



Spirit of Hope United Church

THE SPARK

OCTOBER 12, 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!



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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October Schedule

MONDAYS 4-6PM

7909 Whyte (82) Ave NW Edmonton AB

6 Board games

13 closed for Thanksgiving

20 Pumpkin carving

27 Costume party



ONLINE BIBLE STUDY AMOS – A PROPHET OF RESISTANCE

Gather to discuss the Book of Amos over four Wednesday evening Zoom sessions beginning

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86048937851?pwd=dppoi3Y0xcmEke1FM4pxpMjZclb.1>

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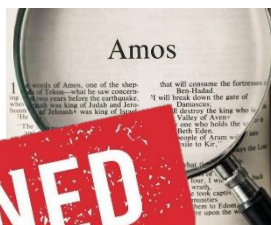
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POSTPONED

NO STRETCH AND FLEX THIS WEEK

Stretch and Flex on **Tuesday, October 14** is cancelled.

Join us next week!



MOVIE GROUP VIEWING AND DISCUSSION

On Sunday, October 19 at 12:30 p.m. after coffee time in the Lower Hall we will be watching the movie *Driving Miss Daisy*.

This film includes Jessica Tandy, Morgan Freeman, Dan Aykroyd and many other well-known actors and actresses.



It dramatizes the prejudices that must be faced when Daisy is forced to accept an African American driver as she is no longer allowed to drive.

We will also gather at 7:00 p.m. that evening by Zoom to have a further discussion of this lovely film.

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

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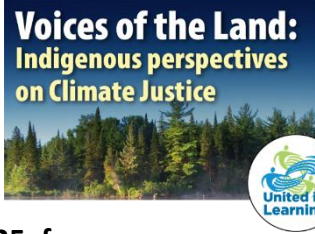
On Sunday, the audience was treated to great music provided by the Jerrold Dubyk Trio. Jerrold Dubyk on saxophone (both tenor and soprano), Dave Laing on drums, and Chris Andrew on organ played original and standard music to the delight of those in attendance.

There will be **no concert on October 12th**, but the Kelly Alanna Trio will be at Spirit of Hope on October 19th.

Thank you to Chris Meintzer for providing the photos that have accompanied these articles.

LEARNING ABOUT RECONCILIATION

September 30 is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.



This coming **October 23, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (MDT)** the United Church of Canada will be airing a webinar titled, "Voices of The Land: Indigenous Perspectives on Climate Justice".

The link below will take you to information on the webinar and how to join on October 23, 2025.

The Learning and Growth FIAT is bringing this to your attention as we are committed to Learning, Changing and Growing Together.

https://united-church.ca/events/voices-land-indigenous-perspectives-climate-justice?utm_source=E-Newsletters&utm_campaign=7c950cd6b0-ES_250311_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-3c3b6f8241-190243836&goal=0_53a49c9e28-7c950cd6b0-190243836&mc_cid=7c950cd6b0&mc_eid=04ed6a61d

IT'S TIME TO ORDER YOUR 2026 UNITED CHURCH CALENDAR

This year, the calendar features our Spirit of Hope with Rick Bramm's great photograph of our Sanctuary. We are the only Albertan church chosen this year. **The cost of the calendar is \$10** (which includes the shipping), with any profit going to Spirit of Hope. You can view the calendar here:

https://ucrdstore.ca/products/2026-canadian-church-calendar?srsId=AfmBOoq_epul9s4jMaT7QNfjRJRUp-MXA4uGnWAsCv4WN2TakzBQ8OQR

Please see Vici Wynn if you wish to order a calendar (or more). Christmas is coming!



THE SPIRIT OF HOPE CHOIR & FRIENDS PRESENT

Post Thanksgiving Post Halloween Pre Remembrance Pre Christmas

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Concert - 7 pm Dessert - 8 pm

Spirit of Hope UNITED CHURCH

SING and SNACK

Saturday, November 1

Spirit of Hope United Church - 7909 82 Ave NW

Tickets: Concert & Dessert - \$25 Concert only - \$20
\$20 tax receipt provided

Tickets: 780-468-1418 or officeadmin.spiritofhope@shaw.ca

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025, AT 7:00 P.M.

Tickets will be available after church during coffee time.

AFFIRMING DONUT and TIMBIT MEETING!

All Affirming and curious ministries and all affirming people welcome, in the rural and smaller towns around Edmonton, and in Edmonton itself.

SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2025, 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM
SOUTHMINSTER-STEINHAUER UNITED CHURCH

Hosted by the Northern Spirit Affirm Team. This is a time for connecting, mutual support, planning, and yes- a free lunch!
Details, registration, address are here on the Region's website:
<https://tinyurl.com/y8at4tt8>

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 are not 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.

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.



**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

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!

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!

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2025

- Sun. October 12 - Thanksgiving Sunday
- Sun. October 19 - 9th Street Players Annual Meeting - 12:00 p.m.
- Sun. October 19 - Afternoon Movie *Driving Miss Daisy* - 12:30 p.m.
- Sun. October 19 - Jazz and Reflections - 3:30 p.m.
- Mon. October 20 - Youth Empowered Together Monday Hangouts - 4:00 p.m.
- Sat. October 25 - Haunted Halloween Costume Party - 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Sun. October 26 - Jazz and Reflections - 3:30 p.m.
- Mon. October 27 - Youth Empowered Together Monday Hangouts - 4:00 p.m.
- Sat. November 1 - Affirming Donut and Timbit Meeting - 10:00 a.m.
- Sat. November 1 - Post Thanksgiving, Post Halloween, Pre Remembrance, Pre Christmas Sing and Snack - 7:00 p.m.
- Mon. November 3 - Youth Empowered Together Monday Hangouts - 4:00 p.m.
- Tue. November 11 - Remembrance Day

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE:
OCTOBER 12TH TO OCTOBER 19TH, 2025

Sun. October 12	10:30 a.m.	THANKSGIVING SUNDAY Worship Service (Sanctuary and YouTube) https://youtube.com/@spiritofhopeunitedchurch791
Mon. October 13		THANKSGIVING MONDAY
Tue. October 14	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	SPIRIT OF HOPE UNITED CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ESSC (Dodgeball) (Gym) The Edmonton Needlecraft Guild (Lower Hall)
Wed. October 15	1:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Creative Connections (Lobby) ESSC (Dodgeball) (Gym) Pursuers Toastmasters (Multipurpose Room 2) Stewardship Team Meeting (Zoom)
Thu. October 16	6:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	ESSC (Dodgeball) (Gym) Choir (Sanctuary)
Fri. October 17	7:00 a.m.	Garneau Strathcona Food Security Program Set Up (Lobby, Gym, and Kitchen)
Sat. October 18	8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Garneau Strathcona Food Security Program (Lobby, Gym, and Kitchen) Mysterious Sounds Practice (Sanctuary)
Sun. October 19	10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary and YouTube) https://youtube.com/@spiritofhopeunitedchurch791 9th Street Players Annual Meeting (Multipurpose Room 2) Afternoon Movie <i>Driving Miss Daisy</i> (Lower Hall and Kitchen) Jazz and Reflections – Kelly Alanna Trio (Sanctuary) Movie Discussion <i>Driving Miss Daisy</i> (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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