



Spirit of Hope United Church

THE SPARK

APRIL 26, 2026



WELCOME TO ALL!

Our Sunday morning worship services are conducted in person, following the protocols listed on page 2.
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.

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GOD BLESS YOU. WE ARE NOT ALONE!



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.

Spirit of Hope United Church 7909 82 Ave NW

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY AMOS – A PROPHET OF RESISTANCE

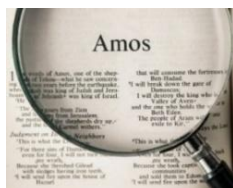
Our four-week online Bible study
has begun! Join us for the last
Wednesday evening:

April 29 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83179198975?pwd=3YTNIw2Y189HpbmSJzklEXyPgNjPIE.1>

Meeting ID: 831 7919 8975 Passcode: 744941



JAZZ AND REFLECTIONS

Once again, the sanctuary was full to hear the Shelley Jones Trio (plus one). Shelley captivated her audience with a wide selection of standards, backed by Wes Yaciuk on guitar, bass player Glen Durksen, and drummer Dan Skakun.

The group appreciated the hospitality extended by Spirit of Hope to both audience and artists. Kudos to the volunteers! This afternoon the Doug Berner Trio will be playing at Jazz and Reflections.

A Night with the Knygts!

May 30th
Adults \$30
Youth \$20



Take a
step back
in time



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

7909 Whyte Ave NW

Join us on May 30th for an entertaining night with the Knygts!

Step back in time to England in the 14th century. See what daily life was like from how cloth was made, to the arms and armour. Before eating like royalty with a dinner from the Master Cooks of King Richard II. Then see how a knight should be armed, listen to the Canterbury tales and watch two knights dual for glory.

Tickets on sale now! Get them in person on Sunday after the service or contact

officeadmin.spiritofhope@shaw.ca

Come as you are!
You're welcome here.

Monday Hangouts for Queer & Allied Youth and Young Adults

Mondays 4-6 pm
7909 Whyte (82) Ave



youth
empowered
together

@yetcdmonton yetcdmonton@gmail.com



This is a non-religious community program planned by
queer youth and hosted by Spirit of Hope United Church

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!

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.

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!

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!

Your generosity makes a difference.

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



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.



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

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

We appreciate your ongoing financial support.

Save These Dates!

APRIL TO JUNE 2026

- 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
- Sun. May 10 - Special Mother's Day Movie - *Nonna's* - 12:30 p.m.
- Sat. May 16 - Family Open Mic -6:30 p.m.
- Mon. May 18 - Victoria Day
- Sun. May 24 - Afternoon Movie - *Godspell* - 12:30 p.m.
- Sat. May 30 - Night with the Knygts - Medieval Feast - 4:00 p.m.
- Sat. June 20 - Family Open Mic - 6:30 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE: APRIL 26TH TO MAY 3RD, 2026

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)
Mon. April 27	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	YET (Youth Empowered Together) Monday Hangouts (Lower Hall, Kitchen, and Gym) ESSC (Dodgeball) (Gym) Chancel Ringers (Sanctuary) pflag (Multipurpose Room 2) Property and Finance Committee Meeting (Zoom)
Tue. April 28	9:30 a.m.	Stretch and Flex (Lower Hall)
Wed. April 29	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 30	10:30 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	Funeral Service and Reception (Sanctuary, Lower Hall, and Kitchen) Choir (Sanctuary)
Fri. May 1	9:00 a.m.	Garneau Strathcona Food Security Program Set up (Lobby, Gym, Lower Hall, Kitchen)
Sat. May 2	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.	Garneau Strathcona Food Security Program (Lobby, Gym, Lower Hall, Kitchen) Private Event (Sanctuary, Lower Hall, and Kitchen) Private Event (Gym)
Sun. May 3	10:30 a.m. 3:30 p.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary and YouTube) https://youtube.com/@spiritofhopeunitedchurch791 Jazz and Reflections – Jacob Do 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.

SPIRIT OF HOPE UNITED CHURCH

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Catherine Evoy, Office Administrator
Leo, Custodian

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