



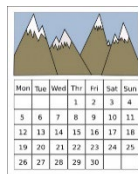
## Events Newsletter: February 28, 2024

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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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## News From the Pews & Other Ministries

### ★ Missing a tax receipt?

Donations that come in to Northern Spirit by e-transfer don't always include contact or address information. If you are missing a tax receipt for 2023, please [contact the office!](#)

**★ Summer Job Opportunity! Hardisty Lake United Church Camp is currently hiring for all positions.**

Summer camp director, waterfront lifeguard coordinator, cabin counselors, program counselor, waterfront support, camp cook, assistant camp cook: see all job listings and application form on [our website, here!](#)

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## **Upcoming Events & Learning Opportunities**

**★ Setting your remit vote: An important event only you can create.**

Set a date for your vote on Remit 1! And please plan to email your ballot in; information for that is on the ballot itself, which is a [printable PDF file available at this link](#). Having difficulty getting a time set up, or with sending your results in? Have questions? Don't hold back- contact the office and we will figure out how to put you in touch with resources and people to talk with. 780.435.3995 or [northernspirit@united-church.ca](mailto:northernspirit@united-church.ca).

**Daring Justice: Uniting in Dialogue and Reflection, on now, until April 25, 2024, online.**

A six week LeaderShift course exploring how our work for justice is rooted in United Church of Canada faith tradition and sacred scripture. [Click here for full details](#).

**National Lenten study: Act Fast: Spiritual Practices for a Climate in Crisis, on now, until March 26, Tuesdays at 11:00AM MST.**

Grief, anxiety, hope, love pain, despair, awe – many emotions are used to describe our relationship with all of Creation. What is your persona, physical, and spiritual relationship with God's Creation? How does this relationship affect how you follow Christ? This Lenten devotional invites us to deepen our love for Creation and take action or fast for a climate in crisis. [Click here to register](#).

**Bearing Faithful Witness- addressing anti-Judaism, on now - until March 11, 2024, 5:00-6:30PM MST.**

Join members of faculty from our United Church theological schools and guests, to explore [Bearing Faithful Witness](#), a United Church resource that addresses anti-Judaism in worship, liturgy, Christian education, and scriptural interpretation. Participating schools are: Vancouver School of Theology, St. Andrew's College, and Emmanuel College. [Register now!](#)

**Give it up for the Earth! 2024 action campaign, on now - until March 28.**

The climate crisis demands action, and [Give it up for the Earth!](#) makes it easy for you to make a difference. This national ecumenical Lenten campaign empowers Canadians to reduce emissions, embrace [eco-spirituality](#), and demand bolder [climate action from the government](#). Visit the campaign website for more information, resources, and to register your community of faith.

**World Day of Prayer, Friday March 1 or a day of your choice.**

This year's service has been prepared by Palestinian women and includes materials and a full video of the service. [Please have a look at their many prayerful and thoughtful resources here.](#)

**M&P 101: Committee Training, March 5, 6:30 p.m. MT, online**

As we move further into a new year, many M&P committees are electing new members. Northern Spirit is offering a training session for M&P committees, via Zoom, on Tuesday, March 5, from 6:30 – 8 p.m.. Everyone is welcome! If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to the office at [NorthernSpirit@united-church.ca](mailto:NorthernSpirit@united-church.ca), and you will be included in the Zoom link send-out.

**★ Edmonton's 44th Annual Good Friday Outdoor Way of the Cross:**

**"Journeying Home", Good Friday, March 29, 10 a.m., Edmonton AB, Beginning at 99 Street and 107 Avenue.**

The Outdoor Way of the Cross is an ecumenical prayer event marking the suffering and death of Jesus. The 44th annual Outdoor Way of the Cross invites people to think about the relevance and importance of the Gospel message in our world today. This year's theme, "Journeying Home," is based on Isaiah 58:6-7: *"Is not this the fast that I choose. . .to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless into your house."*\*People of all faith traditions are welcome. The 1.5 kilometer walk is reasonable for most ages and ability levels . Free street parking is available near the start location. Light refreshments will be provided at Hope Mission (106 Avenue and 99 Street) after the final station. For more information, contact Marguerite Watson at [marguerite.watson@telus.net](mailto:marguerite.watson@telus.net) or [visit the Way of the Cross website.](#)

*~ Into the Future:*

**Anti Racism Work and Action conference for those in ministry with children and youth, April 4-6 2024, Vancouver.**

Held in-person at the Epiphany Chapel on the University of BC Campus. An [amazing line up of speakers](#), worship leaders, and hosts are already preparing to welcome, educate, and inspire you in Spring 2023! [Click here for full details.](#) If you are considering attending, please let justice minister Julie Graham know: [jgraham@united-church.ca](mailto:jgraham@united-church.ca).

**Save the Date! 2024 Regional Annual Meeting: May 2 & 9, online**

The 2024 Northern Spirit Regional Council Meeting will be held on the evenings of **May 2 and May 9, online**, via Zoom, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.. Planning is in progress – check for updates on [the website page, here.](#)

**★ Music Matters AGM and conference, May 2-5, 2024, at St. Paul's United Church in Thunder Bay, ON, or online.**

Music Matters and its AGM are open to everyone who is interested in music in The United Church of Canada—music leaders, singers, instrumentalists, lay volunteers, clergy. There are a variety of payment options to suit your needs; the suggested fee is

\$200 per person, with a sliding scaling down to \$150, depending on circumstance. Registration to participate online is \$75. [Register here](#), and for more information and the schedule, email [worship@united-church.ca](mailto:worship@united-church.ca), or visit [Music United](#).

★ **Planning Worship Retreat Session Two: May 16, 2024 - Registration now open!**

*"I wish I could bounce some of my ideas around in a group of folks who love worship as much as I do."* If that thought sounds familiar, come and do your worship planning in good company! United Church worship leaders, including DLMs and ordered ministry, lay worship leaders, and worship committees, are invited to St. David's United Church in Leduc, Alberta, for facilitated experiences, individual reflection, and planning time. Registration is now open for the May 16th session: Planning for Creation/Fall 2024. [Click here for more details + to register!](#)

**Registration open: Rural ministries conference: experience the rural culture of the Alberta Foothills, June 18-21 2024, Cochrane, AB.**

Hosted by the Centre for Rural Community Leadership and Ministry and by the Rural Church Network of the United States and Canada. Accommodation, meals, and some programming at Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre; transportation offered from Calgary airport to people from out-of-province. Program includes visits with the Wray Farm (involved in regenerative agriculture); Land of Dreams (Immigrant and Indigenous urban gardening); Mîni Thnî (a Stoney Nakoda community in the foothills, with roots in the history of the Indigenous Day of Prayer), and Banff (rural church life in a tourist region). Total cost for residential conference and all tours will be \$500. Options available for people not staying at Mount St. Francis. Information at [www.circle-m.ca](http://www.circle-m.ca) and [registration is now open at this link](#).

★ **SAVE THE DATE: UCC Office Admin Conference! October 1-4, 2024, Saskatoon, SK**

Planning is underway for our next Office Administrator's Conference at Home Inn & Suites in Saskatoon, SK. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to connect, learn and "fill our cup". All Office Administrators throughout the United Church of Canada are invited and encouraged to attend! A registration package will be coming out in early April with more details, along with a letter for support to provide to your M&P Committees. For more information, contact Chantal Winslow at [cwinslow@united-church.ca](mailto:cwinslow@united-church.ca).

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• All the offerings from United in Learning, our national online home for courses, training, and conversation, [are listed here in their latest newsletter.](#)

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