



Spirit of Hope United Church

THE SPARK

APRIL 5, 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.

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GOD BLESS YOU. WE ARE NOT ALONE!

HOLY WEEK 2026

Good Friday Service –
led by the choir April 3 (10:30 a.m.)

Sunrise Easter Service –
Emily Murphy Park April 5 (7:00 a.m.)

Easter Communion Service –
in the church (10:30 a.m.)



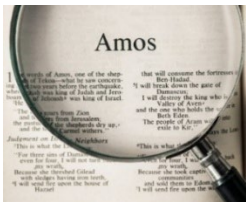
ONLINE BIBLE STUDY AMOS – A PROPHET OF RESISTANCE

Gather to discuss the Book of Amos over four

Wednesday evenings: April 8, 15, 22, 29
beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Zoom:<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86048937851?pwd=dppoit3Y0xobhLke1FM4pxpMJzcLbp.1>

Meeting ID: 860 4893 7851 Passcode: 976154



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

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://northernspiritr.ca/community-of-faith-events-calendar/>

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



IMAGINE OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD



Sunday, April 12
1-3 pm

7909 - 82 Ave NW



building hope & connections



Youth, young adults and young families are invited to share food, have fun and dream together about what you'd like in your community.

Contact Judy at community.spiritofhope@shaw.ca for more information



Spirit of Hope is located on Treaty 6 Territory & the traditional homelands of the Métis. As an Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada, all events & services are fully inclusive of people of all sexual orientations & gender identities.

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 12 FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

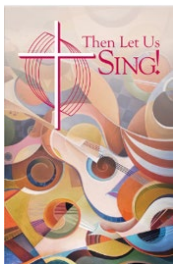
IMAGINE OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD- BUILDING HOPE AND CONNECTIONS

Youth, young adults, and young families are invited to connect with others to share food and fun and to explore ways to build hope and connections in their community.

Hosted by the Promotions Project team, we are looking forward to this event!

We are looking for a few volunteers to assist. If you would like to help at the event **OR** deliver flyers before **Friday, April 10**, please contact Susan Bramm or the office.

Then Let Us Sing (TLUS) is a new music resource developed by The United Church of Canada. It includes new hymns that bring us fresh language for God as well as accessible musical styles.



The songs are intended to lift up and prioritize racialized, Indigenous, Francophone, and 2SLGBTQIA+ voices, people with disabilities, and people of diverse linguistic communities. Spirit of Hope has begun to include some of the TLUS hymns in worship service.

The words are projected and some copies of the hymns with full music are included in the bulletin. In the near future, a limited number of books will be available at the sanctuary entrance for use during the service.

An order will be place for additional copies of TLUS on **April 10, 2026**. If you are interested in purchasing a copy for personal use, or to be donated to Spirit of Hope, please sign up during coffee time by April 9, 2026, or contact Catherine at officeadmin.spiritofhope@shaw.ca to arrange payment of - \$30 for the Full Music Edition and \$50 for the Accompanists' Edition.

Come as you are!
You're welcome here.

crafts free! food WiFi fun sensory friendly games gym

Monday Hangouts
for Queer & Allied Youth
and Young Adults

Mondays 4-6 pm
7909 Whyte (82) Ave

youth empowered together



 [@yetcdmonton](https://www.instagram.com/yetcdmonton) yetcdmonton@gmail.com

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



**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



JAZZ AND REFLECTIONS

Our Spring series started with a bang on Sunday with PJ Perry's Quintet bringing the audience to their feet. Almost every seat in the Sanctuary was used (including the choir chairs)!

A special treat was PJ and Warren Mack revisiting *Abide With Me* which they played in church a few Sundays ago.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who help make every guest feel welcome and a part of the concert.

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.

Imagine
CHILDREN'S RETREAT
2026

for children, ages 8-11, and their leaders!

We hope to see YOU at one of the retreats in 2026!

March 6-8 @ Evans Lake
March 13-15 @ Camp Pringle
April 17-19 @ Kasota East Camp

IMAGINE CHILDREN'S RETREAT 2026

Imagine Children's Retreat (ages 8–12) by First Third Ministry offer a fun, welcoming United Church of Canada experience for children and leaders of all backgrounds and family types.

Children explore faith through stories, worship, music, drama, play, and community in a safe, inclusive setting.

Learn more & register:

<https://www.firstthirdministry.ca/imaginechildrensretreat.html>

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 **SAT APRIL 18**
★ 10:30 AM – 3:00 PM
7909 82 AVE NW

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

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 roll around in his head day by day.

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

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



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.

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

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.

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!

Save These Dates!

APRIL 2026

- Sun. April 5 - Easter Sunrise Service (Emily Murphy Park) - 7:00 a.m.
- Sun. April 5 - Easter Sunday Worship and Communion - 10:30 a.m.
- Mon. April 6 - Easter Monday
- Wed. April 8 - Online Book Study (Book of Amos) Part 1 of 4 - 6:30 p.m.
- Sun. April 12 - Neighbourhood Dreams - Building Hope and Connections - 1:00 p.m.
- Sun. April 12 - Jazz and Reflections - Allen Jacobson Trio - 3:30 p.m.
- Mon. April 13 - YET Hangout For Youth and Young Adults - 4:00 p.m.
- Wed. April 15 - Online Book Study (Book of Amos) Part 2 of 4 - 6:30 p.m.
- Sat. April 18 - Spirit of Hope United Church Garage Sale - 10:30 a.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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE: APRIL 5TH TO APRIL 12TH, 2026

EASTER SUNDAY Sun. April 5	7:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Service (Emily Murphy Park - 11904 Emily Murphy Park Rd NW) Easter Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary and YouTube) https://youtube.com/@spiritofhopeunitedchurch791
EASTER MONDAY Mon. April 6		SPIRIT OF HOPE UNITED CHURCH CLOSED
Tue. April 7	9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Stretch and Flex (Lower Hall) ESSC (Dodgeball) (Gym) Tuesday Hymn Sing (Zoom) https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89719672129?pwd=2cbuy2Rjc9r7rFPC0NID8bd5uKKN0V.1
Wed. April 8	1:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Creative Connections (Lobby) Pursuers Toastmasters (Lower Hall) Online Bible Study – Amos (Zoom)
Thu. April 9	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	ESSC (Dodgeball) (Gym) pflag (Lower Hall) Choir (Sanctuary)
Fri. April 10	9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Garneau Strathcona Food Security Program Set up (Lobby, Gym, Lower Hall, Kitchen) Youth Event (Gym) 3-2-1 Fun! (Lower Hall)
Sat. April 11	8:00 a.m.	Garneau Strathcona Food Security Program (Lobby, Gym, Lower Hall, Kitchen)
Sun. April 12	10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary and YouTube) https://youtube.com/@spiritofhopeunitedchurch791 Community Engagement Event (Lower Hall and Kitchen) Jazz and Reflections – Allen Jacobson 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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Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.

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