



Spirit of Hope United Church

THE SPARK

AUGUST 31, 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!

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 (82nd) Avenue NW

games food open gym friends fun safe sensory friendly WiFi it's free!

For more information - yetedmonton@gmail.com

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!



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

Find us at 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

**SPIRIT 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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BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

Breakfast Fellowship is held at a restaurant on the
third Saturday of every second month.

The next one will be on **Saturday, September 20,
2025**, at 9:30 a.m. at Albert's Restaurant at 5107 - 99
Street.

If you are interested in joining us, RSVP by email to
bev8582@telus.net or by calling Bev Moore at 780-
439-8582.

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.





**YOU'RE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE
IN THIS FUN EVENT**

On **Sunday, September 21**, Spirit of Hope is hosting its annual Community BBQ and Showcase - from 11:45 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. (seer poster above). Members of our church and our neighbouring community are invited to learn about the services and support provided by a number of community-based agencies and organizations to people who live in Southeast Edmonton — including our own church.

There are several ways you can get involved! We are putting together of list of tasks and a roster of helpers for this important event, with lots of different options. Please talk with Susan Bramm to find out what will be needed. She will be at Sunday services beginning on **August 31** or you can contact the office to get a message to her. We look forward to rolling out the welcome carpet at Spirit of Hope with warmth and smiles.

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.

"COME BEFORE GOD WITH JOYFUL SONGS"

With September here, it's time for the choir to come together again, lifting our voices in worship and sharing the joy of music throughout the year.

We warmly welcome new members to join us in singing hymns and anthems each Sunday, as well as in special music-filled services during seasons like Christmas and Easter.

Rehearsals begin **Thursday, September 4**, from 7:15 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary and will continue weekly until the end of May 2026.

We're also excited to share that a special concert is planned for November 1!

We understand that choir is a meaningful commitment, so whether you'd like to sing regularly, seasonally, or only for special services, there's a place for you.

If you're interested, please contact the church office at 780-468-1418 or email officeadmin.spiritofhope@shaw.ca

**SPIRIT OF HOPE MARCHES
IN SUPPORT OF PRIDE**

After a seven-year absence the Edmonton Pride Parade returned on Saturday, August 23, 2025.

About 70 members from 10 Affirming United Churches marched in the parade, including six members of Spirit of Hope.

The parade began on the 99th Street side of Winston Churchill Square, headed west on 103rd Avenue, then north to Rogers Place on 104th Avenue under the Rogers Place underpass and finished in the Ice District Fan Park.

It was a happy event with many well-wishing parade goers on both sides of the street waving and cheering.

As an Affirming Ministry this is part of our commitment to PIE (Public, Intentional and Explicit).



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!



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.

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

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

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.

SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER 2025

Save These Dates!

- 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 31ST TO SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2025

Sun. August 31	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary and YouTube) https://youtube.com/@spiritofhopeunitedchurch791
Mon. September 1		LABOUR DAY (SPIRIT OF HOPE UNITED CHURCH CLOSED)
Tue. September 2	9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Stretch and Flex (Sanctuary) ANNUAL FIRE ALARM TESTING (BUILDING) Tuesday Hymn Sing (Zoom) https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89719672129?pwd=2cbuy2Rjc9r7rFPC0NID8bd5uKKN0V.1
Wed. September 3	1:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Creative Connections (Lobby) Pursuers Toastmasters (Lower Hall) Leadership Team Meeting (Multipurpose Room 2)
Thu. September 4	7:15 p.m.	Choir (Sanctuary)
Fri. September 5	7:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Garneau Strathcona Food Security Program Set Up (Lobby, Gym and Kitchen) pflag (Multipurpose Room 1)
Sat. September 6	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Garneau Strathcona Food Security Program (Lobby, Gym, and Kitchen) Private Booking (Lower Hall and Kitchen)
Sun. September 7	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary and YouTube) https://youtube.com/@spiritofhopeunitedchurch791

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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Leo, Custodian
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