



# Spirit of Hope United Church

# THE SPARK

## AUGUST 10, 2025



### 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 ALON**

### ICPM LUNCH

A huge thank you to all who contributed their time, talent, and/or treasure to ensure that all those who needed a lunch on Sunday, August 3 after the Inner-City Pastoral Ministry service received one.

We had a fun time on Saturday filling the bags in assembly line fashion. With so many hands, the work went very quickly. And then on Sunday, three people delivered all the bags downtown, and then two helped hand them out.

While the bags might seem a small thing, it is everything to the people who received them. Thank you, thank you, thank you all!

### SUMMER FAMILY MOVIE FUN!

On **Sunday, August 17** we will be watching the family film *Paddington*.



This is a delightful film based on the much-loved children's books written by Michael Bond. The film will begin after coffee time at **12:30 p.m. in the Lower Hall**. Bring a light lunch and stay for an afternoon of fun.

There will be a discussion about the film that evening at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

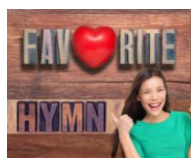
Zoom link:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/91937034300?pwd=OU5rODVFN0F3e1VFZjNPUUdyV1FtUT09&fbclid=IwZXh0bG9hZWOCMTAAAR3-2p61i\\_E4HfddoWq7M7hF5hrb9fc8nXeU-7fS6oaFA83VPCuFywd-fKk\\_aem\\_rhH9e6t60Zeagar7-bGI6A](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/91937034300?pwd=OU5rODVFN0F3e1VFZjNPUUdyV1FtUT09&fbclid=IwZXh0bG9hZWOCMTAAAR3-2p61i_E4HfddoWq7M7hF5hrb9fc8nXeU-7fS6oaFA83VPCuFywd-fKk_aem_rhH9e6t60Zeagar7-bGI6A)

Meeting ID: 919 3703 4300 Passcode: 623451

### HYMN SELECTIONS

The last Sunday of every month is Celebration Sunday at Spirit of Hope. What would you like to sing during the hymn sing that day, or during an upcoming worship service?



Please put your suggestions in the Favourite Hymn box on the Welcome Desk.

### MINISTER'S HOLIDAYS

Rev Blaine Gregg will be away from July 24th to August 24th for some church meetings and holidays.

If you need the services of a minister during that time, please call the Spirit of Hope office (780-468-1418 extension 1) for a referral to another United Church minister. The office is open from Tuesdays to Fridays 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

If this is an emergency and you need a referral outside of these hours, call the minister's office line (780-468-1418 extension 2) for information of who to contact.

### 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

### HEY SPIRIT OF HOPE KIDS, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS!

Got something cool to say or show?

A poem? A photo? A short story? A doodle? A deep thought or funny moment?

We want to share your awesome creations with the whole congregation!

✨ We're saving a special spot just for **YOU** on the front page of The Spark! ✨

So go ahead—get creative and send your masterpiece to [officeadmin.spiritofhope@shaw.ca](mailto:officeadmin.spiritofhope@shaw.ca), drop it off at the **church office**, or pop it into the **OFFICE mail slot**.

We can't wait to see what you've got!



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

Find us at [www.spiritofhope.ca](http://www.spiritofhope.ca) or like us on Facebook—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](mailto:officeadmin.spiritofhope@shaw.ca)



**CALLING VEGETABLE AND FRUIT GROWERS!**

We're collecting fresh produce for the Garneau Strathcona Food Security Program—and we'd love your help!



Drop-off times:

- Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
- (Please let the office know: 780-468-1418 / officeadmin.spiritofhope@shaw.ca)
- Fridays before 11:00 a.m.

Fresh food is a rare and valued part of the weekly food hampers given to over **100 households**.

Want to volunteer? Help once a month:

- Fridays: 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- Saturdays: 7:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

Thank you for supporting this vital ministry!

**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!

**PROMOTING EVENTS**

There are many simple ways that you can support Spirit of Hope by promoting the many community events and fundraisers.

Even if you aren't able to attend an event you can:



- Share upcoming events with friends and family.
- Take posters or handbills to neighbourhood businesses. Many stores and coffee shops have bulletin boards.
- Follow the Spirit of Hope Facebook page. 'Like' and share upcoming events on your page.
- Request electronic versions of posters from Catherine to share by email.

Posters and handbills for most events are available on the Welcome Desk.

**BEING KIND AND CARING FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS!**

Since Covid-19, Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), Influenza and other infectious conditions will always be with us, those who are feeling ill, have recently been exposed to an infection or have significant health issues are encouraged to attend online services and meetings. When food is served in the church, groups are encouraged to use servers or set out food in individual portions.

Masks are available at the Welcome Desk and hand sanitizer is in the Lobby and the 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 practice on Sunday is:

- Bread and juice for communion will be served in individual portions.

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

| Tracking of Givings      |            |             |              |                      |
|--------------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Categories               | Budget     | 7/12 Budget | Year to Date | Variance from Budget |
| Local Envelope Offering  | \$ 170,000 | \$ 99,167   | \$ 87,271    | \$ (11,896)          |
| Other Receipts for Local | \$ 24,476  | \$ 14,277   | \$ 14,233    | \$ (44)              |
| Givings to M&S           | \$ 19,448  | \$ 11,344   | \$ 13,334    | \$ 1,989             |

# Save These Dates!

- Mon. September 1 - Labour Day
- Sun. September 14 - Jazz and Reflections - 3:30 p.m.
- Sat. September 20 - BLT! Breakfast - 8:45 a.m.
- Sun. September 21 - Community BBQ and Showcase
- Sun. September 28 - Jazz and Reflections - 3:30 p.m.
- Tue. September 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
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- Sun. October 5 - Jazz and Reflections - 3:30 p.m.
- Mon. October 13 - Thanksgiving Monday
- Sun. October 19 - Jazz and Reflections - 3:30 p.m.
- Sat. October 25 - Spirit of Hope United Church Halloween Party - 2:00 p.m.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE: AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup> TO AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

|                |                                       |  |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Sun. August 10 | 10:30 a.m.                            | <b>Worship Service</b> (Sanctuary and YouTube)<br><a href="https://youtube.com/@spiritofhopeunitedchurch791">https://youtube.com/@spiritofhopeunitedchurch791</a>  |
| Mon. August 11 | 7:00 a.m.<br>6:00 p.m.<br>6:30 p.m.   | <b>Adaptabilities Summer Camp</b> (Lower Hall)<br><b>pflag</b> (Lower Hall)<br><b>ESSC (Dodgeball)</b> (Gym)   |
| Tue. August 12 | 7:00 a.m.<br>9:30 a.m.                | <b>Adaptabilities Summer Camp</b> (Lower Hall)<br><b>Stretch and Flex</b> (Sanctuary)  |
| Wed. August 13 | 7:00 a.m.<br>1:30 p.m.                | <b>Adaptabilities Summer Camp</b> (Lower Hall)<br><b>Creative Connections</b> (Lobby)  |
| Thu. August 14 | 7:00 a.m.<br>6:00 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m.   | <b>Adaptabilities Summer Camp</b> (Lower Hall)<br><b>pflag</b> (Lower Hall)<br><b>Private Booking</b> (Gym)  |
| Fri. August 15 | 7:00 a.m.<br>9:00 a.m.                | <b>Adaptabilities Summer Camp</b> (Lower Hall)<br><b>Garneau Strathcona Food Security Program Set Up</b> (Lobby, Gym and Kitchen)  |
| Sat. August 16 | 8:00 a.m.<br>11:00 a.m.               | <b>Garneau Strathcona Food Security Program</b> (Lobby, Gym, and Kitchen)<br><b>Private Booking</b> (Lower Hall and Kitchen)   |
| Sun. August 17 | 10:30 a.m.<br>12:30 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m. | <b>Worship Service</b> (Sanctuary and YouTube)<br><a href="https://youtube.com/@spiritofhopeunitedchurch791">https://youtube.com/@spiritofhopeunitedchurch791</a><br><b>Afternoon Movie <i>Paddington</i></b> (Lower Hall and Kitchen)<br><b>Movie Discussion <i>Paddington</i></b> (Zoom) |

### 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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