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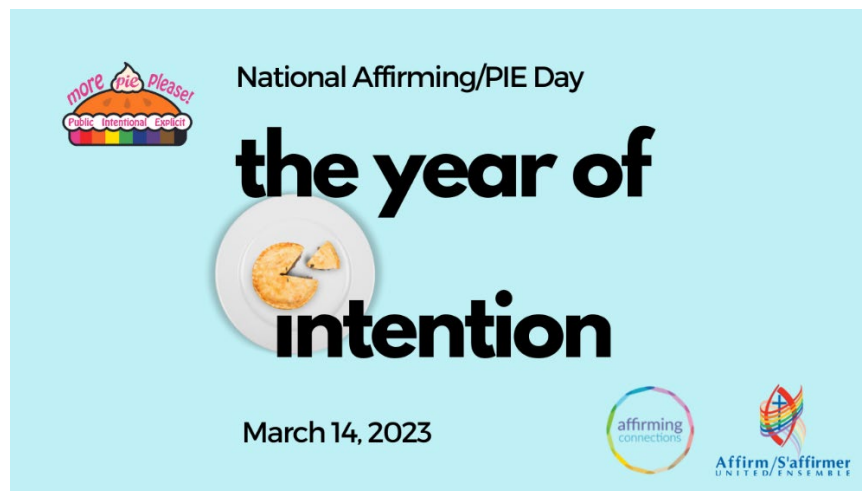
Events Newsletter: March 14, 2023

Upcoming events of interest to the people of the Northern Spirit Region.

If you have news or events to share, please write a short description, with a clear headline and a link to more information, and send it to northernspirit@united-church.ca.



★ Add your local events to our Northern Spirit events calendar! ★
[Click here to view upcoming events.](#) And [click here to submit your event.](#)



Events & Learning Opportunities

★ TODAY: Happy National Affirming/PIE Day!

Today we celebrate **PIE** Day, and consider the ways we can be **P**ublic, **I**ntentional, and **E**xplicit in living into being Affirming, Welcoming, and/or Inclusive people and communities. Watch Moderator Carmen Landsdowne's [PIE Day message here!](#) To view a selection of PIE Day events, [click here](#). For access to worship and other materials, [click here](#). For more information about PIE Day, [click here!](#)

TODAY: GatheringWorship.ca Orientation Night: March 14, 7 p.m.

In this session, Rev. Susan Lukey is thrilled to introduce you to the [GatheringWorship.ca](#) website, which was launched this past year. She'll take you on a tour through the website and show you all the tools it has to help you in your worship planning. To register & receive the Zoom link for this event, [please contact the office](#). For last-minute registrations, (after 5 p.m.), please [email Earl Reaburn!](#)

This Month:

Alberta Cares 2023 Housing Rally: March 24, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

Homelessness numbers are on the rise across the province. The cost of living is forcing more families to choose between rent and food. On **Friday afternoon, March 24 at 2 pm**, we need at least 100,000 Albertans to join in rallies taking place all across the province. To see the details for rallies in your local area, please visit www.interfaithhousing.ca. If you are willing to help coordinate a rally in your area, please contact Pastor Pam Richards at pamelar@telus.net. It is time for Alberta to build a wise, well-resourced, and well constructed long-term plan to address housing and homelessness challenges in Alberta. #Albertacares2023

Women of the United Church 2023 Conference & Annual Meeting: We Are One

All Women of the Church are Welcome to attend this in-person event, **April 27 - 29**, at the FCJ Christian Life Centre in Calgary. We think that you will enjoy and be enriched by the program we have prepared and by meeting and worshipping with other women once again, and considering our theme of **We Are One: A Look at Bias and Racism**. Registration deadline is **March 24th**. [For more information & for the registration form, click here!](#)

Lenten Action: Bring Visibility to a Guaranteed Livable Income

Did you know that The United Church of Canada's members and allies have successfully convinced municipalities to pass resolutions for a Guaranteed Livable Income in St. John's (NL), Pictou County (NS), and Fredericton (NB)? This Lent it's time to act. The United Church of Canada Guaranteed Livable Income network invites churches and faith communities across the country to hold a vigil or event on **March 24, 25, or 26** to call for a Guaranteed Livable Income. More information can be found on the [Guaranteed Livable Income webpage](#). Send details of the event you are planning to justice@united-church.ca. #UCCanLivableIncome.

National Rural Ministry Town Halls (This month: **March 27th**); **last Monday of each month, 2:30-3:30pm Central, 1:30-2:30 Mountain**. Calling all those in rural ministry! Join your colleagues on the last Monday of each month on Zoom for an energizing discussion of the joys and challenges of being in rural ministry, thoughtful consideration of current needs, and exploration of how to meet them most effectively. Register once to get the Zoom link to attend each of them. [Click here to register](#).

Next Month:

★ 2023 Outdoor Way of the Cross: April 7, 10 a.m.

The Outdoor Way of the Cross is an ecumenical prayer event marking the suffering and death of Jesus. It is a time to reflect on how the gospel values of Jesus apply to individual and public life today. People of all faith traditions are welcome. For more information, [click here](#).

★ **United Church Easter Sunrise Service: April 9, 7 a.m.**

Warm yourself around a shared fire as the sun's new light creeps through the trees and sing the first Hallelujahs of a new Easter morning. (At the fire Pit in Emily Murphy Park, Edmonton – 11904 Emily Murphy Park Rd NW). Bring your favourite morning beverage to enjoy. Organized by United Churches in Edmonton. For more information, contact Blaine Gregg at minister@spiritofhope.ca.

★ **Humor, Laughter, Foolishness: Performing Love, Resilience and Resistance**

What do **Worship and Play** have to do with each other? Come find out at a 2-day continuing education event with **Cláudio Carvalhaes** offered by the Centre for Christian Studies. This workshop is about engaging in play through various forms of worship and preaching, using humor, laughter, and foolishness to lift our spirits and connect with our faith on a deeper level. Join us on **Friday, April 14 and Saturday, April 15, 2023**, for a fun-filled, engaging, and transformative workshop. *This is an in-person event. [Register today and let's laugh, play, and deepen our faith together!](#)

Earth Week 2023: Together for the Love of Creation: April 16 - 23

During Earth Week 2023 (April 16–23), The United Church of Canada is joining with numerous sibling denominations and faith-based organizations under one banner, [Together for the Love of Creation](#). During Earth Week, we invite you to hold events to pray, learn, and act for climate justice. Mark Earth Week in a way that reflects and challenges your community. For ideas on how to celebrate Earth week through education, action, and prayer, [click here!](#)

Into the Future...

reVITALize Conference: June 7 - 9, 2023, Halifax

reVITALize is a gathering for ministry leaders and lay people to REFRESH, LEARN, and BE SUPPORTED. Speakers talk about what is revitalizing them at the moment, and time is given for people to gather with friends and colleagues and meet new folks. All denominations and traditions welcome! [Learn more & register by clicking here.](#)

United in Learning

United in Learning, the church's main online events service, has moved to an exciting new platform! [Have a look here.](#) The United Church's Edge Network also offers online courses related to change and innovation. [See their courses here.](#)



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