

The Unitarian Church of Edmonton is a congregation openly and honestly:

- ✞ 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



March's Theme: Commitment

March 7 *The Powerful, Capable, Wise, & Wealthy Woman*

In celebration of International Women's Day (March 8th), Rev. Lee Anne will introduce us to an ancient and poetic portrait of womanhood. In line with this year's IWD theme: *Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world*, Rev. Lee Anne will explore the many ways in which the Proverbs 31 woman, read in the original Hebrew, celebrates empowered and powerful women who are leaders inside and outside of their homes.

Service Leader: Rev Lee Anne Washington

Greeter: Jeff Bisanz; Breakout Rooms: Sylvia Krogh

Slides: Andrew Mills; Recording, YouTube and SoundCloud: Ruth Merriott

March 14 *Our Gay Rights Commitment*

In 1973, UCE made a bold commitment to gay rights, one that continues to this day. We look back at that proud history and the blessings it has brought us.

Service Leaders: Susan Ruttan and Gordon Ritchie

Greeter: Jeff Bisanz; Breakout Rooms: Gloria Krenbrenk

Slides, Recording, YouTube and SoundCloud: Karen Bilida

*****DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME – spring forward*****

All Sunday Services have the same Meeting ID and link.

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

Meeting ID: 200 338 874 +1 587 328 1099

March 21

Committed Co-creation

In celebration of the Pagan Spring Equinox (March 20th) Rev. Lee Anne will explore the relationship between commitment and co-creation using lessons drawn from our natural surroundings and processes. She'll offer us some words of wisdom for living a fuller life through renewed commitment -- even during the pandemic.

Service Leader: Rev Lee Anne Washington

Greeter: Jeff Bisanz; Breakout Rooms: Jan McMillan

Slides: Andrew Mills, Recording, YouTube and SoundCloud: Ruth Merriott

March 28

What a Donkey Knows

In recognition of the Christian Palm Sunday, Rev. Lee Anne will explore the use of donkeys to make important points in the Hebrew and Christian scriptures. And, how sometimes it pays to listen to and heed the wit and wisdom of those who know -- even if they are literally beneath you!

Service Leader: Rev Lee Anne Washington

Greeter: Jeff Bisanz; Breakout Rooms: Lynne Turvey

Slides, Recording, YouTube and SoundCloud: Karen Bilida

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>.



An Invitation from the Interim Transition Team



One of the purposes of the Interim Transition Team is to work with you, our congregation, to determine our needs and priorities. Then, when we are joined by our next settled Minister, we can hit the ground running. We want to hear from you as this transition time is an opportune moment for listening, really listening, to each other.

Starting Sunday, March 7, 2021, from time to time at the conclusion of a worship service, we will seek your responses to the following questions (One per week):

- What do we stand for?
- What brought you to UCE?
- What keeps you here?
- What is missing for you?

Minister's Message

Dear Ones,

The theme for the month of March is commitment. *Commitment* has two almost opposite meanings: (1) the state or quality of being dedicated to a cause, activity, etc.; and (2) an engagement or obligation that restricts freedom of action. I'm pretty sure that when the Soul Matters team chose commitment as this month's theme, they were thinking of the former, rather than the latter meaning.

When my daughter, Lucy, was a child, she wanted to do everything -- dance, piano, softball, volleyball, and on and on. When trying something new, she would sometimes ask "What if I don't like it?" My answer never wavered: "Try it for a while and if you don't like it, you may quit. But, for any group activity, where other people are depending on your presence, you have to continue until a natural end -- like the ballet recital or the end of softball season."

That's how she came to understand both aspects of commitment. So, like a real trooper, she suffered through one full season of softball. Fortunately for her, learning piano is a solo enterprise. Each year she renewed her commitment to dance, volleyball, and high school band. Over four years, she developed a solid foundation of individual and group experiences upon which she continues to build an interesting and appropriately challenging life.

In this rapidly changing world where we have become accustomed to, and accepting of, the notion of *planned obsolescence*, many of us are hesitant to make commitments -- even to the next natural end. The pandemic has made us less confident that we can anticipate with any level of accuracy what the future might hold for us. Too many things that are out of our control or are out of our sphere of influence are negatively impacting us. So, we are stingy with our time, our talents, and our financial resources. We fear sharing what we may ourselves need later. And, that's where commitment shows its real power, what some call synchronicity. As Johann Wolfgang von Goethe said:

The moment one definitely commits oneself, then providence moves too.

All sorts of things occur to help one that would never otherwise would have occurred.

A whole stream of events issue from the decision, raising in one's favor all manner of unforeseen incidents and meetings and material assistance which no man [or woman] could have dreamed would have come his [or her] way.

You are invited to participate in the ongoing process of co-creating a beloved community at UCE through your contributions of time, talent, and financial resources. In the month of March, we ask you to renew your commitment to the UCE by pledging an amount that you can comfortably contribute in the next year toward building a beloved community at UCE and beyond.

Blessings, Rev. Lee Anne
780-455-9797



March is canvass month and this is the month when we need all of our members (and generous friends!) to give us an indication of their financial support for the coming year. Now is the time for you to pledge your commitment to the re-emergence of our church. Please send us your pledge before the end of March.

The easiest way to pledge is to complete our online pledge form. You can find our online pledge form on this UCE web page <https://www.uce.ca/wp-content/uploads/canvass/pledge.html>. There is also an option on that page to print out a paper copy if you prefer. If you are uncomfortable with these links and forms then just email me directly; send an email to tell me what your pledge will be for the coming year.

Please take a moment right now to complete your pledge to the church. Find the [UCE Re-emergence pledge form here](#) or email me directly at andrew@misc.ca.



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

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

For the latest Board Minutes please visit:

<https://www.uce.ca/agm-minutes-reports-board-meeting-minutes/>

Please watch your email for any updates.

Sharing Our Abundance for March

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. Each Sunday we usually collect money for a different charity. Now that we are not meeting in person we hope that you will take time to go to the charity of the month's website and donate what you are willing and able to, <https://icuu.net/>.



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.

We have identified one Trustee candidate, and are looking for a second Trustee candidate to fill a two-year term each. We will also be looking for a candidate to fill the second year of a two-year term, as that trustee position is currently vacant.

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.

One member of the Leadership Committee has reached the six-year maximum for consecutive years of service, so we are looking for a candidate to fill that vacancy.

A slate of nominated individuals will be presented at the AGM, and in the May newsletter.

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

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(mobile)

Tuney Tuesday!

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>



Youth Connections

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

Are We Getting Through?



As the Church is now using MailChimp for mass emails, we are able to empower our friends and members to choose for themselves what kinds of emails they would like to receive. Soon, you will receive an email asking you to choose your preference as to how much email you would like to receive from the Church.

Also, in collaboration with the Board, Minister and other volunteers, the Administrator is working to update the UCE Directory. There is now a draft available as a Google Doc for everyone – the link to the new directory was sent out by email. If you see that your information is incorrect or missing, please email chadmin@uce.ca with updates. If you are not receiving the Friday emails please call or email Janet.



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 (please let us know in the email).

- ♥ Happy News from Westwood! Rev Anne has finally gotten a date for knee replacement surgery. March 3! She will be taking March and April off for recovery and rehab. Her Wednesday morning coffee chat will also take a break - resuming in May. Thank you to everyone who has encouraged her along the way.
- ♥ Krishan Kamra passed away suddenly from Covid-19 on January 22, 2021. He was born on April 18th, 1928 in Lyallpur, India and came to Canada in 1948 to study after experiencing the horrors of Partition in India. He was the first Indian to live in Edmonton.
- ♥ Thank you to all the volunteers that are keeping Zoom Sunday Services going. Please contact Karen Bilida to volunteer.
- ♥ Thank you to the volunteers that are ensuring that the day to day operations of UCE keep rolling along smoothly.

We renew our commitment...

Rev. Suzelle Lynch

Each time we light the chalice
we renew our commitment to our Unitarian Universalist faith.

With the spark of a match, we make it new again –
as fresh and surprising as the first day
we encountered this spiritual community
and realized we were home.



New Process to Protect Personal Information and Transparency

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 or financial information beyond the UCE directory, 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.

The **International Convocation of Unitarian Universalist Women** (doing business as International Women's Convocation or IWC) is a nonprofit organization in special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), focusing on global women's rights and empowerment.

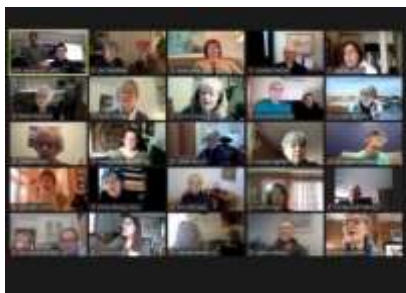


IWC's work is made possible by membership dues, individual donations, and volunteer engagement. [Your membership gift today](#) enables IWC to fulfill its

mission, inspiring women and girls worldwide to break down barriers to create a better world for all. To become a member, please consult our [membership policy](#), which provides important information for all new members joining IWC, including benefits and suggested donation levels. If you are looking for the ideal holiday or (other) special occasion gift, gift memberships are a great way to introduce new members to IWC while supporting our work at the same time. Thank you for helping the IWC family grow!

Join here: <https://intl womensconvo.org/page/membership/>

Thank you Jan McMillan for the Let's Sing event on January 21!



We sang and had a laugh plus we heard and sang along with songs by Gordon Ritchie and Gloria Krenbrenk.

Please keep reading the weekly emails and your monthly newsletter for different events.

If you would like to check out another singing event that Cathy and Dick are leading, go to The Gettin' Higher choir [website](#).



Please enjoy watching recordings of our Sunday Services again on YouTube or listen as a Podcast on SoundCloud.
Just click on the link and don't forget to subscribe while you are there.



January 3 - Reflections

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/xsmVArU8Jzs>

Podcast: <https://soundcloud.com/user-189401827/reflections-jan-3-2021?in=user-189401827/sets/2020-to-2021>

January 10 - Entrances and Exits

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/27Q3dkJh5Tg>

Podcast: <https://soundcloud.com/user-189401827/entrances-and-exits-jan-10-2021?in=user-189401827/sets/2020-to-2021>

January 17 - World Religion Day

YouTube: https://youtu.be/Ja_npW7g6bw

Podcast: <https://soundcloud.com/user-189401827/world-religion-day-uu-and-bahai?in=user-189401827/sets/2020-to-2021>

January 24 - Laughter is the Best Medicine -- Belly Laugh Day

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/2T71nlajbFQ>

Podcast: <https://soundcloud.com/user-189401827/laughter-is-the-best-medicine?in=user-189401827/sets/2020-to-2021>

January 31 - Poetry Sunday & Recognition of Rev. Audrey's Many Years of Service

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/84nTcUU5UqM>

Podcast: <https://soundcloud.com/user-189401827/poetry-sunday?in=user-189401827/sets/2020-to-2021>

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

YouTube: https://youtu.be/as3Sh_kFSn4

February 14 - A Valentine to The Beloved Community

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/WtNMXkdDkH8>

Podcast: <https://soundcloud.com/user-189401827/a-valentine-to-the-beloved-community?in=user-189401827/sets/2020-to-2021>

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

YouTube: https://youtu.be/RKgeuu_RuLw

Podcast: <https://soundcloud.com/user-189401827/black-history-month-the-promise-and-the-practice?in=user-189401827/sets/2020-to-2021>

Please join us in conversation on Social Media

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/>

It is getting toward Tax Time and the Fraudsters are Working Hard!

Spoofed email scams continue throughout congregations around the world. Please be aware of scams.

- We will never need you to send an emergency gift card.
- A company will never ask for bitcoin or gift cards as payment.
- Nobody is calling you about your social insurance number.
- The CRA is not calling you about taxes.



If you receive a suspicious email that looks like it is from the Unitarian Church of Edmonton or any member of staff or the board, please call us directly (don't click on a link in the suspicious email but actually call us). Don't worry if you do not reach us right away; UCE can wait and your safety is more important.

A “spoofed” email is an email that looks very similar to an email from a friend or colleague that you know but the email address will be slightly different. This is not a case of “hacking”, it is someone pretending to be someone, not somebody actually getting into an email account. The person that has created this imitator email is trying a scam to get your personal information.

- Please do not respond to the email.
- Mark the email as spam.
- Let the person that is being imitated aware of the situation.

As always do not send your personal information through email. UCE has secure websites to gather information. Plus you can always call the church administrator (780-454-8073) with any questions.

Some commonly spoofed emails and scams include:

- Church ministers
- Church board members
- Netflix
- CRA (Canadian Revenue Agency)
- PayPal
- Service Canada

Click here to read more in the [UU World article from 2019](#)

To continue to support our community and have peace of mind, the best way to donate to our church is by setting up ongoing monthly donations. We receive about 1/2 of our donations this way and it is an important source of income for monthly expenses. Please contact Janet (780-454-8073) or Andrew Mills (780-918-3288) to set up ongoing donations. You can also donate online using credit cards using the secure sites [Canada Helps](#) and [ATB Cares](#).

Please visit our website for more information on secure ways to support your community <https://www.uce.ca/support-our-work-donations-planned-giving/>



**Thank you to Everyone that joined us for
the Community Conversation on Sunday
February 14th.**

**Here are copies of the letters that were read
during that meeting and emailed out
earlier in February.**



New direction for UCE interim period

The last 12 months have been hard – for individuals and for our church. The pandemic is testing everyone’s resilience and patience. It is preventing gathering and travelling. We’re learning new ways to connect, but it’s not the same as experiencing the energy and free-flowing conversation of face-to-face gatherings. For all these reasons, our congregational interim work hasn’t progressed at the pace we had envisioned in September.

We are so grateful for the generosity, time and talents of the many dedicated volunteers who have figured out Zoom services and groups, and have continued with committee and board work. However, many members have shared with the board that they just don’t have the energy to participate in visioning sessions and find online meetings a challenge.

This, combined with the fact that we have not been able to find the hoped for number of volunteers for the Committee on Ministry and the Interim Transition Team, signaled to the board that we needed to re-evaluate the interim plans.

When the board learned that Rev. Lee Anne was feeling that she couldn’t commit to coming to Edmonton next church year due to uneasiness with the pandemic and travel restrictions that could prevent her from seeing her daughter, we knew we had some big decisions to make. While no one has an exact date, we are hopeful that we will be able to gather in person within the next church year. We believe it will be important to then have a minister who is able to conduct services, guide interim work and meet in person.

Given all this, we have decided to shift our approach to UCE’s interim period.

We feel that the priority next year needs to be re-establishing community and regaining our energy. It is unlikely that we’ll be ready to dive headfirst into interim work, much less conduct a search for a settled minister. Establishing a search committee and conducting the actual search process is estimated to take 12-16 months. We also don’t want to rush the interim work; we had the same minister for 22 years and developed some practices and habits that merit a closer look and perhaps rethinking. We have also heard loud and clear that stability is important. So, the board will not be renewing Rev. Lee Anne’s contract and will instead apply for what is called a

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contract minister. This is a minister who will live in Edmonton, conduct services and ministerial duties as well as help us continue our interim work. We are proposing a minimum four-year contract, with a review and the option to renew annually.

The board's goal is to have four years of ministerial stability, with year one focused on rebuilding community, years two and three to do our interim work and year four searching for a settled minister.

While Rev. Lee Anne will be with us until the end of August, the renewal deadline in her contract is March 1 and the search period for ministers is between December and April, which is why we made this decision now.

Board members have begun the application process and we will keep you updated on the hiring process.

Board members will host a community conversation following the February 14th service to hear your questions and ideas. You are also welcome to contact board members directly.

The UCE board

Karen Bilida, president; Brandie Moller-Reid, vice president; Gloria Krenbrenk, secretary; Doug Eastwell, Treasurer; Jennifer Askey, trustee; Karen Mills, past president

Minister's Message 2021.02.05

Dear Ones

My purpose in writing this is to update you on a significant change in my status as Interim Minister. My contract with UCE is for one year, renewable for a second year. My contract with UCE will not be renewed for a second year. When UCE and I signed the contract, we had no way of knowing how the pandemic would restrict so many aspects of our personal lives and the life of the congregation. I am peaceful and at ease with this decision, though I will miss you and the opportunity to see you blossom anew.

I want you to know that I see what makes UCE so special. You are a multi-generational community with longtime committed members dedicated to the fullness of congregational life. You are blessed with many talented, capable, and good-hearted members who have strategically and adeptly adjusted to the strange and unusual demands of this pandemic. And perhaps most importantly, as a congregation, you are caring, warm-hearted, and social justice oriented with a deep desire to make a positive impact on the world around you.

As an interim minister, part of what I do is bring a fresh perspective, untainted by bias and invested interest, to all aspects of congregational life -- for the purpose of supporting you in fulfilling the congregation's mission and preparing for a new settled minister. Prior to your Annual General Meeting, I will submit an evaluation of the congregation based on my experience and numerous conversations with members and staff. It will include an assessment of your strengths, an assessment of areas needing some attention, and suggestions for ways to gain the knowledge and experience that will lead to congregational growth. It will be my parting gift to you.

In the meantime, we still have seven months together. The Interim Transition Team has created two task teams -- the Governance Task Team and the Financial Best Practices Task Team -- to review UCE's organizational structure and financial practices. Louise Charach is the ITT member leading the Governance Task Team. She will be joined by a congregation member at large. Lynne Turvey is the ITT member leading the Financial Best Practices Task Team. She will be joined by Susan Ruttan as the congregation member at large. We hope to be adding one Board member to each task team.

Additionally, several UCE members have stepped up to offer practices and programs that will support your caring connections with each other (more on that soon). We welcome your ideas and your participation. UCE is your community. UCE is your faith family. If you have anything that you would like to offer UCE, like a faith development discussion group, a politics matters discussion group, an anti-oppression workshop, a spiritual practice group, an affinity group (e.g., sewing, quilting, woodworking, parenting) etc., please contact me at uce.interim.minister@gmail.com and we will work to make it happen.

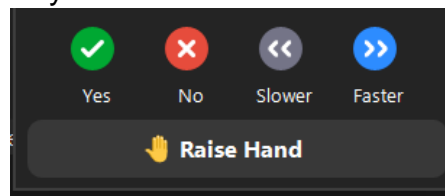
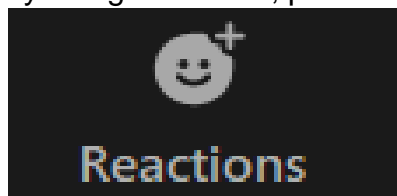
May you be peaceful and at ease,
Rev. Lee Anne Washington

The UCE AGM is coming up in May.

You will need to know how to raise your electronic hand in Zoom.

If you join by phone, dial *9 to raise your hand.

If you sign in online, please make sure you have a look for reactions.



You can practice during any zoom meeting.

There will also be practice sessions in April.

"(un)settling" Our Spirituality.



This course is being offered by Rev. Karen Fraser Gitlitz and Carey Sinclair for Canadian UUs. These co-facilitators are student art therapists in the Indigenized Art Therapy Diploma at the WHEAT Institute (Winnipeg). They are offering this group as part of their practicum requirement.

This course is a six-week art therapy small group experience in decolonizing or unsettling our spirituality. Using creative arts prompts and exercises, you will be invited to connect with your ancestors, yourself, your community and the land. As co-researchers and companions on this journey, we will encourage and support one another as we build our resilience and strengthen our capacity to engage in meaningful relationship-building, which is at the heart of our work for justice.

Scholarships are available. Registration Deadline is March 12.

To view poster, click [here](#) . Registration link: <https://forms.gle/Ro7ynsvQ4z2SWKyJ9>



Canadian Unitarian Council (CUC)

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

Truth, Healing and Reconciliation – Reconciliation Through Film: Six Miles Deep (please note registration for this event is now closed)

Saturday, February 27, 10:30 am

More information is available

at <https://cuc.ca/events/thr-film2-2021/1614429000/1614434400/>

David Campb Workshop, Parts I and II

Saturdays, March 6 and 13, 12 pm MT

More information is available

at <https://cuc.ca/events/workshop1-david-campb/1615039200/1615046400/>

Experifailurephenomenon: Online Innovation in Religious Education

Wednesday, March 24, 1:30 pm

More information is available at

<https://cuc.ca/events/experifailurephenomenon/1616599800/1616605200/>

CUC Regular Events:

Connect and Deepen

Sundays, February 28 and March 14 and 28, 2 pm MT More information is available at

<https://cuc.ca/events/connect-deepen-feb-april-2020/1614528000/1614533400/>

Gathered Here

Monday, March 8, 6:00 pm MT

More information is available

at <https://cuc.ca/events/gathered-here-february-and-april-2021/1613052000/1613057400/>

Save the date: Our online National Conference happens **May 14 – 16**. More information about registration is coming soon.

Days of Note in March 2021

Click on the name on each event for more information or inspiration.

Interfaith:

- [Lent](#) (Christian) - [Feb. 17 - April 3, 2021](#) (A [humorous take](#))
- [Holi](#) (Hindu) - March 28, 2021 (more [here](#) and [here](#))
- [Ostara/ Spring or the Vernal Equinox](#) (Wicca/Pagan) - March 20 (more [here](#))
- [The Annunciation](#) (Christian) - March 25
- [Palm Sunday](#) (Christian) - March 28, 2021
- [Passover](#) (Jewish) - March 28 - April 3, 2021, begins on the evening of the 27th (more [here](#))

Unitarian Universalist:

- [James Reeb](#) dies (1965) - March 11 (more [here](#) and [here](#).)
- [Susan B. Anthony's](#) Death - March 13
- [Climate Justice](#) Month - March 22 to April 22
- [Viola Liuzzo](#) dies (1965) - March 25

National & Cultural:

- [Peace Corps Established](#) - March 1 (1961)
- [Season for Nonviolence](#) - Jan. 30 - April 4
- Dred Scott Case - March 6 (1857)
- [International Women's Day](#) - March 8
- [St. Patrick's Day](#) - March 17
- [World Water Day](#) - March 22
- Archbishop [Oscar Romero](#) dies - March 24 (1980)
- [Selma–Montgomery march](#) - March 21-25 (1965) (more [here](#))
 - 600 civil rights marchers who set out from Selma, Alabama, on their way to Montgomery to urge passage of the Voting Rights Act, were attacked at the Edmund Pettus Bridge. “Bloody Sunday” led [Martin Luther King](#) to call on clergy of all faiths to join him; more than 125 Unitarian Universalist ministers answered the call. Three people were killed: [James Reeb](#), a Unitarian Universalist minister; Jimmie Lee Jackson, an African-American church deacon, and [Viola Liuzzo](#), a Unitarian Universalist layperson from Detroit.
- [International Transgender Day of Visibility](#) - March 31 (more [here](#))



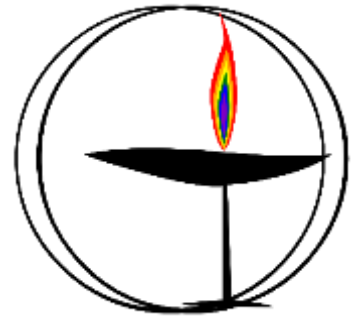
For Fun and On the Fringe:

- [National Day of Unplugging](#) - first Friday of March / Mar. 2
- [Pi Day](#) - March 14
- Everything You Think is Wrong [Day](#) - March 15
- [Tolkien Reading Day](#) - March 25

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.

Writing for *The Edmonton Unitarian Newsletter*

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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

AGM = Annual General Meeting

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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