pK>

February 9 *Joining Hands, Changing Lives*, Social Justice Group <https://bit.ly/2SDOmVX>

February 16 *You People...*, Susan Ruttan <https://bit.ly/31VImmC>

February 23 *Making Waves*, Rhonda Jessen & Maureen Crawford <https://bit.ly/3c4BbOb>

Recordings of Other UCE Services

For a complete list of all services for the church year uploaded so far, Sep 2019 to Feb 2020:

<https://bit.ly/3bYzAJ8>

For a list of all services for the previous church year Sep 2018 to Jun 2019: <https://bit.ly/2PnYPef>

For services for church years 2018-2019 and previous, click this link to the playlists on YouTube.

Each playlist covers a church year.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/EdmUnitarian/playlists?view=1&sort=dd&flow=grid>

We would love to see more comments on our Facebook and Twitter posts –
please give it a try!



Facebook Group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/41659071349/>

Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/UnitarianChurch/>



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



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



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



UCE website calendar - <https://www.uce.ca/calendar/>

Wishes for UCE from the Canadian Unitarian Council

Following Brian's last service on January 26, Joan Carolyn, Congregational Life Team Lead with the Canadian Unitarian Council, delivered a card and letter for the congregation.

The card read:

Dear Unitarian Church of Edmonton!

You have already taken so many great steps as you move into this time of transition. We wish you all the best as you make space to grieve losses, hold to what continues and welcome/explore the new yet to come.

Your National Staff Team and Board

The text of the letter follows:

Dear Unitarian Church of Edmonton!

These heartfelt wishes come your way from the Canadian Unitarian Council. A blessing for your journey taken from one of Vyda Ng's favorite poems.

Building community together takes commitment, energy, tenaciousness and courage. In these paraphrased words of Rev. Ray Drennan, it's like paddling a big canoe. He suggests that a few simple guidelines might be helpful:

"You have to show up, grab a paddle and step into the boat. Virtual paddling or instructions shouted from the shore are not helpful.

In our community of communities canoe there is room for both paddlers **and passengers. Everyone's presence is** needed as if any are missing, the canoe will be off balance.

Just because you have a paddle in your **hand doesn't mean that you know how** to paddle in community. Take the time to learn how to paddle with others effectively. There are lots of different strokes, different talents and energy levels. They will all come in handy as we float down the river together.

Someone has to steer. We can take turns but only one direction at a time, please.

Even though we may be in separate canoes and there are diverse readings of the map, there is only one river and whether we recognize it or not we are all heading in the same direction.

Music, laughter and singing are always good travelling companions. They help, especially when our muscles and spirits are bone tired.

Don't forget to stop along the way and listen to the silence and the water lapping at the boat. Beauty surrounds us.

Paddling, both the fun part and the hard-work part, takes passionate and steady engagement.

Paddling together with friends makes life worth the living, especially when **the currents are strong."**

Unitarian Church of Edmonton, you are a long term, valued and loved member of our Canadian UU family. Yours is a story of strength and now in this time of transition, we wish you all the very best. We also want to make clear that we are in this community of communities canoe with you and want to walk alongside you in celebration, growth and strength.

"Go in Peace.

Go Making Peace,
Live Gently,
Love Mightily
& Bow to the **Mystery!"**

Joan Carolyn, Congregational Life Team Lead, CUC

The originals of both documents are posted on the bulletin board just east of the workroom.

CUC Events



Designing and Leading Rites of Passage

This workshop is for those considering Lay Chaplaincy, recently appointed Lay Chaplains and **members of a congregation's Lay Chaplaincy committee**. Friday, April 3 5pm – Sunday, April 5, 2020, 3:30 pm Westwood Unitarian Congregation Registration deadline: March 7
<https://cuc.ca/events/designing-leading-rights-of-passage/1585933200/1586100600/>

The 2020 CUC National Conference and Annual General Meeting website is online to answer all your questions. The conference is hosted by the Universalist Unitarian Church of Halifax in partnership with the Canadian Unitarian Council. Information on programs, meals, accommodations, registration, youth, and young adult events, and more, is contained in this website.
<https://sites.google.com/cuc.ca/cuc-conference2020/home>

The registration deadline is April 30

- [Adults](#) (child registration is available on the event page)
- [Young Adults - Chorus](#) UU young adults (ages 18-35)
- [CanUUdle](#) is the annual national conference for Canadian UU youth (ages 14-19)

Gathered Here

Join other UU 18-35-yearolds on Zoom (a video-conferencing platform) for sharing of joys and concerns, deeper check-ins, prayerful reflections, and an opportunity to process current events with a spiritually grounded community. Gathered Here will continue to take place generally on the second Monday evening of each month at 6pm Mountain. March 9, April 13, June 8, July 13 and August 10. Gathered Here takes a break in May for our national conference.



Other Online Events

Online: Connect and Deepen – Virtual Gathering, March 8, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. ET

Join us for the opportunity to discuss matters of spiritual and theological significance in small groups and connect with people across the country.

Online: Mission Statement: Who Are We? What Do We Do?, March 21, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET

This webinar will provide some background on mission statements and will also give us an opportunity to practice using one as a decision-making tool. Registration deadline: March 12.

Our History: Chapter One

The Unitarian Church got its start in Edmonton in 1912, died in the late 1930s due to the Great Depression, and was born again in 1954. Here's one tidbit from that long history:

The first permanent minister of the congregation was Rev. Charles Potter, who started here in 1914. He was an American, and he passionately opposed the First World War which had broken out that year. The leading layman of the congregation was Prof. W.H. Alexander, who was deeply involved in supporting the Canadian troops. He was a leader of the Canadian Officers in Training Corps on the U of Alberta campus, and co-authored a monthly newsletter for Edmontonians in the trenches.

Not surprisingly, the two didn't agree. Among other things, they fought over prayers for the soldiers at our Unitarian services. Their clashes led to Potter's departure in 1916. Potter would go on to be a noted public speaker; he often gave a talk on his time in Edmonton, called Buffalos and Brussels Sprouts.

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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Yes! I am Here to help keep my community Together.

Here is my financial pledge to the Unitarian Church of Edmonton for the coming year:

My name is: _____

I would like: (choose one)

- ☐ to pledge 10% more than last year
- ☐ to pledge the same as last year
- ☐ to pledge a specific amount:

For the period 1 Jul 2020 to 30 Jun 2021 _____
(how much per month or how much per year?)

I will pay my pledge: (choose one)

- ☐ with the preauthorized deposits that I have already set up
- ☐ with preauthorized deposits that I would like to set up now please (call Andrew)
- ☐ with cash, cheques, or online donation that:
 - ☐ I will send or donate now (include with pledge form)
 - ☐ I will send later (I've explained when in the notes)
 - ☐ I will pay as I am able (explain in the notes)

If you have any other notes, instructions, or comments please include them here or call or email me any time.

The canvass page www.uce.ca/canvass has more info and an electronic pledge form
Andrew Mills 780-432-0826 (home), 780-918-3288 (cell), andrew@misc.ca

Put your completed pledge form in a return envelope; place in the collection; mail to the church; or drop at the office.

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