



Spirit of Hope United Church

THE SPARK

OCTOBER 4, 2026



WELCOME TO ALL!

Our Sunday morning worship services are conducted in person, following the protocols listed on page 4.
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. YOU ARE NOT ALONE



Sunday afternoons 3:30 to 5 pm

SEPT 13 - ARETHA TILLOTSON QUARTET

SEPT 20 - DON BERNER QUARTET

OCT 4 - PJ PERRY QUINTET

OCT 18 - ALEX MOXON QUARTET

OCT 25- SHELLEY JONES QUARTET

**Admission by donation at the door.
Refreshments served.**

Spirit of Hope United Church 7909 82 Ave NW

LET'S STAY CONNECTED

Spirit of Hope is updating its records in a new system and wants to make sure that all of the information entered for you is accurate. Please complete the teal 'Keeping in Touch' card and place it in the box on the Welcome Desk or in the office. Thanks very much.

We're glad you're here!

Please complete the card so we can connect with you regarding information, offer support, send an email to the office and keep our records up-to-date. This information will not be shared with any other staff or members.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Province: _____

Country: _____

Other contact information: _____

Keeping in Touch

A MORNING WITH PJ PERRY

Approximately 50 people enjoyed a BLT! Breakfast and morning of storytelling with PJ Perry on Saturday, September 26, 2026.

PJ shared stories from his life and career as a professional musician.

The next breakfast will be **November 28, 2026**, so save the date!

AGE FRIENDLY REEL: STORIES AND CONVERSATIONS WITH OLDER ADULTS - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026, AT 1:30 P.M. AT THE WHITEMUD CROSSING LIBRARY

This free community event is open to everyone! The feature presentation, Ageless, explores the importance of intergenerational relationships. The program will also include a series of short films focused on food security, seniors housing and the important role of senior centres in our communities. Refreshments will be provided, and attendees will have a chance to win door prizes.

More information is available on the bulletin board.

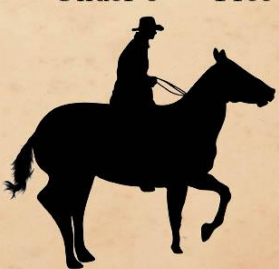


KLONDIKE DINNER & NOT SO SILENT AUCTION

BRUSH OFF YOUR GOLD RUSH BEST FOR A NIGHT OF FOOD AND FUN

Saturday Oct 17	Adults	\$30
Doors at 4:00pm	Youth(6-15)	\$10
Dinner at 5:30pm	Under 6	Free
Auction to follow		

Tickets available
Sept 13
After service Sundays
Or from Church Office
officeadmin.spiritofhope@shaw.ca



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STAY UP TO DATE AND SHARE THE NEWS!



Find us at www.spiritofhope.ca or follow 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

CURRENT ISSUES
CONVERSATIONS

Is there something in the news that you would love to discuss with others? Would you be willing to explore that news through a lens of faith?



Rev. Gregg invites you to join him in conversation around a table after church some Sundays this fall for about 30-45 minutes on **October 18, November 1 and 15, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. (noon).**



Trick or treat! You're invited to a

HAUNTED HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY

Saturday, October 24TH 2-4PM

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7909 82 Ave NW



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!

COMMUNITY OPEN MIC

An evening of music, laughter, and creativity hosted by Marie Fontaine
AKA commonwealthgirrl

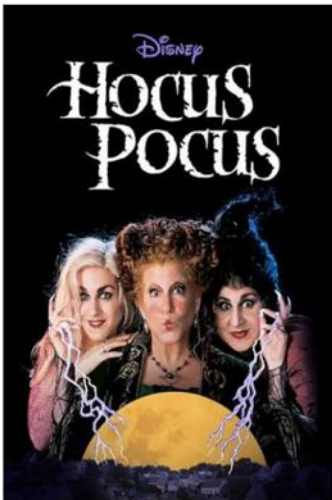
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SAT OCT 24

6:30 PM

No charge





Sunday Movie
Afternoon

Sunday, Oct 25 at 12:30 PM

Spirit of Hope United Church
7909 (Whyte) 82 Ave NW

SUNDAY MOVIE OCTOBER 25, 2026
HOCUS POCUS (1993, PG)

This comedy fantasy is about three diabolical witches (Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker and Kathy Namimy) who were executed in the 17th Century. They are awakened when two children move to Salem.

Join the movie discussion that evening at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom.

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

Meeting ID 919 3703 4300 Passcode 62345

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Check out the great volunteer opportunities on the yellow bulletin board in the Lobby.



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.

Foldable square card tables needed

Some of our card tables are getting wobbly and torn.



If you have a sturdy one that you don't use any more, please consider donating it to Spirit of Hope for our community events.



COMMUNITY BBQ AND SHOWCASE DRAWS DOZENS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Last Sunday, September 27 Spirit of Hope hosted its annual Community BBQ and Showcase – and what a great success it was! This special event serves as an open house and resource fair for our members and the community at large to find out about (1) what Spirit of Hope offers, and (2) what services and programs several community agencies/organizations provide. It is also intended to provide an opportunity for people to enjoy community through hospitality and food.



We estimate that more than 150 people came to enjoy grilled hot dogs with fried onions, pasta salad, snacks, refreshments and celebratory cake. Many were from the surrounding area and had never been inside our building before. A significant number of them stayed to visit the display tables set up in the gym by several community organizations and many of the Spirit of Hope groups and activity leaders. Thank you to everyone who welcomed the newcomers and talked with them while in line or when eating at the tables.



Several church members were on hand at display tables around the perimeter of the gym to talk about the wide variety of programs and activities offered by Spirit of Hope, under the Worship, Learning and Growth, and Just and Caring Faith in Action Teams (FIATs). This included Gina Varty from the 9th Street Players (left photo); Roslyn Thomson (left in right photo) representing worship as well as special events such as the upcoming Dinner and Not-so-silent Auction and Community Halloween Party; Vici Wynn talking about Jazz and Reflections and Sanctuary of Peace; and Judy Meintzer, Just and Caring Community FIAT lead talking about the many outreach and community initiatives such as Creative Connections and the Southeast Edmonton Community Collaborative. Learning and Growth programs such as BLT! (Breakfast Learning Together!) and Kids United were also represented as well as the different committees of our Leadership Team. A big thank you to all those who worked on the displays and handouts and were there to engage with attendees and answer questions.



We were delighted to have seven community agencies present with their interesting displays and their staff/volunteers to talk about their specific programs and services. This included City of Edmonton neighbourhood services, Edmonton Public Library, SAGE (Seniors Association of Greater Edmonton) The Today Centre, Kickstand (YMCA youth program), YET (Youth Empowered Together) and the Edmonton Food Bank.

A big thank you to all those who took an active part by volunteering for specific tasks or pitching in when needed – and to all who attended. Planning had been underway for a few months by coordinators Judy Meintzer, Bev Moore, Susan Bramm and Helen Newsham. More than 35 people were involved in a range of tasks from advertising, delivering flyers, contacting the community agencies, planning the food, cooking, greeting, running the food from downstairs to the gym, serving the food, hosting a children’s craft table, installing outside signage and chairs, setting up and taking down to final cleanup. A special mention goes to Fay Longson and the kitchen crew of Katharine Moore and Carol Loewen, and the food runners Andre Roy and Kyle Houwing.

Spirit of Hope’s next big public event is in two months! It is the November 21, 2026, Christmas Artisan and Bake Sale. This is our largest annual public event and fund raiser of the year. Mark your calendar and consider how you might like to be involved.



Help Give Frostbite the Boot This Winter

2026 Annual Boot-Up

Inadequate winter footwear causes **extreme misery** for our friends and neighbours living outdoors.

Sanctuary of Peace

(with help from Peace Christian Community)

is wanting to provide **good, used or new winter boots** and **new warm socks** in all adult sizes.

Sanctuary is inviting friends, churches, and others to be part of **Boot-Up 2026** by **donating boots or funds!**

\$50 will help buy warm boots and socks for one person – but any donation is welcome.

Funds will be needed by **October 4th**.
Boot Donations needed by **October 25th**

For donation pickup, call Jay at 780.566.9211

For more information, call Quinn at 780.719.1548



Donate at:

Include the message:
For 2026 BOOT-UP
OR
[icpmedmonton.ca/index.php/give/donate](https://www.icpmedmonton.ca/index.php/give/donate)



Visit Us at <https://www.icpmedmonton.ca/>

10527-96 St NW Edmonton Phone: 780-424-7652 Email: icpm.edmonton@gmail.com

Your generosity makes a difference.
Scan this QR code to donate to Spirit of Hope United Church through CanadaHelps.org.



PRE-AUTHORIZED REMITTANCES (PAR)

One option for financial givings to the church is to sign up for PAR. This is an automatic monthly payment system, and your offering can be set up to be split between local givings, Mission and Service, and givings to others.

Choosing this option provides valuable stability to the church and helps us all to plan for the future.

It's also very easy! 36 households currently use PAR, and our goal is to spread the word and increase this number every year.

If you'd like to sign up for PAR, please ask for the simple application form at the Welcome Desk in the foyer, or contact Catherine in the Church Office.

For consideration when signing up - the church budgets for 10% of all offerings on average to be designated to Mission and Service, with the remainder covering our local expenses.

Thank you for considering PAR and its benefits!

Think of all the amazing things Paul accomplished for the Kingdom.
He did it all without coffee.



WE HAVE COFFEE.
Just imagine what we're capable of.

AdamHd

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!

OCTOBER 2026

- Sun. October 4 - Jazz and Reflections - 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Sun. October 11 - Thanksgiving Sunday
- Mon. October 12 - Thanksgiving Monday
- Sat. October 17 - Klondike Dinner and Not So Silent Auction - 4:00 p.m.
- Sun. October 18 - Jazz and Reflections - 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Sat. October 24 - Spirit of Hope United Church Halloween Party - 2:00 p.m.
- Sat. October 24 - Family Open Mic - 6:30 p.m.
- Sun. October 25 - Afternoon Movie "Hocus Pocus (1993)" - 12:30 p.m.
- Sun. October 25 - Jazz and Reflections - 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 2026

Tracking of Givings				
Categories	Budget	9/12 Budget	Year to Date	Variance from Budget
Local Envelope Offering	\$ 179,500	\$ 134,625	\$ 127,135	\$ (7,491)
Other Receipts for Local	\$ 22,900	\$ 17,175	\$ 13,302	\$ (3,873)
Givings to M&S	\$ 20,240	\$ 15,180	\$ 17,426	\$ 2,246

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE:
OCTOBER 4TH TO OCTOBER 11TH, 2026

Sun. Oct. 4	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary and YouTube) https://youtube.com/@spiritofhopeunitedchurch791
	3:30 p.m.	Jazz and Reflections – PJ Perry Quintet (Sanctuary)
	4:00 p.m.	Private Booking (Multipurpose Room 2)
Mon. Oct. 5	3:30 p.m.	Private Booking (Lower Hall and Kitchen)
	6:30 p.m.	ESSC (Dodgeball) (Gym)
	6:30 p.m.	Chancel Ringers (Sanctuary)
Tue. Oct. 6	9:30 a.m.	Stretch and Flex (Lower Hall)
	6:30 p.m.	ESSC (Dodgeball) (Gym)
	7:00 p.m.	Tuesday Hymn Sing (Zoom) https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89719672129?pwd=2cbuy2Rjc9r7rFPC0NID8bd5uKKN0V.1
Wed. Oct. 7	10:30 a.m.	Ukulele Sing-Along (Lobby)
	1:30 p.m.	Creative Connections (Lobby)
	6:00 p.m.	ESSC (Dodgeball) (Gym)
	6:30 p.m.	Pursuers Toastmasters (Multipurpose Room 2)
	6:30 p.m.	Les Chantamis Choir (Sanctuary)
Thu. Oct. 8	7:00 p.m.	Leadership Team Meeting (Zoom)
	4:00 p.m.	YET (Youth Empowered Together) Young Adults (Lower Hall, Kitchen, and Gym)
	6:30 p.m.	ESSC (Dodgeball) (Gym)
	6:30 p.m.	pflag (Lower Hall)
	7:30 p.m.	Spirit of Hope United Church Choir (Sanctuary)
Fri. Oct. 9	9:00 a.m.	Garneau Strathcona Food Security Program Set up (Lobby, Gym, Lower Hall, Kitchen)
Sat. Oct. 10	8:00 a.m.	Garneau Strathcona Food Security Program (Lobby, Lower Hall, Kitchen)
Sun. Oct. 11	10:30 a.m.	THANKSGIVING SUNDAY
		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.

SPIRIT OF HOPE UNITED CHURCH
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CHURCH STAFF
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Minister Emeritus: Rev. Lloyd Lovatt
Music Director: Warren Mack
Office Administrator: Catherine Evoy
Custodian: Leo Otayde

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Password: SOHGuest