



**NORTHERN SPIRIT REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
The United Church of Canada  
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\* Announcements of interest to the people of the Northern Spirit Region. \*  
If you have news to share, please write a short article, and send it to [northernspirit@united-church.ca](mailto:northernspirit@united-church.ca).

Our local events calendar for United Church ministries is coming back to life! [Click here to view it](#). And [click here to submit your event](#). Have a street address and a nice photo ready.

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## News from the Pews ... and other Ministries

### **Updated: Vegreville United Church: Advent Events**

Vegreville United Church invites you to participate in their Advent activities:

\* Nativity Festival: **November 25th from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm; November 26th from 10:30 am - 4:30 pm**

\* Christmas Tea & Bake Sale: **December 3 from 1:00 – 3:00pm**

\* Advent Quiet Day 2022: **December 10 from 9:30am – 3:30pm**

Any questions, call 780-632-2338 or email [veguuc@telusplanet.net](mailto:veguuc@telusplanet.net). More information at [their website](#): or on [Facebook at Vegreville United Church](#).

### **Spirit of Hope United Church – Christmas Craft Sale**

**Saturday, November 26, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

@ Spirit of Hope United Church – 7909 82 Avenue NW Edmonton, AB, T6C 0Y1

Join us for fellowship and fun! Holiday gifts, seasonal baking, local vendors, crafts, beef on a bun, pie, and more! ~ *Spirit of Hope – A safe community gathering space for all!*

### **Rural Ministries Town Hall**

**November 28, 2022, 2:30pm - 3:30pm Central**

This is an open forum for Rural Ministries within the UCC to discuss the challenges and joys of rural ministry. Attendees will have the opportunity to develop relationships and receive support from one another. You will have the opportunity for small group discussion and brainstorming. Hosted by the EDGE Network, welcoming feedback and ideas of potential future supports for rural ministries. [Register here for this meeting](#).

### **Giving Tuesday; Mission and Service**

**November 29**

After the headlines fade, the emergency remains. You can help. This year, Giving Tuesday gifts will support the United Church's vital [emergency response work](#). Your gift will help provide critical support like food, water, shelter, personal care, rebuilding efforts, and trauma counselling. Your gifts will be put to work as soon as they are needed in the areas where they are needed most. And your support will be there to help rebuild long after the headlines fade. Every gift counts. [Make a life-saving gift](#) this Giving Tuesday. [Read more here](#).

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## Events and Learning Opportunities ...

### **“Advent: Roadmaps of Grace”**

... a [Contemplative Gathering](#) co-sponsored by St. Andrew's College and the Living Skies Regional Council. Join us at either **10am or 2pm on Friday November 25** for this hour-long contemplative pause in the midst of the inevitable busyness. [Register here](#).

For more information, please be in touch with Dr. Bernon Lee at [bernon.lee@saskatoontheologicalunion.ca](mailto:bernon.lee@saskatoontheologicalunion.ca).

### **Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols for Advent and Christmas**

*A Benefit for the University of Alberta Student Support*

**November 28 at 7:30 pm**, Winspear Centre

Join in this festive tradition heralding Advent and Christmas through scripture readings and song. Thrill to the music of the University of Alberta Mixed Chorus and Handbell Ringers. Sing carols along with the Davis Concert Organ!

[All seats: \\$25 \(+service charge\); Winspear Box Office: 780-428-1414.](#)

### **40 Days of Anti-Racism**

**Now through Friday, November 25, 2022.** Continue the journey towards becoming an anti-racist church with this 40-day time of learning, reflection, and action. All sorts of resources, stories, and ideas from all across our church are included. New stories will be offered daily (with the exceptions of Sundays). [Click here for full details and the schedule](#), which includes **live online workshops every Tuesday**.

**Advent Unwrapped begins, November 25.** This national program brings together people and resources from across Canada and around the world for our Advent journey. Sign up for the [Advent Unwrapped Newsletter](#) here.

**Get Support to Create your Stewardship Campaign! January 2023 sessions.** If your congregation hasn't undertaken a stewardship campaign in a while, consider registering for a 2-week learning module on creating a congregational giving program with Called to be the Church: The Journey. There are 2 opportunities to participate in the program coming up in January 2023, dates TBA. [Learn more here](#).

**Stewardship Best Practices workshops, Friday January 13, 27 & February 10; 12:30 pm Mountain.** [Click here for details](#) about this opportunity for your community of faith!

### **Jesus and the Marginalized: Jesus Christ for Koreans in The United Church of**

**Canada Author conversation, November 29, 11:30AM Pacific, 12:30PM Mountain, 1:30PM Central.** Hosted by the Western Intercultural Ministries Network, a 90-minute workshop and followed by a brief annual meeting for this grassroots network of intercultural ministry that covers Western Canada. All welcome! *Jesus and the Marginalized: Jesus Christ for Koreans in The United Church of Canada*, co-authored by Rev. Dr. Ohwang Kwon, and Dr. Don Schweitzer, explores the meaning of Jesus for Koreans in the United Church of Canada, and in the Canadian context. [Please click here for full details](#).

### **CCS Friday's are back!**

*Coming up:* **December (date TBA)** Lambeth Learnings--what are the important Lambeth Learnings that could inform inter-church and ecumenical relations? Session are free, but you must [register](#).

\* The latest events from **United in Learning**, the church's national online education and reflection program, [are listed here](#).

### **\* Worship resources for upcoming Sundays and special themes:**

[All resources](#)

[First of Advent, Nov 27](#) (how did that happen so fast?)

[World AIDS Day, 1 December](#)

[International Day of People with Disabilities, 3 December](#)

[National Day of Action and Remembrance on Violence Against Women, 6 Dec](#)