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## *News from the Region: August 16, 2023*

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### **News 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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### **Family News**

♥ *We hold our neighbours in the Northwest Territories in our prayers and hearts,* as many communities are currently being evacuated and some have been destroyed in their current state of emergency.

★ **Southminster-Steinhauer United Church is thrilled to join St. Stephen's College in announcing Nancy Steeves as the 2023 recipient of St. Stephen's College Honorary Doctor of Ministry, awarded at this year's St. Stephen's College Convocation: October 23, 2023. All are invited.** The Doctor of Divinity (honoris causa) is awarded to individuals whose contributions reflect meritorious service, outstanding leadership in denominational or ecumenical contexts, and/or outstanding commitment and contribution to ministry, whether ordered or lay. This degree is awarded for excellence and/or outstanding contributions in one or more of the following areas: Pastoral or missionary experience, Theological scholarship, Faith and public life, Community responsibility.

★ **Service of Celebration: Hughenden United Church: September 3, 10 a.m.** Hughenden United Church is making some changes. Just over a year ago we opened a Thrift Shop in the trailer beside the church that had previously been used as Sunday School space. It has been very successful and is running out of space, and since our Sunday worship numbers have dwindled to between 3 and a dozen people, we have made the decision to move the thrift store to the church sanctuary, and the worship space to the living room of the trailer. We are planning a service of celebration of the Sanctuary on Sept 3 at 10:00 a.m., with coffee and snacks after. We invite anyone from the Region who would care to join us to attend. We anticipate making the move very shortly after the Sept. 3 service.

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## **Featured News**

★ **Welcome to our new Pastoral Relations Minister: Adam Hall!**

Rev. Adam Hall has officially begun his work as Pastoral Relations Minister! To contact Adam for Pastoral Relations questions, you can:

- contact the office: **780.435.3995** / [northernspirit@united-church.ca](mailto:northernspirit@united-church.ca)
- call Adam's direct line: **1(800) 268-3781** ext. **6443**
- or send Adam an email: [AHall2@united-church.ca](mailto:AHall2@united-church.ca)

Welcome, Adam! 😊

**In-person Boundaries Training and Ministry Retreat, September 26-27, St. Albert, AB**

The Ministry Support Committee of Northern Spirit Region invites all active clergy to join them for one or both of the following events: **In-person Boundaries Refresher: Social Media**, on September 26th, at St. Albert United Church, facilitated by Vocational Minister, Laura Fohse, AND **Stronger Together: a gathering for active ministers in Northern Spirit Region**, from September 26-27, at the Star of the North Retreat Centre, facilitated by Pastoral Relations Minister, Adam Hall and Vocational Minister, Laura Fohse. This is a time to meet new colleagues and renew connections. [To register for either event & for more details, click here!](#)

## **2024 Mission Support and Regional Council Grant application**

The 2024 Mission Support and Regional Council Grant application is now open. Please click [here](#) for more information or visit our [regional website](#). Deadline for applications is **August 31, 2023**.

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## **Wider Church News & Resources**

### **★ United Church Office Administrators Conference: October 1 - 4, 2024\***

"Save The Date" ~ The retreat is planned for October 1 - 4, 2024, and it will take place at Queen's House in Saskatoon, SK. All church office administrators are welcome to attend! Further information and details will be coming soon.

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### ***Worship Resources:***

See United Church [Worship Resources](#) for upcoming Sundays and special celebrations.

[Twelfth after Pentecost – August 20, 2023](#)

[Thirteenth after Pentecost – August 27, 2023](#)

[Fourteenth after Pentecost – September 3, 2023](#)

[World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel – September 17, 2023](#)

[UN International Day of Peace – September 21, 2023](#)

*\* Votes for the remit process now underway!* We invite you to learn more and explore the [remit process](#). Please also see a new post on the Northern Spirit website with answers to frequently asked questions & further resources, [here](#). The remit vote deadline date is March 31, 2024.

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# Available:

from a generous donor in Northern Spirit.

Do you need any of these items, being offered for free?

1. **Adult choir gowns (16) blue with white collars**
2. **Children's white choir gowns with gold ribbons on front (9)**
3. **Easter Sunday Cross, covered in wire; daffodils are inserted**
4. **Portable lectern**
5. **Lenten Wood Candle Holder (6) with cross**
6. **Advent Candle Holder – 5 brass holders**
7. **Wall Banners**
8. **Hymn Books "Songs for a Gospel" (green)**
9. **Hymn Books "Songs of the Gospel"**
10. **"The Book of Life" (9 volumes)**
11. **"Bible Quest": Bible Study for Adults**
12. **older red hymn books with music**



Please contact Annette at South Cooking Lake United if you are interested. Pictures can be forwarded to you.

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