



## Events Newsletter: April 11, 2023

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### **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](mailto: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.](#)

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### ★ **Annual Meeting Updates:**

★ [Click here to register for the 2023 Northern Spirit Annual Meeting:](#) May 4 - 7, in Camrose Alberta. The **registration deadline, April 15**, is fast approaching: **make sure you have registered and your payment has been received by that date to avoid paying the late registration fee.** If you are planning on bringing your children to the meeting, please register them as soon as possible so that these programs can be confirmed.

★ **The most recent draft of the meeting schedule** has now been posted to the website: [please click here to view this updated draft.](#)

★ **Tech support needed:**

Camrose United Church is excited to be hosting the Annual Meeting but they need some help. Finding someone to do the Livestreaming is proving to be a challenge. We don't have someone in our congregation who can do this. Attempts to find a local volunteer have not been successful so far. We continue to check out leads but wondered are there were other churches who could support us with this? Do you know of someone who might be willing to help? Our plan is to provide livestreaming Thursday afternoon and evening, Friday morning and afternoon, Sunday morning. Please contact Helen: [Helen.reed9266@gmail.com](mailto:Helen.reed9266@gmail.com) if you can help.

★ **Update on Youth Programming:**

The Northern Spirit Regional Council Annual Meeting will include a program for youth ages 12-17. **Youth will all be staying together at St. Andrew's Anglican Church** (4713 50 St, Camrose) under the supervision of three youth leaders. The church will be open for youth to arrive and set up their things on Thursday, May 4th starting at 9:30 a.m. and the program itself will begin at 11:00 a.m. The youth program will include a mixture of time with the adult delegates in the main session, time having spiritual conversations together as youth, as well as meals, swimming, games, and free time. It's going to be a great time! The cost to register is \$100 for the weekend and you can register youth through the main registration page on the Northern Spirit Regional Council website. A late registration fee will apply to registrations that come in after **April 15th**. If you would like more information or have any questions about the program please contact Rev. Scott Reynolds at 780-546-9555 or [scottrobertreynolds@gmail.com](mailto:scottrobertreynolds@gmail.com).

★ **Wood Lake Books Display:**

[Wood Lake Publishing](#) has agreed to send some books to the gathering in Camrose from May 4th to 7th. If you would like to pre-order specific books for delivery to Camrose – please contact Sharon Adams at [sharad2224@yahoo.ca](mailto:sharad2224@yahoo.ca) or [sharona@woodlake.com](mailto:sharona@woodlake.com) by Monday **April 24th** to place your order. They will also send some titles for folks to peruse and purchase at the Regional Meeting. *Please note that all sales will be final* as Wood Lake Publishing is closing its doors and will have only online e-books or online resources after the end of May. So if you need Family Story Bibles for your baptisms etc. you will want to stock up now. [You may also want to check the site](#) and take advantage of some of the clearance items.

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## **News From the Pews & Other Ministries**

**Job Posting: Office Administrator, St. Paul's United Church, Edmonton**

St. Paul's United Church is an Affirming congregation within the United Church of Canada, and are currently seeking an Office Administrator on a full-time (35 hours/week) permanent basis. [For the full job posting, please click here](#). To apply, please contact the St. Paul's office: [office@stpaulsunited.org](mailto:office@stpaulsunited.org).

**Job Posting: Office Administrator, Grace United Church, Edmonton**

Grace United Church is looking to fill the Church Office Administrator staff position. This is a part-time position requiring approximately 20 hours per week at the Church with a tentative start date of May 15, 2023. [For full job posting, click here](#). To apply, please contact [gracemandp@shaw.ca](mailto:gracemandp@shaw.ca).

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## **Events & Learning Opportunities**

### ★ **Wild Church: Connecting with Sacred through Nature: April 16**

Join Robertson-Wesley United Church in gathering outdoors on the 3rd Sunday each month to engage in worship with the rest of Creation. A Wild Church service includes time for reflection, solo nature wandering, and sharing of experiences. The next gathering is **April 16 at 1pm** at Emily Murphy Park, and on **May 21**, we will meet at 1pm at the Stark Oak Tree at Government House. Visit our website [wildchurchofcanada.org](http://wildchurchofcanada.org) for more information and follow us on Instagram [@wildchurchofcanada](https://www.instagram.com/wildchurchofcanada).

### ★ **Religious Freedoms 2023: A Community Conversation, April 16**

The Edmonton District Council of Churches invites you to an interfaith panel on religious freedoms, featuring speakers from the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton, the Edmonton Council of Muslim Communities, and the Edmonton Jewish Federation. There will be speakers and a panel discussion, with refreshments to follow. Join us for discussion on **Sunday, April 16 at 2pm at the Edmonton Riverbend Meetinghouse, 14325 53 Ave.**

### **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](http://togetherfortheLoveofCreation.org). 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!](#)

### ★ **Planning for Indigenous History Month: Being Good Relations Webinar, April 22, 2 - 4 p.m.**

Indigenous History Month is approaching! How will you and your community of faith "Learn, Understand, Act" and observe Indigenous Day of Prayer on June 21? Join us for this webinar for tips and support on enhancing your community's response to the TRC Calls to Action. You will hear what some communities have done, and have a chance to talk with others on the journey of reconciliation as to what has worked, what obstacles have been experienced, and what resources have been helpful. For registration & more information, please email [NorthernSpirit@united-church.ca](mailto:NorthernSpirit@united-church.ca).

### **Placing Ourselves in Colonization: Study Session with Elaine Enns and Ched Myers**

Starting **April 24**, join us for a four-session workshop for settlers and newcomers as we explore our histories and stories, and share about our individual family history too. Where do we connect with the forces of colonization? What are our responsibilities in the places where we have "settled" and the people whose lives have been impacted? Where does this lead us in our discipleship? Leadership for this workshop includes Elaine Enns, Ched Myers, Tony Snow, Adele Halliday, and Sara Stratton. Find out more, and [register](#).

### **Ask and Imagine: Youth! Webinars**

In 2019–2020, the United Church asked young people what helps them find a sense of identity in this church, and what barriers keep them from leading and engaging. Now, more than ever, we need to listen more deeply to the stories of young people and question more sharply the barriers to their participation and leadership. We invite those who lead and love young people to a Zoom



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