



NORTHERN SPIRIT REGIONAL COUNCIL

The United Church of Canada

Learning and Gathering

November 8, 2022

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. We are unable to include posters or other attachments, but links to further information may be included. Our Community of Faith Events Calendar is open 24/7 for posting events that are open to the public. Events can be posted directly to the Newsfeed: <https://northernspiritr.ca/add-your-community-event/>. Upcoming Newsletter deadlines: Friday, November 11 for the next News issue; and Friday, November 18, for the next Events issue.

News from the Pews ... and other Ministries

NEW: Grace United Church Fall Bazaar:

Saturday, November 19, 10 am – 2 pm, Grace United Church, 6215 - 104 Avenue NW. Bake sale, new and new-to-you gifts, crafts and Christmas items. Lunch for \$10 – adults, \$5 – children under 12. Santa will be visiting from 11-1!

Vegreville United Church: Advent Festival

Vegreville United Church invites you to participate in their Advent Festival - **November 25th from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm; November 26th from 10:30 am - 4:30 pm** - details to follow. Any questions call 780-632-2338 or email veguuc@telusplanet.net

Events and Learning Opportunities ...

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**.

CCS Friday's are back!

Coming up: **November 18**--Christmas Rapture—a look at the apocalyptic lectionary scripture for November 27. **December (date TBA)** Lambeth Learnings--what are the important Lambeth Learnings that could inform inter-church and ecumenical relations? Sessions are free, but you must [register](#).

Palestine - Art as Resistance (sponsored by ECORC and Shining Waters Palestine Networks)

Wednesdays, November 9, 16, and 23, 9:00-10:30AM Central Standard, 8:00-9:30AM Mountain Standard. Free online videos and conversation with Palestinian artists who are living under military occupation. To register, email barblloyd@rogers.com

United in Learning, the church's online education hub, has a new look and a lot of fall offerings on everything from racial justice to religious diversity in Canada. [Click here to have a look](#).

Godly Play training for people in paid ministry, Western Canada session

November 10 from, 9:30-4:40PM Mountain Standard, 10:30-5:30 Central Standard. Experience a full godly play session with debrief, what is Godly Play, children's spirituality and how we support it, the Godly Play environment, and getting started. Limited numbers! [Click here for full details.](#)

Worship resources for upcoming Sundays and special themes:

[All resources](#)

[Children's Sunday- November 20, 2022](#)

[Transgender Day of Remembrance - November 20, 2022](#)

[World AIDs Day, 1 December](#)

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

Climate justice vigils November 11-13

All are invited to plan simple vigils focused on climate justice, as nations gather for the climate change Conference of the Parties (COP) in Egypt. The decisions and commitments made here are important, and good decisions won't be made without pressure. The ecumenical group For the Love of Creation invites public witness and advocacy in our communities. This could also include a worship focus on climate justice on Sunday November 13. [Click here for more information.](#)

Please note this **online Edmonton and Calgary vigil**, open to all: **Nov 12, 6:30-7:30 MT:** [Havdalah for Creation](#), marking the end of Shabbat and preparing for a week of action. All faiths welcome. [Register here.](#)

NEW Intro webinar: Faithful Footprints congregational funding for energy efficiency,

November 18, 12:00 Mountain The United Church of Canada's Faithful Footprints program offers grants, tools and inspiration to help congregations reduce their carbon footprint. To date, the program has engaged 300 congregations, camps, and buildings across the country. Learn how your congregation can get involved by attending our live webinar, and connect with Prairie resource people and interested United Church ministries. [Click here to register.](#)

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.

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.](#)

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