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The Unitarian Church of Edmonton (UCE) 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 a full range of theological perspectives -- from theism to atheism – as well as a full range of spiritual traditions and practices. As a Unitarian Universalist (UU) congregation, we strive to be a community where everyone is able to fully participate, regardless of gender, gender expression, race, colour, ethnic or national origin, religion, sexual/affectional orientation, age, class, physical character or disability.

UCE 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



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

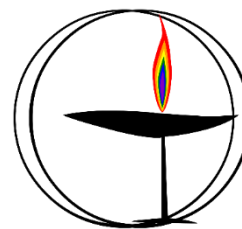
Actively Engaged: We strive to work joyfully for a just and compassionate society, experimenting with new forms of community.

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.

The Principles and Sources of our Religious Faith

UU congregations affirm and promote seven principles, which we hold as strong values and moral guides. As Rev. Barbara Wells ten Hove explains, “The principles are not dogma or doctrine, but rather a guide for those of us who choose to join and participate in UU religious communities.”



Our Seven Principles

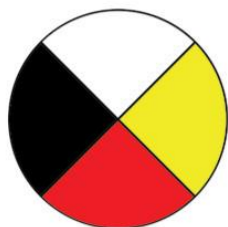
- ⊖ The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- ⊖ Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;
- ⊖ Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- ⊖ A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- ⊖ The right of conscience and the use of the 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.

We live out these principles within a “living tradition” of wisdom and spirituality, drawn from such diverse sources as science, poetry, scripture, and personal experience.

Our Six 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.

Land Acknowledgement



In accordance with our principles, we acknowledge with gratitude that we gather 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.

Final Letter from Rev. Lee Anne

Dear Ones,

Once again, you are experiencing a transition from one minister to another. I congratulate the search team for finding someone so well-suited for being your spiritual leader and for sharing ministry with you at this time.

Rev. Rosemary Morrison and I are already well acquainted and are working together to ensure a smooth transition. I am delighted for you and for her as she brings ministerial skills and life experiences that will serve you both well in the coming months and years. It has been a pleasure serving UCE. Though we were separated by a continent and our time together was short, we formed strong bonds born of shared experiences:



- The sorrow of death and the joy of birth;
- The loneliness caused by the pandemic and the discovery of new ways to connect;
- The commitment, creativity, and collaboration that made worship meaningful;
- The discoveries that come with self-reflection; and
- The satisfaction of many a job well done, to name but a few.

This has been a year of discovery and celebration for UCE. Through your participation in the interim transition tasks, of which there will be more, you have:

- Shared stories about your founding and formative events over the years;
- Examined your organizational structure through the Interim Transition Team's task teams for good governance, financial best practices, and volunteer best practices;
- Begun Clarifying your identity as a faith community and your core values by thoughtfully answering the ITT's probing and self-reflective questions; and
- Begun assessing your progress toward fulfilling the recommendations of the *Strategic Plan for 2016-2020* through the work of the Committee on Ministry.

You have much to be proud of and much to be grateful for. You have an unusually large percentage of congregants who are active in many different aspects of congregational life. You regularly demonstrate your care and concern for each other and for the well-being of the congregation as a whole. You are, as they say in the South, "good people." My desire for you as I leave you is the same as it was when I joined you:

May Love Permeate

By Becca Reynolds

*May love permeate your every heartbeat
May faith guide your every step
May truth and compassion be your Eternal travelling companions
And may a deep, abiding Spirit rest joyously
In your every waking wish
And your every resting dream.*

Blessings,
Rev. Lee Anne

Welcoming Rev Rosemary



The Board of Trustees and the Search Committee of the Unitarian Church of Edmonton is excited to introduce to you our new contract minister.

Rev. Rosemary Morrison was born in Melfort, Saskatchewan and raised in the United Church of Canada. Her maternal grandfather and five uncles were all ordained ministers with UCC.

Rev. Rosemary has lived in British Columbia most of her life but did live in Edmonton for a few years right out of high school, so has first-hand experience of our Edmonton winters.

Rev. Rosemary's call to ministry came in 1992, prompting her to go back to school and earn a Bachelor of Social Work degree in preparation for seminary, however, life took her on some circuitous paths, and she graduated from Vancouver School of

Theology in 2017. She did her Clinical Pastoral Education through Vancouver General Hospital, and her internship with The Kelowna Unitarians with Rev. Karen Fraser Gitlitz from the Saskatoon Unitarians as her internship supervisor.

After completion of all the requirements for ministry Rev. Rosemary entered into ministry with the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tippecanoe County in West Lafayette, Indiana. UUCTC ordained Rev. Rosemary on January 4, 2020 and this three year interim completes July 31, 2021. Rev. Rosemary is confident the skills learned in Kelowna, B.C. and West Lafayette, Indiana will be well received as she enters into ministry with The Unitarian Church of Edmonton.

Rev. Rosemary is very family oriented and has two adult children. Her daughter, Elizabeth is a midwife and lives in Whitehorse, Yukon with her husband (Ghislain) and their 20 month old son, Théodore. Her son, Matthew is a wildlife biologist and lives in Nelson, B.C.

Rev. Rosemary wishes us to know that she is very excited to be moving to Edmonton, Alberta and entering in ministry with UCE. She believes that together we can do great things in Edmonton.

Saying Farewell to Rev. Lee Anne Washington

As most of you are aware, July 4 is Rev Lee Anne Washington's last day in the virtual pulpit with us. In her year of interim ministry with the Unitarian Church of Edmonton, she has contributed substantially to the development of policies and structures that will help us move forward in developing into an even more vibrant church. We appreciate how she has walked beside church leaders on the Board of Trustees, the Interim Transition Team, and multiple church committees & task forces during a time of exploration and renewal.

Even in a year marked (and marred) by Covid-19 and travel and meeting restrictions that hampered our ability to physically be together as a church, Rev. Lee Anne developed a spiritual presence in the virtual pulpit and served the congregation from our shared Zoom screens on Sundays and during the week, with informal gatherings and learning opportunities.

The UCE wishes her all the best in her new interim posting in Florida and hopes that we will all look back on the Covid year as a time of not only challenges, but also of new connections and new opportunities to learn and grow in fellowship.

From the Desk of your President

Wow what a mess! Now where are those notes? Oh well never mind, the next year is shaping up to be a great year. We are working on getting faster internet, to be able to stream our services, even while meeting in person. Not only services, we will be able to stream everything that is done in the sanctuary, or just simply record it for rebroadcast later. Volunteers have been working on the garden and will continue revamping it to make it cleaner and less work to maintain. Then there are all the task groups working on our systems, processes and documentation to make UCE stronger and better for the future. On top of that the CUC is getting us information on the 8th principle and we as a congregation are going to have that task to jump into in September.

Now I know it's been a long time since we were all able to get together in the church, and I know the province is opening up. Just please be a little patient with us, we have processes to make sure are in place for renters, AHS rules and suggestions to put into place to get us open and keep us open safely. We have had some amazing people step up to get us through the last 16 months and I know I personally want to say Thank you to all of you who made it possible for UCE to continue!

Enjoy the summer, if you would like to volunteer a few hours of time in the garden or to help get the building open please email me and I'll pass your info onto the appropriate person.

Lastly, I want to wish Rev Lee Anne well in her future, I know she will still be available if we need her this summer, but she will also be getting ready for her next Adventure.

See everyone in September*

From, Mike Keast

*September reopening subject to Covid taking a hike and no Godzilla attack or killer sloths slowly crossing the prairies.

Summer Services 2021 (All services are at 10:30 am MT)



Four congregations have come together to provide a list of fine summer services this year. After a year of running Zoom services, we all needed some relief over the summer. Thanks to Westwood, Saskatoon, and Kelowna UUs for this partnership. Here is the summer list, and the Zoom link to access them. In some cases, there is also phone access.

July 4 **Becoming Beloved Community** Rev. Lee Anne Washington & Rev. Rosemary Morrison

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

Meeting ID: 200 338 874 1-587- 328-1099

Becoming Beloved Community is a long-term commitment to form loving, liberating and life-giving relationships with each other. As human beings we are always growing into our best selves. Join Rev. Lee Anne & Rev. Rosemary as they explore the power of Beloved Community to transform lives, offer prayers for UCE, and bless each other's ministries.

July 11 **Making a Difference** Rev Audrey Brooks & friends

<https://zoom.us/j/99545384626>

Meeting ID: 995 4538 4626 Phone: 1-587-328-1099

Rev. Brooks will present the 13th Genocide Memorial Service sponsored by the Unitarian Church of Edmonton, the Edmonton Interfaith Centre, and Westwood Unitarian Congregation. Each year, persons from many faiths and cultures come to share names and stories of people who died because of planned attacks against them, because of wars, greed, "ethnic cleansing," slavery, gender bias, and colonial appropriation of Indigenous lands. Speakers include Rev. Anne Barker, Rev. Fulgence Ndagijimana, and Rabbi Gila Caine. Note: this service will be longer than a regular Sunday service. **The Zoom link is Westwood's.**

July 18 **Facing the Red Lions** **Catherine Wellner** Kelowna Unitarians

<https://zoom.us/j/3745925824?pwd=bWNIMUcvZFpjbTgyeVRKVEhmUFkvQT09>

Red lions lurk in everyone's life. They snarl when you dare try something new. They roar when you fail. They attack when you persist in following your own path. Using a Persian folktale, Cathryn Wellner will introduce some ordinary people who are inspiring lion tamers and share how she tames her own red lions.

July 25

This Moment in Time

**Ilara Stefaniuk-Gaudet & Easton Avery
Westwood Unitarian**

<https://zoom.us/j/99545384626>

Meeting ID: 995 4538 4626 Phone: 1-587-328-1099

This service will explore how we can use our lives as frontlines for transformation.

August 1

Preparing to Return

***Lisa Stein*
Westwood Unitarian**

<https://zoom.us/j/99545384626>

Meeting ID: 995 4538 4626 Phone: 1-587-328-1099

This service will be in discussion format with a series of questions and prompts to explore how the transition out of the pandemic is affecting us on personal, communal, and societal levels.

August 8

Hysterical Women

**Liz James & Rev Anne Barker
Saskatoon U's**

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

Join Liz and Anne on their hilarious journey as irreverent UU women.

August 15

Writing As A Spiritual Practice

**Ilara Stefaniuk-Gaudet & Kathie Cram
Saskatoon U's**

<https://bit.ly/3pBdUu5>

Join Ilara Stefaniuk-Gaudet (Westwood Unitarians) and Kathie Cram (Saskatoon Unitarians) for reflections on writing and their experiences.

August 21

Antidote to Perfection

**Rev. Danielle Webber
Kelowna U's**

<https://zoom.us/j/3745925824?pwd=bWNIMUcvZFpjbTgyeVRKVEhmUFkvQT09>

How can Interdependence encourage us to move away from the concept of perfectionism; a need to be all things to all people, to constantly have everything under control, to be self-critical and to have an all-or-nothing approach to life?

August 28

The Growth of Humanity

**Rev. Danielle Webber
Kelowna U's**

<https://zoom.us/j/3745925824?pwd=bWNIMUcvZFpjbTgyeVRKVEhmUFkvQT09>

We will be looking at how our personal and spiritual growth is different from the growth of human beings and the human race – trying to understand the pros and cons of how the growth of humans has affected humans.

ALL SERVICES BEGIN AT 10:30 MT

Summer Ministry Schedule

Joint Worship Service -- Becoming Beloved Community
(Rev. Lee Anne & Rev. Rosemary)

July 4th

Rev. Lee Anne's Study Leave
Rev. Lee Anne's Vacation

July 5th - July 19th
July 20th - August 31st

Rev. Rosemary's Ministry begins
Rev. Rosemary's First Service -- Water Communion

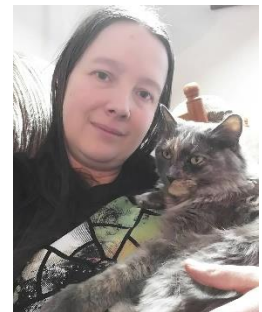
September 1st
September 12th

Although Rev. Lee Anne will be relieved of all day to day responsibilities during her study leave and vacation, she will be available for congregational and personal emergencies.

Religious Exploration Update

Dear UCE Families,

Your Interim Director of Religious Exploration here! You may know me from around the church as Youth Advisor and a member of Choreal. During our period of pandemic health measures and Zoom church, the children's programs have been dormant, but the Youth have still been meeting periodically on Google Hangouts, and several of our Youth participated in the national CazUUm Zoom retreat in May! Looking forward, we have high hopes of being able to return to in-person Church services and children's programming in the fall, but in the meantime, here are some resources that parents can use to engage their children with the most recent Church Themes of the Month: Becoming, Story, and Play!



We hope to be able to come together in person again soon, and to help your children renew their connections to each other, and to our Church community!

The UCE Youth Group also has a Discord server! Any youth (aged 12-20) either returning or new, are welcome to join! Please email me at ucekids@uce.ca for an invite!

All my love, Maria Jenkins

Resources can be found by clicking on the graphics below:



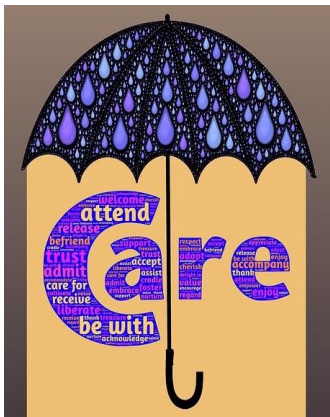
If you have any trouble accessing these materials, please don't hesitate to contact me directly at ucekids@uce.ca.

Church Picnic in the Park

The Church Services Committee invites you to a Church Picnic on Sunday, August 1st beginning at 12:30 pm. We'll meet in the park across from UCE. Bring a chair or blanket, something to eat and drink if you wish. Let's reconnect while being socially responsible. For more information, please contact Gordon Ritchie at ghritchie@telus.net.



Caring Connections and You



Your UCE Board has approved CARING CONNECTIONS, a pastoral care project to deliver the practical side of pastoral care for members, friends and staff of UCE. We are modelling after the Compassion Bank which has been operating successfully at Westwood Unitarian Church for a number of years.

You can sign up to be a Caring Connector – one who helps others. You can be a Receiver when you need a little something. You can be both.

Here is our list of offerings:

- Card Crew – mail cards for birthdays, special anniversaries, condolence, etc.
- Transporters – use your vehicle to take someone to church, to an appointment, shopping, or deliver a meal prepared by a nourisher
- Nourishers – prepare soup or meal for delivery
- Visitors – visit as a friend in hospital, long-term care, confined at home, etc.
- Handihelps – simple repairs or advice on home, garden, auto or technology
- Special Offers – something unique to you that can benefit others

Due to the pandemic lockdown, the only offerings that can begin immediately are Handihelps if by phone or internet, and the Card Crew. In person contact will have to wait.

Gloria Krenbrenk is your Dispatcher at 780-668-9166 or the brand new Caring Connections email address ucecares@uce.ca. Contact her for yourself or for someone you learn of who may be in need. The Dispatcher will then contact the Receiver to confirm the request, send out a message to those willing to provide that offering, and link the two. Confidentiality is maintained at all times, except with mutual agreement of the Receiver and the Caring Connector.

Memorial Service for Rev. John Marsh

A virtual memorial service for Rev. John Marsh will be held Sunday, June 27th at 3pm EST and that means 1:00 pm Edmonton time. The Rev Rali Weaver, minister of that congregation, will officiate

There will be a link on the webpage of the Dedham UU Church www.dedhamuu.org. It will be active on that date.



Ruth Patrick would like to share:

The kind and caring messages I have received from members of UCE have been most helpful and much appreciated by our whole family. Thank you most sincerely, Ruth Patrick

Sharing Our Abundance



July:

Centre To End All Sexual Exploitation

This organization works with community partners to heal the harm of sexual exploitation which includes public education, support, bursaries, trauma recovery and

emergency poverty relief. <http://www.ceasenow.org/>



August:

Boyle Street Community Services is a non-profit, inner city agency which assists individuals and families challenged by homelessness and poverty. Each year they help over 12,000 people <http://www.boylestreet.org>

Boyle Street Community Services is in need of donations now to help keep their community hydrated. They are not accepting bottled water, only funds:

<https://www.boylestreet.org/water>

Thank you!



The UCE Board and the Building and Grounds volunteers would like to thank Knight Bobcat Excavating for donating their services in moving the landscaping rocks.

Keeler Hall Rented

When Open Doors Learning Services first started renting from our church five years ago, it was a brand-new enterprise that Melissa Manning and her mother Rita had created. Today, their tutoring company has blossomed with a growing number of teachers and pupils. That means they need more space than the area they currently rent.

Our plan is to renovate our warehouse, once its current tenant leaves, and turn it into teaching space for Open Doors. That will take time. In the interim, we have rented our Keeler Hall to Open Doors, starting July 1. When you get back in our church building, you'll find Open Doors staff and students in the hall Monday through Friday. During those times, please enter the church through the main door, not through Keeler Hall.

Susan Ruttan, Rental Committee Chair



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.



Join us in conversation on Social Media

- Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/41659071349/>
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- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/UnitarianUCE>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/unitarianuce/>

Please make sure that you continue to update your Zoom account. Zoom regularly updates to release new features and fix bugs. We recommend upgrading to the latest version once it is available.

How to update Zoom: <https://support.zoom.us>



CUC Events

For more events please click here: <https://cuc.ca/events-calendar/>

Connect and Deepen

Sundays, June 27 and July 11, 2 pm MT

More information <https://cuc.ca/events/connect-and-deepen>

UU BIPOC Space

Saturdays, third Saturday of each month 10am MT

A space for UUs who are Indigenous, Black, and People of Colour, ages 18 and up, to gather safely to share experiences, stories, and be change-makers.

Details [here](#). Join on Zoom at http://bit.ly/UU_BIPOC

The "Rising Together" group for youth (14-19) and emerging adults (18-24) of colour is on summer break, and will resume in September.

Summer Office Hours



Summer Office hours will begin on July 2. Janet is back in the Church Office:

Tuesdays: 9 am to 2 pm

Fridays: 9 am to 2 pm

If you wish to visit the office, please call ahead of time 780-454-8073 or email chadmin@uce.ca

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