



Spirit of Hope United Church

THE SPARK



APRIL 19, 2026

WELCOME TO ALL!

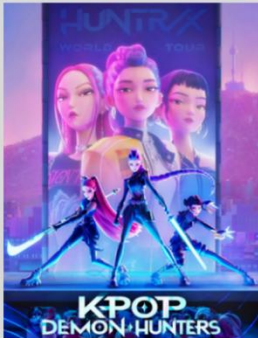
Our Sunday morning worship services are conducted in person, following the protocols listed on page 3. We broadcast our services on our YouTube Channel, live-streamed beginning at 10:30 a.m. and recorded and posted for later viewing.

The recordings of the services can be found on our YouTube page:
<https://youtube.com/@spiritofhopeunitedchurch791>

Our office hours: Tuesday to Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Spirit of Hope is an Affirming Ministry within The United Church of Canada striving to be fully inclusive of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

GOD BLESS YOU. WE ARE NOT ALONE!



April Movie Afternoon

Everyone welcome!
Sing along
Dance
Eat snacks
No charge

Sunday, April 19 at 12:30 pm
Spirit of Hope United Church
7909 82 Ave NW



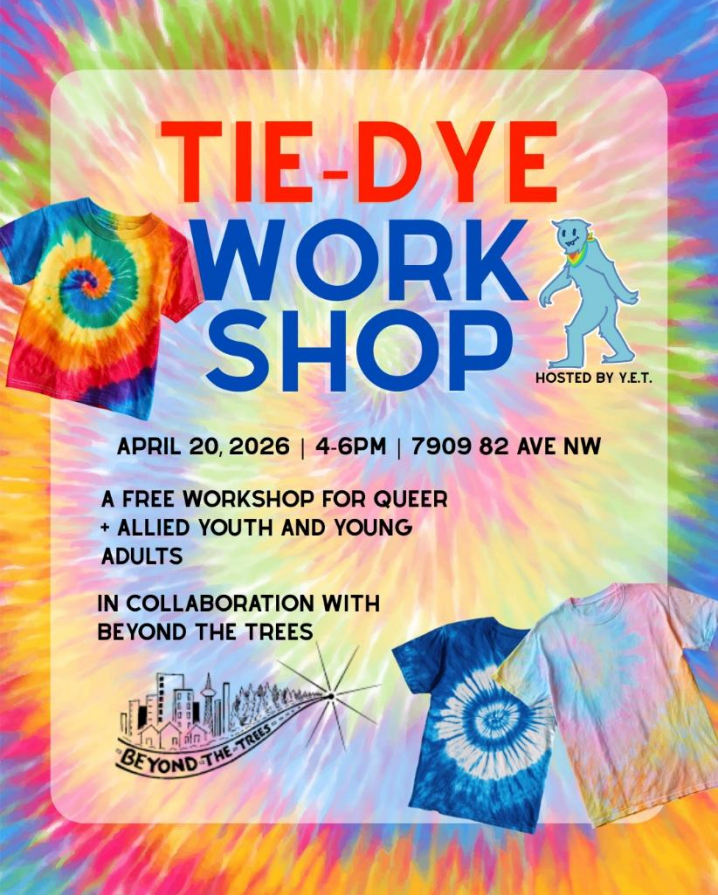
TODAY - K-POP DEMON HUNTERS SING-ALONG (PG, 2025)

This popular computer animated, action musical is about a group of K-pop superstars who also protect their fans from danger as demon hunters. It recently received Academy Awards for Best Animated Feature and Best Original Song ('Golden').

We will also gather that evening at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom to discuss your impressions of the movie.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/91937034300?pwd=rZ18hVJhjaqbzyMBtkAHgZlW4kaMbB.1>

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TIE-DYE WORKSHOP

HOSTED BY Y.E.T.

APRIL 20, 2026 | 4-6PM | 7909 82 AVE NW

A FREE WORKSHOP FOR QUEER + ALLIED YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

IN COLLABORATION WITH BEYOND THE TREES



IT'S BREAKFAST TIME AGAIN

The next BLT! Breakfast will be held at 8:45 a.m. on Saturday, April 25.

"Overture! Curtain! Lights!"

This production was supposed to open in November, but due to unforeseen circumstances it had to be postponed.

On April 25th, the curtain will rise and you are invited to attend the tale of Blaine Gregg's BLT! debut. He will not be throwing away his shot to talk about the wonders of the awakening spring with all the good and crazy people, his friends of Spirit of Hope. From Blaine's formative years driving through the mountains with his dad to being the dad confident that any dream will do for his kids, Blaine will share notes from the things that merrily roll around in his head day by day.

Tickets will be on sale in the Lower Hall after the service.





JAZZ & REFLECTIONS

A Sunday afternoon of jazz and spiritual reflection

MAR 29 - PJ PERRY QUARTET
APR 12 - ALLEN JACOBSON TRIO
APR 19 - SHELLEY JONES TRIO
APR 26 - DOUG BERNER TRIO
MAY 3 - JACOB DO TRIO

Sundays from 3:30 to 5 pm

Admission by donation at the door.
Refreshments will be served.

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ONLINE BIBLE STUDY
AMOS – A PROPHET
OF RESISTANCE

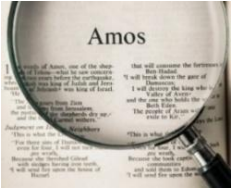
Our four-week online Bible study has begun! Join us for the remaining two Wednesday evenings:

April 22 and 29 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83179198975?pwd=3YTNiw2Y189HpbmSJZklEXyPgNjPIE.1>

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JAZZ AND REFLECTIONS

Sunday saw another full sanctuary as 100 people came out to hear the Allen Jacobson Trio (plus one). Allen was backed by Bob Tildesley on trumpet, Alex Moxon on guitar, and Andreas Wegner on bass.

They gave their audience a fabulous concert which was appreciated greatly.

Thank you to all the volunteers who help make each concert an event to attend!

A Night with the Knygts!

May 30th
Adults \$30
Youth \$20

Doors at 4pm with interactive displays
Dinner at 5:30pm with entertainment to follow

7909 Whyte Ave NW



Take a
step back
in time



**IMAGINE OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD:
BUILDING HOPE AND CONNECTION**

Last Sunday, the Promotions Team met with a group of youth and families with young children about the needs in their community and how we can work together to connect people and resources.

The input received will be helpful as we look towards our goal of increasing the engagement and participation of youth, young adults, and families with young children in worship and other Spirit of Hope (SOH) activities and events.

Thanks to Heather Green, Sue Godwin, Teresa Jenkinson, Grace Bahnsen and Sara Van Halderen for helping to make this event possible.

**COMMUNITY OF FAITH AND
UPCOMING EVENTS**

The Northern Spirit Regional Council is dedicated to fostering community and faith through various events and activities. To learn more about the upcoming events open to the public, please visit the Community of Faith Events Calendar.

Stay connected and get involved by exploring the diverse offerings across the region. You can find the calendar here:

<https://northernspiritrc.ca/community-of-faith-events-calendar/>

We hope to see you at one of these events soon!

Your generosity makes a difference.

Scan this QR code to donate to Spirit of Hope United Church through CanadaHelps.org.



PRE-AUTHORIZED REMITTANCES (PAR)

One option for financial givings to the church is to sign up for PAR. This is an automatic monthly payment system, and your offering can be set up to be split between local givings, Mission and Service, and givings to others.

Choosing this option provides valuable stability to the church and helps us all to plan for the future.

It's also very easy! 34 households currently use PAR, and our goal is to spread the word and increase this number every year.

If you'd like to sign up for PAR, please ask for the simple application form at the Welcome Desk in the foyer, or contact Catherine in the Church Office.

For consideration when signing up - the church budgets for 10% of all offerings on average to be designated to Mission and Service, with the remainder covering our local expenses.

Thank you for considering PAR and its benefits!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Check out the great volunteer opportunities during coffeetime today.



Your assistance helps your Spirit of Hope family in working towards its vision.

If you, or anyone you know needs volunteer hours for school or your resume, we can provide documentation.

NEW ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER?

If you are moving or changing your phone number or e-mail address, please let Catherine in the office know.

Some greeting cards have been returned “moved – no forwarding address” and we would like to stay connected!



**STAY UP TO DATE AND
SHARE THE NEWS!**



Find us at www.spiritofhope.ca or follow us on Facebook and Instagram – share our posts with your family and friends.

If you have an announcement to place in The Spark, please call Catherine in the office at **780-468-1418** or email to officeadmin.spiritofhope@shaw.ca

TAKING CARE OF OURSELVES AND OTHERS

Infectious conditions such as the common cold, influenza, Covid-19, and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) are affecting some of us. If you are feeling ill, have recently been exposed to an infection or have significant health issues, you are encouraged to stay home and attend online services and meetings. When food is served in the church, groups are encouraged to take precautions to prevent or slow down the spread of germs by, for example, having servers or setting out food in individual portions.

Spirit of Hope has masks available at the Welcome Desk and hand sanitizer as you enter the Lobby, Sanctuary and Lower Hall. Portable HEPA filters are in the Sanctuary, Church School Room, and Youth Room. They can be moved to other spaces as needed.

The current communion practice on bi-monthly first Sundays is to have individual portions of bread and juice available.

The Leadership Team will continue to review church practices in response to changing circumstances.

MARCH 2026

Tracking of Givings				
Categories	Budget	3/12 Budget	Year to Date	Variance from Budget
Local Envelope Offering	\$ 179,500	\$ 44,875	\$ 43,724	\$ (1,152)
Other Receipts for Local	\$ 22,900	\$ 5,725	\$ 1,880	\$ (3,845)
Givings to M&S	\$ 20,240	\$ 5,060	\$ 6,304	\$ 1,244

Save These Dates!

APRIL TO MAY 2026

- Sun. April 19 - Afternoon Movie *K-Pop Demon Hunters* Sing-Along - 12:30 p.m.
- Sun. April 19 - Jazz and Reflections - Shelley Jones Trio - 3:30 p.m.
- Mon. April 20 - YET Hangout For Youth and Young Adults - 4:00 p.m.
- Sat. April 25 - BLT! Breakfast - 8:45 a.m.
- Sun. April 26 - Jazz and Reflections - Doug Berner Trio - 3:30 p.m.
- Mon. April 27 - YET Hangout For Youth and Young Adults - 4:00 p.m.
- Sun. May 3 - Jazz and Reflections - Jacob Do Trio - 3:30 p.m.
- Mon. May 4 - YET Hangout For Youth and Young Adults - 4:00 p.m.
- Sun. May 10 - Mother's Day
- Sat. May 16 - Family Open Mic -6:30 p.m.
- Mon. May 18 - Victoria Day
- Sat. May 30 - Night with the Knygts - Medieval Feast - 4:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE:
APRIL 19TH TO APRIL 26TH, 2026

Sun. April 19	10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary and YouTube) https://youtube.com/@spiritofhopeunitedchurch791 Afternoon Movie <i>K Pop Demon Hunters Sing Along</i> (Lower Hall and Kitchen) Jazz and Reflections – Shelley Jones Trio (Sanctuary) Movie Discussion <i>K-Pop Demon Hunters Sing Along</i> (Zoom)
Mon. April 20	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	YET (Youth Empowered Together) Monday Hangouts (Lower Hall, Kitchen, and Gym) ESSC (Dodgeball) (Gym) Chancel Ringers (Sanctuary)
Tue. April 21	9:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Stretch and Flex (Lower Hall) Communications Committee Meeting (Zoom) Private Booking (Kitchen) Tuesday Hymn Sing (Zoom) https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87850083785?pwd=4EwQxk4TP3nGaKh3MSrB7brp288WWt.1
Wed. April 22	1:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Creative Connections (Lobby) ESSC (Dodgeball) (Gym) Online Bible Study – Amos (Zoom)
Thu. April 23	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	pflag (Lower Hall) Choir (Sanctuary)
Fri. April 24	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Garneau Strathcona Food Security Program Set up (Lobby, Gym, Lower Hall, Kitchen) South East Edmonton Community Collaborative Meeting (Lower Hall) 3-2-1 Fun! (Lower Hall)
Sat. April 25	8:00 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Garneau Strathcona Food Security Program (Lobby, Gym, Lower Hall, Kitchen) BLT! Breakfast (Lower Hall and Kitchen) Jane Austen Society (Lower Hall)
Sun. April 26	10:30 a.m. 3:30 p.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary and YouTube) https://youtube.com/@spiritofhopeunitedchurch791 Jazz and Reflections – Doug Berner Trio (Sanctuary)

NOTES

- Anne's Kinder Kastle Daycare has use of the kitchen as needed during the day on Mondays to Fridays (for breakfast and lunch preparation and cleanup). They also have access to the gym for a one-hour period on some days. The gym is not available for active or noisy games from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please contact our administrator, Catherine, so arrangements for use of these spaces can be coordinated with the Daycare.
- With others interested in renting space in our newly renovated building, it is important to ensure that the room or space needed for Spirit of Hope group activities and special events has been booked through our office. These are posted on our Google calendar posted on our website and in THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE. **Please contact our office administrator Catherine to find out what space is available and to book the space you need.**
- There is a simple form on our "Contact Us" page at: <https://www.spiritofhope.ca/contact> you are welcome to use.

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