



# Spirit of Hope United Church

# THE SPARK

## AUGUST 24, 2025



### 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!**

### 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.

**YET (Youth Empowered Together)**  
Invites All Queer & Allied Youth to  
*Monday Hangouts for Youth*

September Kick-Off Celebration  
Join the fun on Monday, September 8 from 4 - 8 pm  
Spirit of Hope - 7909 Whyte (82<sup>nd</sup>) Avenue NW

games food open gym  
new skills friends  
crafts fun  
WiFi it's free! sensory friendly safe  
YET

For more information - [yetedmonton@gmail.com](mailto:yetedmonton@gmail.com)

### SPIRIT OF HOPE UNITED CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The Spirit of Hope United Church office will be closed on **Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

Office hours resume on **Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025.**

For pastoral emergencies, please call the office of Rev. Blaine Gregg at **(780) 468-1418 (2).**



**SPRIT OF HOPE UNITED CHURCH PRESENTS**

**JAZZ AND REFLECTIONS**

**SUNDAYS 3:30 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.**

SEPTEMBER 14 ALLEN JACOBSON TRIO  
SEPTEMBER 28 DON BERNER TRIO  
OCTOBER 5 JERROLD DUBYK TRIO  
OCTOBER 19 KELLY ALANNA TRIO  
OCTOBER 26 JOEL GRAY TRIO

**ADMISSION BY DONATION**

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### 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**, 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!



Everyone is invited!



## COMMUNITY BBQ & SHOWCASE

Food and Drinks!  
Discover community programs,  
resources and services!

Free!

Sunday, September 21  
11:45 am to 1 pm

Spirit of Hope  
7909 82 Ave NW Edmonton

[www.spiritofhope.ca](http://www.spiritofhope.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](mailto: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!

### 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.



### PADDINGTON MOVIE WAS A HIT!



On Sunday, August 17, about 20 people enjoyed watching the bear, Paddington, travel from deepest, darkest Peru to London, England, and win his way into the hearts of the Brown family.

Six of us met later that evening on Zoom to discuss the movie and consider plans for future viewings.

There was a consensus that we need to include the next two Paddington movies in our future viewing list.

We will be watching the movie *Conclave* on September 28.

**Christmas**  
**BAKE SALE & ARTISAN MARKET**

Sat, Nov. 22 10 AM - 3 PM

*Local Vendors Needed*

Reserve your spot now!  
[officeadmin.spiritofhope@shaw.ca](mailto:officeadmin.spiritofhope@shaw.ca) or 780-468-1418

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### 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.



## 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.



**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)

## 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.

# Save These Dates!

SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER 2025

**Mon. September 1 - Labour Day**

**Mon. September 8 - Youth Empowered Together Monday Hangouts - 4:00 p.m.**

**Sun. September 14 - Jazz and Reflections - 3:30 p.m.**

**Mon. September 15 - Youth Empowered Together Monday Hangouts - 4:00 p.m.**

**Sun. September 21 - Community BBQ and Showcase - 11:45 a.m.**

**Mon. September 22 - Youth Empowered Together Monday Hangouts - 4:00 p.m.**

**Sat. September 27 - BLT! Breakfast - 8:45 a.m.**

**Sun. September 28 - Movie Afternoon - *Conclave* - 12:30 p.m.**

**Sun. September 28 - Jazz and Reflections - 3:30 p.m.**

**Mon. September 29 - Youth Empowered Together Monday Hangouts - 4:00 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 6 - Youth Empowered Together Monday Hangouts - 4:00 p.m.**

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE:**  
**AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup> TO AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2025**

Sun. August 24	10:30 a.m.	<b>Worship Service</b> (Sanctuary and YouTube) <a href="https://youtube.com/@spiritofhopeunitedchurch791">https://youtube.com/@spiritofhopeunitedchurch791</a>
Mon. August 25	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	<b>Private Booking</b> (Sanctuary) <b>pflag</b> (Multipurpose Room 1) <b>ESSC (Dodgeball)</b> (Gym) <b>Property, Finance and Stewardship Committee Meeting</b> (Zoom)
Tue. August 26	9:30 a.m.	<b>Stretch and Flex</b> (Sanctuary)
Wed. August 27	1:30 p.m.	<b>Creative Connections</b> (Lobby)
Thu. August 28	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	<b>pflag</b> (Multipurpose Room 1) <b>Private Booking</b> (Gym)
Fri. August 29	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>SPIRIT OF HOPE UNITED CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>Garneau Strathcona Food Security Program Set Up</b> (Lobby, Gym and Kitchen) <b>South East Edmonton Community Collaborative</b> (Multipurpose Room 2) <b>pflag</b> (Lower Hall)
Sat. August 30	8:00 a.m.	<b>Garneau Strathcona Food Security Program</b> (Lobby, Gym, and Kitchen)
Sun. August 31	10:30 a.m.	<b>Worship Service</b> (Sanctuary and YouTube) <a href="https://youtube.com/@spiritofhopeunitedchurch791">https://youtube.com/@spiritofhopeunitedchurch791</a>

**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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Leo, Custodian

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Password: SOHGuest