



Spirit of Hope United Church

THE SPARK

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026



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.

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GOD BLESS YOU. YOU ARE NOT ALONE



Everyone is welcome!

COMMUNITY BBQ & SHOWCASE

Food and Drinks!

Discover community programs,
resources and services!

Meet your neighbours!

Free!

Sunday, September 27
11:45 am to 1 pm

Spirit of Hope
7909 82 Ave NW



COMMUNITY BBQ AND SHOWCASE

After church today, everyone is welcome to enjoy lunch – and learn about some of the programs, services and events offered to people in the community by Spirit of Hope and other agencies.

Thanks to all of the volunteers who make this annual event possible, and a special thanks to the Edmonton Food Bank for providing us with hotdogs, drinks and chips.

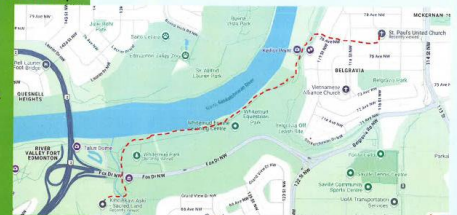


**Pilgrimage for
Reconciliation &
Renewal**

The pilgrimage walk will start from St. Paul's United Church at 12:00 PM. Lewis Cardinal will guide the pilgrimage walk along the North Saskatchewan river, visiting natural springs and an ochre site, and kihcihkaw aski-Sacred Land Ceremonial Site.

Parking available at kihcihkaw aski site (14141 Fox Drive) or at the Alfred Savage Cultural Center off Fox Drive).

The walk will take three-four hours: dress in weather appropriate clothes and walking shoes. BYO drinks and snacks. Come and join us!



Save the Date!
Sept 27th Sunday
Start Time: 12:00 noon

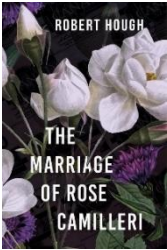
Walking from:
St. Paul's United Church
(11526-76 Avenue)

To: kihcihkaw aski Sacred Land Ceremonial Site
(14141 Fox Drive NW, Whitemud Ravine)



SPIRIT OF HOPE UNITED CHURCH AUTUMN BOOK STUDY

We are learning how Dolly Parton's "Imagination Library" has provided good reading for children in their first five years. Dolly's goal was to engender quality of life for all our days by strengthening and sustaining imagination as a way of knowing (Be curious!)



Reading and discussing novels is an excellent imagination seed for adults.

The Marriage of Rose Camilleri by Robert Hough. You are welcome to the next discussion (in person):

Tuesday, September 29, 2026, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Minister Emeritus, Rev. Lloyd Lovatt



JAZZ & REFLECTIONS

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.

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SPIRIT OF HOPE UNITED CHURCH
OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed during the Office Administrator's absence from **Friday, September 23 to Tuesday, September 29, 2026.**

It will also be closed on **Wednesday, September 30,** in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Regular office hours will resume on **Thursday, October 1, 2026.**

For pastoral emergencies, contact Rev. Blaine Gregg at 780 468 1418 (press 2).



KLONDIKE DINNER & NOT SO SILENT AUCTION

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

Saturday Oct 17

Doors at 4:00pm

Dinner at 5:30pm

Auction to follow

Adults \$30

Youth(6-15) \$10

Under 6 Free

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



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JAZZ AND REFLECTIONS

The second concert in our Jazz and Reflections series went with a swing (pun intended) on Sunday. Don Berner brought Paul Johnson, Murray Smith, and Mo Lefever with him to provide a great afternoon of jazz standards.

The audience enjoyed the music and the banter, and the musicians appreciated the sanctuary's acoustics. The next concert in the series will be on October 4th and will feature the PJ Perry Quintet.

A huge thank you to the volunteers who make the concert so enjoyable for so many.

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.



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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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.

Your generosity makes a difference.

Scan this QR code to donate to Spirit of Hope United Church through CanadaHelps.org.



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

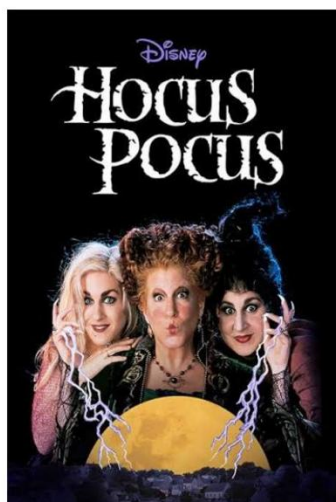
COMMUNITY OF FAITH AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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!



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



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

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.



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!

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!

SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER 2026

- Sun. September 27 - Community BBQ and Showcase - 11:45 a.m.
- Tues. September 29 - Autumn Book Study (2nd of 2 sessions) 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Wed. September 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- 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 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 - Jazz and Reflections - 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE:
SEPTEMBER 27TH TO OCTOBER 4TH, 2026

Sun. Sep. 27	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary and YouTube) https://youtube.com/@spiritofhopeunitedchurch791
	11:30 a.m.	Community BBQ and Showcase (Lower Hall, Kitchen and Gym)
Mon. Sep. 28	6:30 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 Committee Meeting (Zoom)
Tue. Sep. 29		SPIRIT OF HOPE UNITED CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
	9:30 a.m.	CANCELLED - Stretch and Flex (Lower Hall)
	9:30 a.m.	Autumn Book Study with Rev. Lovatt (Multipurpose Room 2)
Wed. Sep. 30	6:30 p.m.	ESSC (Dodgeball) (Gym)
		NATIONAL DAY OF TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION (SPIRIT OF HOPE UNITED CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED)
	10:30 a.m.	CANCELLED - Ukelele Sing-Along (Lobby)
	1:30 p.m.	CANCELLED - Creative Connections (Lobby)
Thu. Oct. 1	6:00 p.m.	ESSC (Dodgeball) (Gym)
	6:30 p.m.	Les Chantamis Choir (Sanctuary)
Fri. Oct. 2	4:00 p.m.	YET (Youth Empowered Together) Youth (Lower Hall, Kitchen, and Gym)
	6:30 p.m.	ESSC (Dodgeball) (Gym)
	7:30 p.m.	Spirit of Hope United Church Choir (Sanctuary)
Sat. Oct. 3	9:00 a.m.	Garneau Strathcona Food Security Program Set up (Lobby, Gym, Lower Hall, Kitchen)
	6:00 p.m.	3-2-1 Fun! (Lower Hall)
Sun. Oct. 4	8:00 a.m.	Garneau Strathcona Food Security Program (Lobby, Lower Hall, Kitchen)
	2:00 p.m.	Private Booking (Gym)
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)

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