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# THE EDMONTON UNITARIAN

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## WELCOME TO FLOURISHING TOGETHER

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And if it's true  
we are alone,  
we are alone together,  
the way blades of grass  
are alone, but  
exist as a field.

Sometimes I feel it,  
the green fuse that  
ignites us,  
the wild thrum  
that unites us.

Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer

### Land Acknowledgement

In accordance with our principles, we acknowledge with gratitude that we gather on traditional Cree lands that are 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.



**June's Small Group Package:**  
[\*\*CLICK HERE\*\*](#)

# June Services start at 10:30 am\*

**June 7**

**Rev. Morrison**

## ***Pet Service***

We are so lucky to share our lives with pets and the creatures of the natural world. During this special service we recognize the animals that enrich our lives.

Please bring your pet or a picture of your pet to be blessed by Rev. Rosemary.

This annual service is always a fun adventure, full of joy.

This service is truly for the entire family.

**June 14**

**Rev. Morrison**

## ***The Earth Laughs in Flowers: Flower Communion***

Please bring a flower to share to our annual Flower Communion. This beloved Unitarian Universalist tradition started decades ago with Rev. Norbert Čapek, a Unitarian minister persecuted for his inclusive values.

Celebrate with us on this important and colourful day!

**June 21**

**Rev. Morrison**

## ***Take PRIDE in Who You Are!***

Adam Slate writes, "We gather this morning as one community. A community united by common ideals: love, justice, diversity, freedom, mutual care, equity. Every one of us has their own story, needs, strengths, and faults."

Let's celebrate the uniqueness that lives within each of us.

**June 28**

**Rev. Morrison**

## ***Picnic in the Park***

We end our wonderful church year as we always do, with a wonderful gathering in Queen Mary Park. Please bring yourselves, lawn chairs, potluck entry, and ready laughter to this wonderful gathering.

As this will be Rev. Rosemary's final service with UCE, we warmly invite friends and members to come together in gratitude, celebration, and well-wishing as she moves forward on her journey.

**\*Church services are usually 60 to 75 minutes in length. Programming for children and youth are provided on the second, third and fourth Sundays of the month.**



**We look forward to seeing you all on Zoom from the comfort of your own environs. Please use this link:**

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

# *Minister's June Reflection*

May the road rise up to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
The rain, fall soft against your fields.  
And, until we meet again someday,  
May you be held in the palm of love's hand.  
May the memories that we have shared,  
Linger on and on.

**Dear Members and Friends of the Unitarian Church of  
Edmonton,**

**June marks the final month of our time together, and with it comes a mix of emotions and many cherished memories. My hope is to leave you well. I've already spent time with the Board sharing my reflections on our work together and offering thoughts on the path ahead.**

**As I've said, I'm very willing to meet one-on-one—whether in person or online. If you'd like some time with me before I go, please email me at [rmorrison@uuma.org](mailto:rmorrison@uuma.org). I've set aside many meeting times throughout June, and I'll do my best to fit you in. Sign-up sheets will also be available on Sundays.**

**June also brings the close of our church year, with four special services to celebrate pets, pride, flowers, and picnics. It's a joyful way to round out our year together.**

**I look toward this final month with both joy and sadness—grateful for the chance to say goodbye well, and to bless one another as our journeys continue in new directions.**

**In peace,  
Rev. Rosemary**

# **President's Ponderings: Gay Straight Alliance Approved**

The UCE board has approved a proposal for formation of a Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) youth group to meet at our church using the upstairs loft area. Kim Pizzey, key organizer of the Dragging Youth Series (DYS), which has been operating from the church for several years now, approached the board with the idea to provide a meeting space for queer and straight youth. Although related to DYS, it will be run separately.

The group, calling itself “The Future is Fierce”, will meet once a month in a supervised format of conversation and planned activities. Depending on the uptake, additional times might be needed to accommodate growth and different age groups. Several other churches have welcomed GSAs, particularly since the provincial government has made it more challenging for schools to operate these support groups.

Volunteers will begin preparing for an early fall launch by clearing out the loft of its current clutter and making it more functional. This is truly a win-win situation, providing much-needed support space for a vulnerable population and bringing a youth presence into UCE.

Kim, who won UCE's Charles Potter award this year for exemplary service in the wider community, is a true example of “shared ministry”. At its core, the term ministry means service to others. It is both a privilege and a responsibility, which I believe Kim takes very seriously.

We will all have many opportunities to participate in shared ministry over the coming months, as we prepare to take on much of Rev. Rosemary's duties at the end of June. The process of finding a new minister is intensive work needing participation of many others when called upon. But the rewards of shared ministry – of service to others – are abundant. Just ask Kim.

**by Lynne Turvey**

## June Sharing Our Abundance: George Spady Society

Our church community encourages all who gather here to grow in generosity of spirit and action. Each month, we share half of our unidentified cash offerings with an organization in the wider community.



[gspady.org](https://gspady.org)

The George Spady Centre Society is recognized as a leader in the development and delivery of effective services for the care, treatment and support of individuals with substance-related disorders and dual diagnoses. People who come to us find dignity, hope and healing as they set a new path towards health and well-being.

## An Updated UCE Membership Directory Coming Soon!

Whether you're new friend or a long time member, if you would like to have your contact information published in the latest Membership Directory, please let the Church Administrator at [chadmin@uce.ca](mailto:chadmin@uce.ca). The directory also contains the contact information of the board, staff and committees and working groups.

The information in this directory is intended for church-related use only. To respect everyone's privacy, we ask that it not be shared outside our community or used for solicitation of any kind.



# Highlights from UCE's 2026 AGM

Mike Keast was awarded with the W.H. Alexander Award honouring him for all his work as Board President, Building and Maintenance Lead and Computer and AV Support over many years!

Kim Pizzey was awarded with the Charles Potter Award honouring her for leading and growing the Dragging Youth Series.



# The Big Splash Canvass Wind-Up Party Winning Bidders Enjoying their Spoils!



## PACK YOUR BASKET!

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## GROWING IN SPIRIT: A DEEP DIVE INTO THE UU PRINCIPLES

Come spend some time with our Minister Emeritus, Rev. Brian Kiely as he helps us get to know the Eight Principles of Unitarian Universalism. Through open conversation and shared reflection, he'll guide us in exploring how these principles can actually support us in our everyday choices and the way we move through the world.

**ONLY ONE SESSION LEFT!**

**SESSION 5: THE EIGHT PRINCIPLE AND WRAP UP DISCUSSION .**

 **(Note the date change!)**



**SUNDAY JUNE 21  
AFTER CHURCH  
(IN CLASSROOM 1 OR 2)**

**Bring a bag lunch OR  
take some food from the  
UCE Picnic Service that  
same day!**



**REGISTER**



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780-454-8073



**Email:**  
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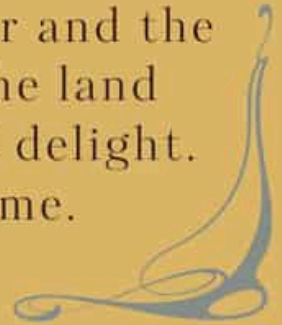


# Celebrating Litha

Join Ali Hammington on Friday June 19 at 7pm to celebrate the ancient Celtic festival of Litha, when the sun returns at Midsummer and the Faerie Folk roam the land causing mischief and delight. Everyone welcome.



Unitarian Church of Edmonton  
10804 - 119 Street NW



**AGM and webinar Saturday, June 6, 2026, 1 pm EDT 10 am PDT**

**Surviving the Climate Crisis**

**by Keynote Speaker Dr. Peter Carter of the Climate Emergency Institute**



REGISTER per ZOOM in Advance now:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/PnZxahYhRuanOfwpsqDq1A>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email from ZOOM with a unique PERSONALIZED link to this Meeting with at the bottom a HUGE BLUE BUTTON to JOIN on the

<https://cusj.org/cusj-home/>

# Welcome to Flourishing Together!



FOR JUNE'S SMALL  
GROUP PACKAGE:

**[CLICK HERE](#)**

The Soul Matters Small Groups Program is a small, welcoming group that meets monthly for two hours to explore life, faith, and meaning. Each session centers on a monthly theme, with spiritual practices, reflection questions, and resources that inspire growth and deepen everyday faith.

## **In Person Group**

The in-person group will meet on after Sunday service on June 28. For more information contact the coordinator: Pauline at 780-297-0522 or email: [paulinematwood@gmail.com](mailto:paulinematwood@gmail.com)

## **Online Group**

Our online Soul Matters is gathering on Sunday, June 28 at 7pm. Anyone who would like more information or the zoom info can email the online coordinator: Ilara.

[missg.alias11@gmail.com](mailto:missg.alias11@gmail.com)

**Soul Matters Free Movie  
& Discussion Night**

**Friday, June 26 @ 6pm  
All Are Welcome!**



# Right Relations Reflections

**“Every life has a spiritual  
purpose,  
and every person plays a role  
in the spiritual development of  
others.”**

**Carolyn Myss**

<https://www.uce.ca/healthy-relations-policies/>



# CUC News

**For the Latest News:**  
**<https://cuc.ca/enews-may-2026/>**



Letter from the Incoming Executive Director, Michael Jodah

***Looking Ahead Together: <https://cuc.ca/blog-looking-ahead-together/>***

## Events

**Rising Together: Unitarian Universalists of Colour: Wed | June 10 | 5:30 pm MT**  
**<https://cuc.ca/events/rising-together>**

**Vyda's Farewell Party: New Adventures Await**  
**Fri | June 12 | 3:30 pm MT**  
**<https://cuc.ca/events/vyda-farewell/1781283600/1781294400/>**

Join us for a joyful and heartfelt gathering as we celebrate Vyda Ng's time with the Canadian Unitarian Council and wish her well on her next adventure.



**The UU Ecosystem Project presents: The Canadian UU Experimentation Coffeehouse**  
**Thurs | June 20 | 1 pm MT**  
**<https://cuc.ca/events/uu-ecosystem-2/1781967600/1781972100/>**

During this eclectic virtual coffeehouse, you will learn about experiments from both small and large congregations across the country. Maybe one of these experiments will spark an idea for your community!

**Dismantling Barriers: Engaging in Governance**  
**Thurs | June 25 | 5 pm MT**

**<https://cuc.ca/events/dismantling-barriers-engaging-governance>**

There are many different governance models to explore— each with its own strengths, limitations, and impacts on how communities function. Together, we'll look at the pros and cons of different approaches and examine the ways governance structures can create barriers or tear them down.



**RAMP! Reciprocal Annual Mentorship Program June Session:**  
**Ramped Up: Projects, Partnerships, and Practical Wisdom from RAMP!**

**Sat | June 27 | 11 am MT**

**<https://cuc.ca/events/ramp-june-2026/1782565200/1782570600/>**



# Pastoral Care: Come Join Us!

The Pastoral Care Team could use some some volunteers to act as connectors for any of the following:

- Transporter
- Nourisher
- Visitor
- Handihelps

Contact your Caring Connections Dispatcher Gloria Krenbrenk at 780-668-9166 [gkrenbrenk@gmail.com](mailto:gkrenbrenk@gmail.com) or use the Pastoral Care request form on the UCE website.

*"I acted and, behold, service was joy"*

Rabindranath Tagore



## Could You Use Some Help?

If you're going through a tough time or just need someone to talk to, please don't hesitate to reach out. We're here to support you with care, a listening ear or a ride — whatever you need. You're not alone, and we'd be honored to walk alongside you!

Contact Gloria Krenbrenk our Caring Connections Dispatcher at 780-668-9166 or at [ucecares@uce.com](mailto:ucecares@uce.com).

To contact the whole team **anytime**, there is an easy way to do this. Simply go to our website, <https://www.uce.ca/contact-us/> and click on the pastoral care link.

**Rev. Rosemary, Carol Hutchings, Alec Moorji and Gloria Krenbrenk**

# 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.

## 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.

**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>
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- 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 Renamed Listen Wi-Fi**

Listen Wi-Fi is a service to replace our aging FM radios.

### First time user

Step 1: Connect to UCE wifi on your mobile device

- In WiFi settings select UCE
- Type in Password:

Step 2: Download Listen WiFi App (from app store)

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Step 4: Select venue - UCE

Step 5: Adjust volume on your device



### Returning user

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UCE will never make such requests. Report suspicious messages to the church office.

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	1 1 pm Celebration of Life for Liz Reid	2	3	4	5 10 am Walking Group	6
7 10:30 am Pet Service 	8	9	10	11	12 10 am Walking Group	13
14 10:30 am Flower Communion 	15	16	17 7 pm Board Mtg	18	19 10 am Walking Group 7 pm Litha Ritual 	20
21 10:30 am Pride Service 	22	23	24	25	26 10 am Walking Group  6 pm Soul Matters Movie	27
28 10:30 am Picnic Service 	29	30				