



# Sunday Services, 10:30 am

**May 5**

**Calm in the Midst of Chaos**

**Rev. Morrison**

For the month of May, our Soul Matters theme is 'Pluralism.' Also, spring is the time when Buddha's birthday is celebrated around the world. Therefore, in this service we will learn about the main tenets of Buddhism, and also we'll take some time to experience the calm and serene nature the Buddha asked us to experience.

**May 12**

**What Feeds Your Spirit**

**Chorealis**

We are all interconnected with each other through our own perceptions of what "the Light" means. As a Christian the Light may mean Jesus; as a Humanist or Atheist, the face of your neighbor; as a Pagan it may mean Mother Earth; as a Muslim, Mohammad. The concept is the same, and as such could be the force that unites us if we can agree that the prized pearl of our existence is acknowledging that a Light exists in each of us. This morning Chorealis features two new choral works by Gordon Ritchie.

**May 19, 11:00 am**

**Roots and Wings: A Covenantal Celebration**

Come one, come all to this celebration and commitment ceremony. UCE has chosen their ninth settled minister and this covenantal ceremony and celebration marks this joyous occasion. Rev. Debra Faulk along with other Unitarian Universalist ministers will be taking part and attending this service. The folks here for CanUUdle and Chorus will be joining us too. You don't want to miss being part of this wonderful celebration!

**May 26**

**Indigenous Ways of Knowing**

**Rev. Morrison**

In this service Indigenous voices will be lifted up through text and other media presentations. We will explore how living into other ways of knowing and being can help us learn about ourselves, the world around us, and bring to life our part in the reconciliation process.

**If you would like to join us on Zoom from the comfort of your own home, please use this link:**

**[https://zoom.us/j/97779453314?  
pwd=VVB1VWF5ZUd0UGU1ZXQ5UGVxb0tXQT09](https://zoom.us/j/97779453314?pwd=VVB1VWF5ZUd0UGU1ZXQ5UGVxb0tXQT09)**

# May's Ministerial Reflections



May has finally arrived! Things will be buzzing here at UCE this month. We are hosting the CanUUdle gathering, the Chorus gathering will also be in Edmonton at Westwood, and the Installment and Celebration will be happening here on May 19th.

You might be wondering what an installment is and why we are having one. An installment is a service that publicly recognizes the relationship between a congregation and the minister they have recently called to be their settled minister. There is generally an understanding that the minister and the congregation are a pretty good fit, that they can work together to accomplish tasks, and that they can look into the future and decide on direction and goals

When UCE first hired me, I was hired on a contract basis. After a year and a half, some members of the congregation decided it was a good idea to 'settle' me here. Things were going well and we seemed to be a good match. A process was set into motion where folks got to discuss and think about whether or not I was to be 'called.' After that, there was a successful vote and a new type of contract was drawn up between us, one that acknowledges our new way of relating to one another. There was a tremendous amount of thought and care that went into this process. The benefit to a congregation in having a settled minister is that there is a knowledge that we are going to work hard together, that we're in it for the long haul. Together, we want to make this the best congregation we can. It also means that we are both settled in that knowledge, even though it is clear that we certainly didn't 'settle' for one another. Having chosen a minister to be with a congregation not for a set amount of time, but for as long as it is a positive and healthy relationship.

I am delighted and honoured to be the ninth settled minister for The Unitarian Church of Edmonton. I am excited about our celebration to mark this auspicious occasion, and very much looking forward to working with the wonderful people here at UCE in the coming years.

I know we will accomplish great things together!

In peace,  
Rev. Rosemary



**The Unitarian Church of Edmonton joyously invites you to the installment of their ninth settled minister, Rev. Rosemary Morrison.**

**In person or online: [here](#)  
Reception with lunch to follow**

**Date: May 19, 2024  
Time: 11:00 am MT  
108040 - 119 Street NW, Edmonton, AB**

**RSVP: [here](#)  
Ministers please gather at 10:30 am in Classroom 2  
You are welcome to robe and process**



# IMPORTANT



## UCE'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The annual general meeting of the Unitarian Church of Edmonton will be held on **Sunday, 5 May, 2024**, after the church service. Business will include approval of a budget, election of board officers, and other matters. All members are urged to attend, in person or on Zoom.

Use this link: <https://www.uce.ca/agm-minutes-reports-board-meeting-minutes/> to read the meeting reports



**Massive Garage Sale**

~ 4000 sq ft of indoor shopping fun

**NEW HOURS THIS YEAR!**

Thursday May 2  
3pm-7pm

Friday May 3  
9am-6pm

Saturday May 4  
9am-3pm

Hotdogs Fri & Sat  
11am-2pm

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119 street

**We are in desperate need of volunteers for Thursday, May 2nd! (3:00pm-7:30pm)**

Please e-mail Donna at [gypsiedonna17@gmail.com](mailto:gypsiedonna17@gmail.com) or call 780-425-0728 or sign up in the church lobby. Other volunteers opportunities available as well....

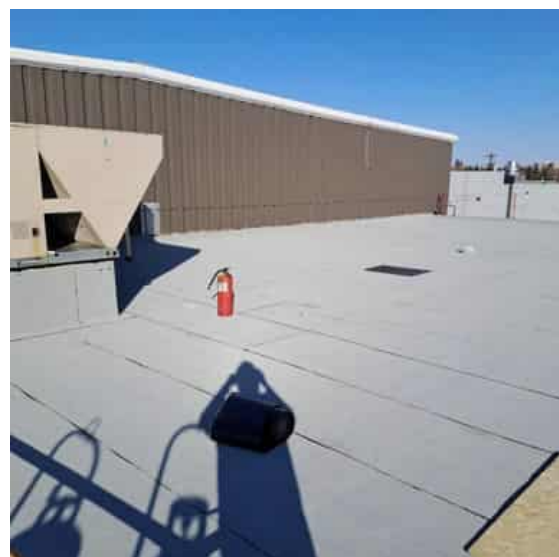
# UCE ROOF UPDATE

West Point Roofing got started on our new roof on Monday, April 15th. By the time you read this they will be mostly done. This morning (Tue Apr 23) they were working on the East building, and it looked like they would finish in a day. They still had a line of roofing to do over our church offices but that should also be done this week. It may be a couple of weeks until all the metal flashing is completed but the roof will be fully waterproof by the end of April.

Today, we started replacing the ceiling tiles in the hallways and taking the plastic down from the work room and the nursery. The plastic will stay in the southeast offices until the roof is complete later this week. Replacement ceiling tiles are on order and will be here in about 4 weeks.

The good news is that there was very little damage to the roof that required extras. They also were able to attach underneath our roof-top furnaces without having to disconnect and lift them. They only had to remove one heating duct for a day. I'll give a final update at the AGM, but for now the roof looks good.

Andrew Mills



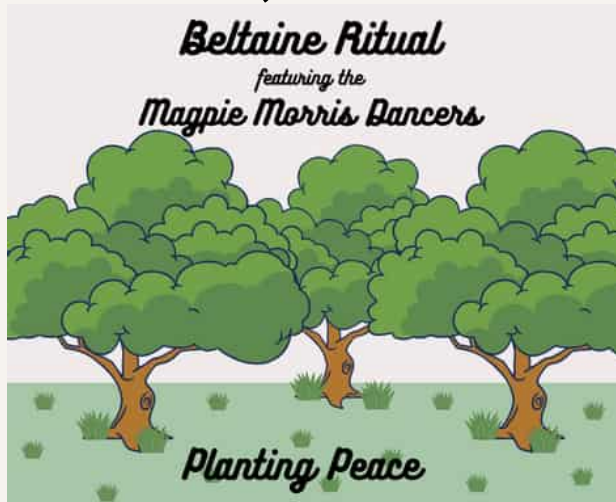
# May

## SHARING OUR ABUNDANCE: YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPORT SERVICES (YESS)



YESS has been diligently working towards a new mission and vision for young people, aiming to create an environment where all young people have barrier-free access to the help they need when they need it and where they need it. Click [here](#) to read more.

**MAY 10, 7:00 PM**



Join us for a ritual celebration of the Pagan festival of Beltaine! Come help us bless the fertile earth with the Magpie Morris Dancers, and dance around the Maypole to welcome back the warmth of the sun. Hope to see you there!



**Soul Matter's Movie Night  
May 31st, 6:30 pm**



**UUUs on Tap**

**Monday, May 27**

**5:30 pm**

**Brewster's, Unity Square  
11620 104 Ave**





# BUILDING SPOTLIGHT!



The Monster Garage Sale hasn't happened quite yet but so many volunteers have already been promoting, sorting, pricing, cleaning, and delivering donated items to the church. It's been wonderful to see the returning volunteers and new faces pitching in while missing those who are gone.

It is a huge undertaking and it amazes me every year, the dedication and the hours so many put in to run this event and make it a significant fundraiser for UCE



Late last year, I had a rental inquiry from a very impressive university student name Oluchi Nwoke. She was looking for an inexpensive kitchen rent so that she could host a program for African youth to embark on a culinary journey sponsored by the Africa Centre in and the Igbo Cultural Association of Edmonton (ICAE). Children immersed themselves in the rich tapestry of African culture through the art of cooking. The classes took place on the weekends in January, February and March and had an average of 6 kids in attendance. We are looking forward to hearing from them again in the summer.





# CUC Events

## **Congregational Conversations: Ministry Options: Types, availability, & creative alternatives**

Wednesday, May 1 – 11:00 am MT, Friday, May 10 – 4:00 pm MT (1.5 hours)

<https://cuc.ca/events/congregational-conversations-ministry/1714568400/1714573800/>

## **CUC Annual General Meeting 2024 Plenary (online)**

Saturday, May 11, 11:00 am MT, Wednesday, May 15, 5:00 pm MT (1.5 hours)

<https://cuc.ca/events/cuc-annual-general-meeting-plenary-2024/1715432400/1715437800/>

## **National Worship Sunday Service: My Muzungu Eyes Are Improving, featuring Rev. Liz James**

Sunday, May 19 11:00 am MT (1.5 hours)

<https://cuc.ca/events/national-worship-sunday-service-muzungu-eyes/1716123600/1716129000/>

## **Fig Trees & Grout: A Bridging Ceremony**

Sunday, May 19, 3:00 pm MT (Unitarian Church of Edmonton & Online) (1 hour)

<https://cuc.ca/events/fig-tree-grout/1716051600/1716055200/>

## **Connect and Deepen**

Sunday, May 19, 2024: Theologically Alive, 2:00 pm MT (90 minutes)

<https://cuc.ca/events/connect-and-deepen-may-2024/1716134400/1716139800/>

## **Young Adults & Beyond Report Back**

Sunday, May 19, 4:00 pm MT (Unitarian Church of Edmonton & Online) (1 hour)

<https://cuc.ca/events/ya-report-back/1716141600/1716145200/>

## **CUC Annual General Meeting 2024**

Saturday, May 25: Online via Zoom, 10:30 am MT (3.5hrs)

<https://cuc.ca/events/cuc-annual-general-meeting-2024/1716640200/1716652800/>

## **Congregational Conversations: Financial Planning and Income Streams**

Monday, May 27, 11:00 am MT (1.5 hours)

<https://cuc.ca/events/congregational-conversations-financial-2/1716814800/1716820200/>

# CARING CONNECTIONS IS FOR YOU



UCE's Caring Connections Project is way for us to help each other out. All members and friends of UCE may access Caring Connections when you need it.

- Are you laid up in a recliner with your leg in a cast? We can deliver meals.
- Do you need a ride to church occasionally? Someone can drive you.
- Are you bored to tears in a seniors residence with no car and mobility issues? We can send visitors.

If you need help or you know someone who does, contact your Caring Connections Dispatcher Gloria Krenbrenk at 780-668-9166 or [ucecares@uce.com](mailto:ucecares@uce.com). Let us know if someone should receive a caring card in the mail from their UCE friends.

## We need volunteer helpers:

- Nourisher – prepare a soup or meal for delivery
- Transporter – give rides or deliver a meal prepared by a Nourisher
- Visitor – Visit as a friend with someone who can't get out much
- Handihelps – simple repairs or advice on home, garden, auto or technology
- Special Offers – something unique to you than can benefit others

To sign up, contact your Caring Connections Dispatcher Gloria Krenbrenk at 780-668-9166 or [ucecares@uce.com](mailto:ucecares@uce.com). Many thanks to those who have already stepped up.

You are never required to respond to a request. All Transporters, for example, will receive an email request and those who can help will respond, then the Dispatcher matches the request with a Caring Connector.

Confidentiality is maintained at all times, except with mutual agreement of the Receiver and Caring Connector. The Minister is informed of all Caring Connections activities.

Any questions contact Gloria 780-668-9166 or [ucecares@uce.com](mailto:ucecares@uce.com).

# Shaping Our CommUUnity



## **Vision:**

**We open doors to all seekers of spiritual growth and nurture positive change for a just and healthy world.**

## **Mission:**

UCE Mission is to inspire social justice by questioning the status quo, engaging community and inviting all to the table.

We do this by providing an intentionally inclusive home to:

- nurture spiritual growth and transformation
- foster learning opportunities and outreach experiences
- welcome all age groups
- support action for social justice
- be guided by the principles and sources of Unitarian Universalism

## **UCE Covenant of Right Relations:**

With love as our guide, we pledge to create a beloved community of peace and compassion. We trust our ability to work through conflict. As members and friends of UCE, we agree to:

- Honour and respect diversity in values and beliefs as a source of communal strength
- Be truthful, kind and open minded
- Assume good intent and goodwill
- Listen with open hearts and speak with care even when it is uncomfortable
- Talk to, not about, others
- Accept responsibility for our individual acts
- Address conflict promptly and ask for help when conflict is too difficult
- Be steadfast in support of our community in times of disagreement
- Share the ministry of the congregation through our gifts of time, talent and money
- Express encouragement and appreciation for the gifts of others



# The Principles and Sources of our Religious Faith

UU congregations affirm and promote eight 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 Eight 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.
- Individual and communal action that accountably dismantles racism and systemic barriers to full inclusion in ourselves and our institutions

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.

**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/>
- Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/UnitarianChurch/>
- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmpm5DXHKM7pRnnzcC75txQ>
- SoundCloud: <https://soundcloud.com/user-189401827>
- 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>

## **Listen Everywhere**



We have installed the Listen Everywhere service to replace our aging FM radios. This system will be in use for every service and available everywhere in the Church building and some of the parking lot.

To use the system, you will need to download and install the Listen Everywhere app from the google store, or apple store and you will need to connect to the UCE WIFI (password posted in church). Once you have done both steps, just open the app and start the session. It allows you to listen using your own headset, wireless earbuds, or if your phone is connected to your hearing aids, you will hear it there. Just as if you are listening to a phone call.

We will have people around to help if you need it, please ask.

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# MAY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
				Chorealis Rehearsal 7:30 pm	UCE'S MONSTER GARAGE SALE	
5 10:30 am Sunday Service	6	7	8	9	10	11
				Chorealis Rehearsal 7:30 pm	Beltaine Ritual 7:00 pm	
12 10:30 am Sunday Service	13	14	15	16	17	18
				Chorealis Rehearsal 7:30 pm	CANUDDLE	
			UCE Board Mtg on Zoom 7:15 pm	Chorealis Rehearsal 7:30 pm		
19 CANUDDLE	20	21	22	23	24	25
11:00am Sunday Service & Installation				Chorealis Rehearsal 7:30 pm		
26 10:30 am Sunday Service	27	28	29	30	31	
	UU's On Tap 5:30 pm Brewster's			Chorealis Rehearsal 7:30 pm	Soul Matters Movie Night 6:30 pm	