

The Unitarian Church of Edmonton is a congregation openly and honestly searching, learning, connecting, and serving.

- ✨ Searching for spiritual meaning in our lives
- ✨ Learning to understand ourselves and others
- ✨ Connecting to build fair, just, caring communities
- ✨ Serving each other and our communities near and far

February's Theme: Beloved Community



February 7 ***CUC Sharing Our Faith: A Faith Worth Failing For***

Special Time: 11:00 MT, Zoom link: http://bit.ly/SOF_2021, Live Stream: [CUC YouTube](#)

We often talk about Unitarian Universalism as a transformational faith – and yet to be transformed means to take a risk. How is it that we are averse to taking such risks when it comes to widening the circle of who we are as a community? Join Revs. Shana Lynngood and Samaya Oakley for a service that explores mistakes we've made and how we can learn from them to become the transformational faith we proclaim to be.

February 14 ***A Valentine to The Beloved Community***

Do you bristle at the ubiquitousness of the Hallmark branded Valentine's Day? Come explore alternative understandings and applications of love as applied to the beloved community, especially in light of Covid Fatigue.

Service Leader: Rev Lee Anne

Readers: Alex Polkovsky and Karen Bilida; Greeter: Susan Ruttan; Breakout Rooms: Gloria Krenbrenk; Slides, Recording, YouTube and SoundCloud: Karen Bilida

All Sunday Services EXCEPT FEBRUARY 7TH have the same Meeting ID and link.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://bit.ly/3jBOnwi>

Meeting ID: 200 338 874 +1 587 328 1099

February 21 ***Black History Month: The Promise and the Practice***

Unitarian Universalist congregations across the continent claim to be welcoming congregations. But are we . . . really? This service will center the experiences of people of color in Unitarian Universalism. Their stories will be told in their voices.

Come and learn how to be more welcoming to anyone whose culture is different than ours.

Service Leader: Rev Lee Anne

Readers: Yvonne Mireau and Karen Bilida; Greeter: Susan Ruttan; Breakout Rooms: Sylvia Krogh; Slides: Andrew Mills; Recording, YouTube and SoundCloud: Karen Bilida

February 28 ***Words Matter***

Words are powerful forces in the world. If we are to enjoy a beloved community, then we need to learn how to speak to each other respectfully, truthfully, and with humility. Can you do that? Are you sure? Come discover the difference a few simple words can make.

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Readers: Jevvifer Askey; Greeter: Susan Ruttan; Breakout Rooms: Lynne Turvey; Slides, Recording, YouTube and SoundCloud: Karen Bilida

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Sunday Services Waiting Room



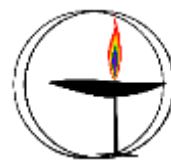
Every Sunday we open the Zoom meeting by 10am --- on some Sundays we may need some tech time and won't be able to admit you from the waiting room until 10:15am. Don't worry, we have not forgotten about you! We will admit from the "waiting room" as soon as we can.

We Want To Hear You On Sundays

Rev. Lee Anne and the Church Services Committee invite you to add your voice to our Sunday worship services. We are seeking readers who are willing to read a chalice lighting, a chalice extinguishing, or a short written work.

For more information and sign ups, go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FAFAA22A0F9CE9-uceworship>.



The Tea Times are on "pause" while Rev. Lee Anne and the Interim Transition Team consider alternative opportunities for us to connect



Minister's Message

Dear Ones,

My head and heart and spirit are still reeling from all the events that took place in the U.S. during the month of January! To say that I have been on an emotional roller-coaster is a bit of an understatement. The worst part of it all was having my faith in the fundamental democratic principles of good government shaken to the core. I watched the inauguration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr. with equal parts exhaustion, trepidation, and giddiness.

And then, Amanda Gorman, the first-ever youth poet laureate in the United States, appeared in bright yellow and show-stopping red on my television screen. She began speaking truth to power in rhythmic verse with such poise and conviction that I was swept away with her vision of what is and what could be.

I can think of no better way to conclude our month exploring imagination or begin our month exploring beloved community than to reproduce here for your edification and inspiration the poem that Amanda shared with her nation, nay with the world, on January 20th: *The Hill We Climb*. While her poem was written for a wounded nation divided at the moment of the inauguration of its next president, the message is universal, so please feel free to add your own national and personal references where appropriate.

***The Hill We Climb*, By Amanda Gorman**

When day comes, we ask ourselves where can we find light in this never-ending shade?

The loss we carry, a sea we must wade.

We've braved the belly of the beast.

We've learned that quiet isn't always peace,

and the norms and notions of what "just" is isn't always justice.

And yet, the dawn is ours before we knew it.

Somehow we do it.

Somehow we've weathered and witnessed a nation that isn't broken,
but simply unfinished.

We, the successors of a country and a time where a skinny Black girl descended from slaves
and raised by a single mother can dream of becoming president, only to find herself reciting for one.

(The Hill We Climb, cont'd)

And yes, we are far from polished, far from pristine,
but that doesn't mean we are striving to form a union that is perfect.
We are striving to forge our union with purpose.
To compose a country committed to all cultures, colors, characters, and conditions of man.
And so we lift our gazes not to what stands between us, but what stands before us.
We close the divide because we know, to put our future first, we must first put our differences
aside.
We lay down our arms so we can reach out our arms to one another.
We seek harm to none and harmony for all.
Let the globe, if nothing else, say this is true:
That even as we grieved, we grew.
That even as we hurt, we hoped.
That even as we tired, we tried.
That we'll forever be tied together, victorious.
Not because we will never again know defeat, but because we will never again sow division.

Scripture tells us to envision that everyone shall sit under their own vine and fig tree and no
one shall make them afraid.
If we're to live up to our own time, then victory won't lie in the blade, but in all the bridges we've
made.
That is the promise to glade, the hill we climb, if only we dare.
It's because being American is more than a pride we inherit.
It's the past we step into and how we repair it.
We've seen a force that would shatter our nation rather than share it.
Would destroy our country if it meant delaying democracy.
This effort very nearly succeeded.
But while democracy can be periodically delayed,
it can never be permanently defeated.
In this truth, in this faith, we trust,
for while we have our eyes on the future, history has its eyes on us.
This is the era of just redemption.
We feared it at its inception.
We did not feel prepared to be the heirs of such a terrifying hour,
but within it, we found the power to author a new chapter, to offer hope and laughter to
ourselves.
So while once we asked, 'How could we possibly prevail over catastrophe?' now we assert,
'How could catastrophe possibly prevail over us?'

We will not march back to what was, but move to what shall be:
A country that is bruised but whole, benevolent but bold, fierce and free.
We will not be turned around or interrupted by intimidation because we know our inaction and
inertia will be the inheritance of the next generation.
Our blunders become their burdens.
But one thing is certain:

(The Hill We Climb, cont'd)

If we merge mercy with might, and might with right, then love becomes our legacy and change, our children's birthright.

So let us leave behind a country better than the one we were left.
With every breath from my bronze-pounded chest, we will raise this wounded world into a wondrous one.

We will rise from the golden hills of the west.

We will rise from the wind-swept north-east where our forefathers first realized revolution.

We will rise from the lake-rimmed cities of the midwestern states.

We will rise from the sun-baked south.

We will rebuild, reconcile, and recover.

In every known nook of our nation, in every corner called our country, our people, diverse and beautiful, will emerge, battered and beautiful.

When day comes, we step out of the shade, aflame and unafraid.

The new dawn blooms as we free it.

For there is always light,

if only we're brave enough to see it.

If only we're brave enough to be it.

May you be peaceful and at ease in 2021 and thereafter,

Rev. Lee Anne

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Sharing Our Abundance for February



February 7th Canadian Unitarian Council (CUC) – Sharing Our Faith provides funds for congregational initiatives which enhance ministry, aid projects and outreach for congregations, and enhances the Unitarian Universalist movement in Canada.

February -- iHUMAN Youth Society, Edmonton 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.

Tuesday Night, Music Night!

With Pauline Atwood hosting at 7pm on Tuesday nights, each person brings their music choice and we talk about why we chose the song, what was happening in our lives, what was happening in the larger society, the artist, the context... <http://bit.ly/TuesMus3mB8yeR> Meeting ID 956 5643 4070



Lunch and Learn



You are invited to join Rev. Lee Anne in an open Zoom meeting on Wednesdays from noon to 2pm. You will need the link and passcode found on the UCE calendar at uce.ca. Link: <http://bit.ly/Lunch2WvWG3a>, Meeting ID: 984 8583 4810 Passcode: 109413 Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/j/abQkoG8UD7>

UCE Lunch Bunch

Unitarian Church of Edmonton invites you to join the UCE Lunch Bunch *via* Zoom on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:00 to 2:00.**

Please drop in and out during the time period... sign in and see who shows up or make a lunch date with a friend.

Link: <http://bit.ly/Lunch2WvWG3a>

Meeting ID: 957 7757 4700, Passcode: 958419

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/j/acWb1wHVXw>



Religious Education Update



Hi Everyone,

It has been a trying start to the new year but it still holds promise. I regret to say that we are suspending our online Religious Education programs. You will, however, continue to receive the mailed family packets.

By necessity, I am stepping back from my duties as Director of Religious Exploration. I have enjoyed working with you all and hope that Religious Exploration activities will resume once Covid is behind us. In the meantime, Youth may connect with their regional UU peers through the below opportunities.

1st Sunday , Popcorn Theology 2:00-5:00 p.m. Calgary/Winnipeg https://tinyurl.com/y4dpseh3	Thursdays Cosmic Connections 7:00 - ? MT Westwood Discord: https://discord.gg/jNNCnCy
2nd Sunday , A Chorus of Faiths 2:00-3:00 MT Calgary Zoom link: https://tinyurl.com/y4dpseh3	Thursdays Cosmic Connections 7:00 - ? MT Westwood Discord: https://discord.gg/jNNCnCy
3rd Sunday , Super-Group 4:00-5:00 MT Saskatoon Zoom link: https://tinyurl.com/ybeehjn6	Thursdays Cosmic Connections 7:00 - ? MT Westwood Discord: https://discord.gg/jNNCnCy
4th Sunday Religions 2:00-3:00 MT Calgary Zoom link: https://tinyurl.com/y4dpseh3	Thursdays Cosmic Connections 7:00 - ? MT Westwood Discord: https://discord.gg/jNNCnCy

To close out, I would like to leave you with these words:

Come Whoever You Are, by Marilyn Falkowski

We welcome you.

We know you come here for different reasons—to find community, to seek your spiritual and personal truths, to question, to nurture your heart and soul, to be nurtured, to explore new ideas, to find comfort, and perhaps to find the answers to some of your bigger questions.

We welcome you.

We know you come from different places, different religions, different beliefs and different backgrounds. We hope you will find comfort, connection, challenge, and love here. We hope you will find ways to provide outreach to others in our [congregation], in our local community, and in our world community.

I hope you all are well. Stay safe, William



Have you been speculating about when we will re-emerge? Every day we are seeing reports on COVID cases, rates of vaccinations, and predictions for the future. But when do you think we will be back to normal? When do you think we will be able to go back to church and be with our friends?

I don't have a specific date, but I am personally hopeful that it will be sometime in the next church year. Most recent estimates say that most Albertans will have access to the vaccine sometime in the fall of 2021. So, we can hope that sometime in the next Church year we can re-emerge.

Your pledge this year will be for the coming year which will hopefully include our re-emergence. The church has had some financial setbacks this year; the church building has been closed, our rental income has suffered, and we haven't been able to pass the collection plate. Fortunately, we have been able to continue our services online and your donations have remained constant. Thank you!



In the next couple of months we need you to let us know what you think you can donate to UCE in the coming year. I ask that you return your pledge of financial support by the end of March please. Here is a link to the pledge form page on our web site:



<https://www.uce.ca/wp-content/uploads/canvass/pledge.html>.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our church!

Leadership Committee seeks committed and engaged candidates!

Our UU Principles call us to affirm and promote the right of conscience and the use of democratic process within our congregations and in society at large. Each year our Annual General Meeting (AGM) provides us with the opportunity to act on that principle as the congregation elects candidates for the Board, the Ministerial Relations Committee and the Leadership Committee (formerly known as the Nominating Committee). Our Bylaws require all candidates to be members of the Congregation.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for managing the property of the Church, the conduct and administration of its business and general supervisions of the programs and activities of the Church. At each AGM we elect a President and a Vice-President to serve a one year term each, and two Trustees to serve a two-year term each. We also elect a Secretary or a Treasurer in alternate years, and each of these officers serves a two-year term. A member of the Board may serve a variety of positions but only for six consecutive years.

At the 2021 AGM the Treasurer will be elected for a two-year term. Doug Eastwell has stated his intent to not stand for Treasurer in the next term, so the Leadership Committee will be seeking someone interested in filling that role. If a candidate comes forward early enough, there will be opportunities for training and observation.

The congregation will also elect three Trustees for a two-year term each.

Candidates for the Ministerial Relations Committee will not be elected for the 2021-22 church year.

The Leadership Committee is responsible for presenting to each AGM a list of eligible candidates willing to stand for election to vacancies on the Board of Trustees, the Ministerial Relations Committee and the Leadership Committee. In 2017, bylaw changes added facilitating the training, election and succession of Church leaders to the duties of the committee. This committee consists of four members. Two members are elected at each AGM to serve a two-year term.

A slate of nominated individuals will be presented at the AGM.

If you are interested in any of the positions, please contact one of the Leadership Committee members:

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Joys and Sorrows



Please email candles@uce.ca if you would like to share an item in the newsletter &/or to be included in the chat of the Sunday Service.

- ♥ Congratulations to Mike and Oksana on their engagement
- ♥ Congratulation to Bonnie and Natasha on their engagement
- ♥ Russ Smith died in January from COVID. The Smiths joined UCE in 1965! In 2001 Russ Smith won the WH Potter Award
- ♥ Rev Audrey Brooks performed the service for Mary Ayres (September 28, 1932 - December 22, 2020) on January 5th, 2021. You can read more about Mary on her UCE profile page at https://www.uce.ca PROFILE_MaryAyres.html
- ♥ A candle for family that are friends and friends that are family
- ♥ Thank you to all the volunteers that are keeping Zoom Sunday Services going
- ♥ Thank you to the volunteers that are ensuring that the day to day operations of UCE keep rolling along smoothly



Let's Sing!!



This is an open invitation to all members of Chorealism and Harmonia to join together in a singalong on Sunday afternoon, February 21st from 4-5:30 pm. We are going to be led by Cathy Baker and Dick Johnson from Victoria who are the leaders of The Gettin' Higher Choir and also the Capital UU Congregation of Victoria. They are excellent song leaders and several of us have participated in their Wednesday night singalongs. This event is designed especially for our

choirs but we welcome any other members of the congregations who would like to join us.

If you register, you will receive an email shortly before the event with an updated link with Meeting ID and password, and another email with lyrics for songs we will sing. Our hope is that our time together lifts your spirits and fills your heart with songs. They will mainly feature a wide variety of quick-teach songs, chants, rounds—some familiar, some brand-new—some from colleagues in the Ubuntu Choirs Network, some from Gettin' Higher Choir guest artists.

They'll open the doors by 3:45pm and we can talk with other singers until we get going. Get familiar with the controls on your screen, for turning on/off your audio and video, and the Participants and Chat panels—help each other out!

They are looking forward to meeting and singing with us. Here is the registration link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwtceqogTqrHd1QAuhrliQIKa7KWgskpdhf>

PS From Jan McMillan: If you would like to check out another event that Cathy and Dick are leading, go to The Gettin' Higher choir [website](#) to get the free link to their concert on Saturday, January 30th at 8 pm MST. They are joining another Victoria choir called Wavelengths for that Zoom performance.

New Process to Protect Personal Information and Transparency

As part of UCE's interim work, the board is reviewing church policies and procedures. Through this review, we identified two gaps. While we have always asked staff and volunteers who have access to personal information to keep it confidential, we have never formalized that agreement. We also didn't have any process for decision makers to declare a conflict of interest. Now we have a way to fill both gaps!

On January 13, the board approved a new *Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality Agreement*. The form is to be signed by all UCE staff and volunteers who:

- have access to personal information beyond the UCE directory or financial information, or
- have access to a budget line, or
- apply for expense reimbursement.

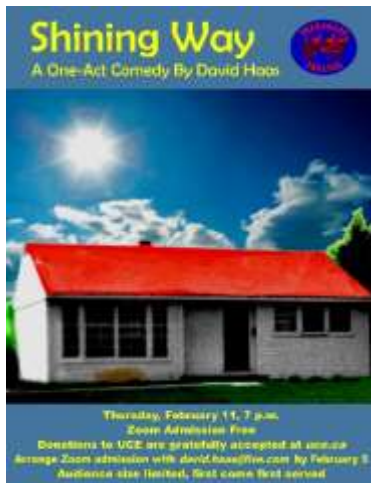
Board liaisons will share the forms with committee chairs, or they can be obtained through the church office and online: [Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality Form](#). The forms will be maintained in the church office.

If you have any questions about the form, please talk with any board member.

Next Board Meeting is Wednesday February 10th at 7:15pm.

Please email Board@uce.ca by February 3rd if you would like to add anything to the agenda or attend the meeting.

Please watch your email for any updates.



Charabanc Theatre Presents As Covid keeps live actors off the stage, *Charabanc Theatre*, an operation by David Haas and Susan Lynch of UCE, will be presenting a Zoom reading of David's play *Shining Way* on Thursday, February 11 at 7p.m.

The play was a winning entry in the 2011 *St. Albert Festival of the Arts One Act Plays Competition*, and was staged at the festival.

Shining Way is a short comedy, about 23-25 minutes. In a review of the festival in the *St. Albert Gazette* it was summarized as "A couple of proselytizers meet a nut bar ... presented universal moments in people's lives."

Admission is free, but donations are gratefully accepted at uce.ca.

To arrange Zoom admission please email david.haas@live.com with your first and last name, email address, and (in case of last minute snags) telephone number. Please put "UCE Play" in the subject line.

Following the show, there will be an audience participation question and answer period.

SOCIAL MEDIA CANNOT BE SUCCESSFUL WITHOUT YOU!

We want to hear from you throughout the week! Please comment on posts – lets start a dialogue, not just about church events but about the diverse interests we UU's have.

We hear a lot about social media in the news right now – lets get as much positivity out into the community.



Facebook - As always, Facebook is our core social media platform, we use the Facebook group for information, events, photos, and even link to Twitter and Instagram feeds. We currently have 563 followers on our page and 383 followers on our Facebook group, so log on, be our friend, and join in the conversation!

We have some of the diverse interests that Unitarians have on the Group

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

The group has too many updates? Join the page for UCE specific updates

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

Twitter is an online news social media application where users post messages known as Tweets. Get notified with the most up to date information on meetings and events happening in the community through out Twitter page! Feel free to tag, share, and Tweet [@UnitarianUCE](https://twitter.com/UnitarianUCE)



Instagram is a photo sharing application that allows users to share photos and videos to preapproved followers. UCE has now been on Instagram for just over 2 years and we have 358 followers. You can follow us at [@UnitarianUCE](https://www.instagram.com/UnitarianUCE), please tag us and share your adventures within our beautiful community.

YouTube is a video sharing service where users can watch, like, share, comment and upload their own videos. The video service can be accessed on PCs, laptops, tablets and via mobile phones. We post the recording from our Sunday Services, so you can revisit interesting points you heard or if you missed a Sunday you can catch up. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmpm5DXHKM7pRnnzcC75txQ>



Podcast is a series of digital audio files that a user can download to a personal device for easy listening. Streaming applications and podcasting services provide a convenient way to manage personal consumption of podcast sources and playback devices. SoundCloud is a podcast sharing service where users can listen to the Sunday Services at their convenience.

[Unitarian Church of Edmonton \(UCE\) | Free Listening on SoundCloud](#)

United Nations World Interfaith Harmony Week, February 1 – 7, 2021



On Oct. 20, 2010, a UN resolution was unanimously adopted, announcing that the General Assembly proclaims the first week of February of every year the World Interfaith Harmony Week between all religions, faiths and beliefs; encourages all States to support, on a voluntary basis, the spread of the message of interfaith harmony and goodwill in the world's churches, mosques, synagogues, temples and other places of worship during that week, based on love of God and love of one's neighbour or on love of the good and love of one's neighbour each according to their own religious traditions or convictions.

It is hoped that this initiative will help all people of goodwill to recognize that the common values they hold far outweigh the differences they have, and thus provide a strong dosage of peace and harmony to their communities.

In this context the Edmonton Interfaith Centre presents its annual Interfaith concert, called, "Building Bridges," which will take place at 2 p.m. on YouTube, on Sunday February 7th, Performers include: Melanie Gall and Maria Dunn of Fringe Theatres fame; Martin Kerr, a friend of UCE, and Sharmila Mathur, sitar player with international status. This is a free concert, donations are surely welcome in these days of fundraising losses. Watch for contact information closer to the date of the concert. <http://interfaithyeg.org/>

Days of Note in February 2021

Interfaith:

- Chinese New Year (Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist) - Feb. 12, 2021
- Ash Wednesday (Christian) - Feb. 17, 2021
- Lent (Christian) - Feb. 17 - April 3, 2021
- Nirvana Day/Parinirvana Day - Buddha's death and his entry into Nirvana (Buddhist) - Feb. 15
- Purim begins (Jewish) - Feb. 26-27, 2021, begins evening of the 25th

Unitarian Universalist:

- Fannie Barrier Williams' birthday - Feb. 12 (1855)
- Susan B. Anthony's birthday - Feb. 15 (1820)
- Thirty Days of Love - Side with Love Campaign - Jan. 15 - Feb. 14
- The Edict of Torda is issued - Feb. 18 (1568)
- International Darwin Day (Darwin's Birthday) - Feb. 12

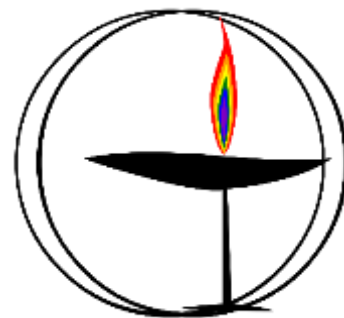
National & Cultural:

- Black History Month
- Season for Nonviolence - Jan 30- April 4
- Groundhog Day - Feb. 2
- Rosa Parks' birthday - Feb 4 (1930)
- Freedom to Marry Day (US)- Feb. 12
- Mardi Gras - Feb. 13
- St. Valentine's Day - Feb. 14
- Toni Morrison & Audre Lorde's (past) birthday - Feb. 18
- Louis Riel Day - Feb. 19
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is founded - Feb. 12 (1909)
- Malcolm X assassinated - Feb 21 (1965)
- Random Acts of Kindness Day - Feb. 17

The Principles and Sources of our Religious Faith

Principles

- ☞ The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- ☞ Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;
- ☞ Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- ☞ A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- ☞ The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- ☞ The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- ☞ Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.



Sources

The living tradition which we share draws from many sources:

- ☞ Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;
- ☞ Words and deeds of prophetic people which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;
- ☞ Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
- ☞ Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbours as ourselves;
- ☞ Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit;
- ☞ Spiritual teachings of Earth-centred traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.
- ☞ Grateful for the religious pluralism which enriches and ennobles our faith, we are inspired to deepen our understanding and expand our vision. As free congregations we enter into this covenant, promising to one another our mutual trust and support.



As Canadian Unitarian Universalists, we aspire to be:

Deeply Connected: We strive to foster healthy relationships amongst and within UU communities, with the broader world and with all life

Radically Inclusive: We strive to create hospitable, diverse, multi-generational communities

Actively Engaged: We strive to work joyfully for a just and compassionate society, experimenting with new forms of community.

Theologically Alive: We seek to be ever-evolving in our understanding, open to new knowledge.

Spiritually Grounded: We seek transformation through personal spiritual experiences and shared ritual.



Canadian Unitarian Council (CUC)

For a complete list of events please go to <https://cuc.ca/events/>

Welcome to a weekly recap of CUC events happening over the next 6 weeks, from January 27 - March 9, 2021.

Caring for One Another: Together and Apart – CUC Roundtable

Saturday, February 6, 2021, 10:30 am MT. More information is available at [cuc-roundtable-caring](#)

Sharing Our Faith National Service

Sunday, February 7, 2021, 11am MT. More information is available at [sharing-our-faith-national-service](#)

Self-Care for Lay Chaplains Webinar

Thursday, February 11, 2021, 5:00 pm MT (90 minutes). More information is available at [self-care-lc](#)

Rising Together: UU Youth and Emerging Adults of Colour

Saturday, February 13, 2021, 2:30 pm MT. More information is available at [rising-together](#)

Lay Chaplain Question and Answer Session

Thursday, February 18, 2021, 5 pm MT. More information is available at [lay-chaplaincy-q&a](#)

AGM Motions Roundtable

Saturday, February 20, 10 am MT. More information is available at [motions-roundtable](#)

The Power of Dialogue With David Camp

Monday, February 22, 5 pm MT. More information is available at [power-of-dialogue-david-camp](#)

Elder's Circle With Stephen Paquette

Wednesday, February 24, 5:00 pm MT. More information is available at [elders-circle-stephen-paquette](#)

THR – Reconciliation Through Film: Six Miles Deep

Saturday, February 27, 10:30 am MT. More information is available at [reconciliation through film](#)

David Camp Workshop Part I

Saturday, March 6, 12 pm MT. More information is available at [workshop1-david-camp](#)

Our Regular Events:

Connect and Deepen

Sundays, February 14 and 28, 2 pm MT. More information is available at [connect-deepen](#)

Leaders Roundtable

Saturdays, January 30 and February 27, 1:00 p.m. MT. More information is available at [leaders-roundtables-2021](#)

Gathered Here

Thursday, February 11, 12:00 pm MT. Monday, March 8, 6:00 pm MT. More information is available [gathered-here-february-and-april-2021](#)

From the Author of *We Were Children*

If you enjoyed reading my book *We Were Children* you may be interested to know that I used the Covid 19 seclusion. To create a new book titled *Reflections on a life well lived. (a book of poetry)*. Upon Audrey's urging I invited the creative muse into my life and gathered old and new writings and published the book just before Christmas. So far, my readers were very positive, but the best compliment came from died-in-the-wool English member Lizzie; she said: "you made the language sing". If you'd like a copy, please contact me at 780 434 8187 or ingeh@shaw.ca. – Inga

Writing for *The Edmonton Unitarian Newsletter*

Submitting Articles

It is preferred that articles for *The Unitarian* be submitted to Church Administrator, Janet Polkovsky, by email chadmin@uce.ca. If submitted by email, your text can either be attached as a Microsoft Word document (the preferred method) or set out in the body of the email. Please do not send an article as an image file. Deadlines are 10am on the 2nd last Friday of the month.

Article Length

Articles should be as short as possible consistent with conveying the necessary information. A general guideline is that articles should be no longer than 75 to 200 words (you can use the word count feature in Microsoft Word to determine how long your article is). When you submit an article, you agree to allow editing for clarity and conformity with these guidelines, as well as shortening if necessary to fit the space available.

UCE staff and UCE Board of Trustee's columns are exceptions to this guideline.

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Content

Articles should include who, what, when, where, why and how (as applicable). Articles must be directly related to UCE or UU. No advertisements for outside organizations, with the exception of not-for-profits approved by the Social Justice Committee or the UCE Board of Trustees.

Acronyms

UU = Unitarian Universalist or Unitarian Universalism

UCE = Unitarian Church of Edmonton

CUC = Canadian Unitarian Council

UUA = Unitarian Universalist Association

DRE = Director of Religious Education

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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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