



Spirit of Hope United Church

THE SPARK

JANUARY 25, 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!

SAD NEWS

The Rev. Raymond Olsen passed away in December 2025. Ray was a former minister at Ritchie United Church.

A celebration of Ray’s life will be held Saturday, February 7, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Riverbend United Church, 14907 45 Avenue NW, Edmonton, AB.



Promotion Project 2026 Celebration & Kickoff

**January 25 at
11:45**

Stay for a light lunch
after the service.

Learn about the Spirit
of Hope Promotions
Project 2026.



LET’S TELL OUR STORY!

We are grateful and excited to have been selected for a one-time grant from The Promotion Project Fund at The United Church of Canada Foundation to attract members, promote our ministry and programming, and retain/establish a strong presence in our community.

In our proposal, we specifically identified ways that will improve how we communicate to youth, young adults and families with young children so more are engaged and participate in the Spirit of Hope community of faith.

We aim to tell our story in several different ways, using a variety of media and means.

Please join us on Sunday, January 25 to find out more!



UPCOMING EVENTS

January



JAN. 5

COLLAGE NIGHT



JAN. 12

PAINT NIGHT





JAN. 19

JUNK JOURNALS W/ BENJI



JAN. 26

BINGO



7909 82 AVE SW EDMONTON, AB
4:00PM-6:00PM

YET – A HANGOUT FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

All youth and young adults are welcome to participate in a special planned activity and/or to hang out, relax, eat, craft, and play games every Monday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Spirit of Hope.

Feel free to bring a friend or family member.

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.





The Congregational Care Team invites you to this special session with Rev. Blaine Gregg.



Visitor Training

Wed, Jan 28 – 10:30 – 11:30 am



Providing compassionate, spiritual support in person and by phone

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!



STAY UP TO DATE AND SHARE THE NEWS!



Find us at www.spiritofhope.ca or like 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



SUNDAY MOVIE AFTERNOON



FEBRUARY 22
12:30 PM



Family Comedy
Everyone welcome!
No admission charge
Popcorn & drinks by donation

SUNDAY MOVIE AFTERNOON – ZOOTOPIA FEBRUARY 22, 2026 – 12:30 P.M.

Join us for a Sunday movie afternoon featuring **Zootopia** on February 22, 2026. The movie will begin at 12:30 p.m. in the Lower Hall.

Zootopia is an animated adventure that follows a determined rabbit police officer and a sly fox as they work together to solve a mysterious case in a city where predators and prey live side by side.

After enjoying the film, you are invited to join a Zoom discussion later that evening at 7:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/91937034300?pwd=rZ18hVJhjaqbzyMBtkAHgZlW4kaMbB.1>

Meeting ID: 919 3703 4300

Passcode: 623451

Everyone is welcome to come, watch, and share their thoughts.

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.

Save These Dates!

JANUARY TO MARCH 2026

- Sun. January 25 - Promotion Fund Celebration Kick-Off - 11:45 a.m.
- Mon. January 26 - YET Hangout For Youth and Young Adults - 4:00 p.m.
- Mon. February 2 - YET Hangout For Youth and Young Adults - 4:00 p.m.
- Mon. February 9 - YET Hangout For Youth and Young Adults - 4:00 p.m.
- Mon. February 16 - Family Day
- Tue. February 17 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Services of Ashes - 5:30 p.m.
- Sat. February 21 - Family Open Mic - 7:00 p.m.
- Sun. February 22 - Movie Afternoon *Zootopia* - 12:30 p.m.
- Mon. February 23 - YET Hangout For Youth and Young Adults - 4:00 p.m.
- Sat. February 28 - BLT! Breakfast - 8:45 a.m.
- Mon. March 2 - YET Hangout For Youth and Young Adults - 4:00 p.m.
- Sun. March 8 - Spirit of Hope United Church Narrative Budget - 11:30 a.m.
- Mon. March 9 - YET Hangout For Youth and Young Adults - 4:00 p.m.
- Sun. March 15 - Spirit of Hope United Church Annual Congregational Meeting - 12:30 p.m.
- Mon. March 16 - YET Hangout For Youth and Young Adults - 4:00 p.m.
- Sat. March 21 - YET Family Party - 2:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE: JANUARY 25TH TO FEBRUARY 1ST, 2026

Sun. January 25	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary and YouTube) https://youtube.com/@spiritofhopeunitedchurch791
	12:00 p.m.	Promotions Fund Celebration Kick-Off (Lower Hall and Kitchen)
Mon. January 26	4:00 p.m.	Youth Empowered Together Monday Hang Outs (Lower Hall, Kitchen, and Gym)
	6:00 p.m.	ESSC (Dodgeball) (Gym)
	6:30 p.m.	Chancel Ringers (Sanctuary)
	6:30 p.m.	pflag (Multipurpose Room 2)
	7:00 p.m.	Property and Finance Meeting (Zoom)
Tue. January 27	9:30 a.m.	Stretch and Flex (Lower Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	ESSC (Dodgeball) (Gym)
Wed. January 28	10:30 a.m.	Visitation Training (Multipurpose Room 2)
	1:30 p.m.	Creative Connections (Lobby)
	6:00 p.m.	ESSC (Dodgeball) (Gym)
Thu. January 29	7:00 p.m.	ESSC (Dodgeball) (Gym)
	7:30 p.m.	Choir (Sanctuary)
Fri. January 30	9:00 a.m.	Garneau Strathcona Food Security Program Set up (Lobby, Gym, Lower Hall, Kitchen)
	6:30 p.m.	pflag (Lower Hall)
Sat. January 31	8:00 a.m.	Garneau Strathcona Food Security Program (Lobby, Gym, Lower Hall, Kitchen)
	2:00 p.m.	Jane Ausen Society (Lower Hall)
Sun. February 1	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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