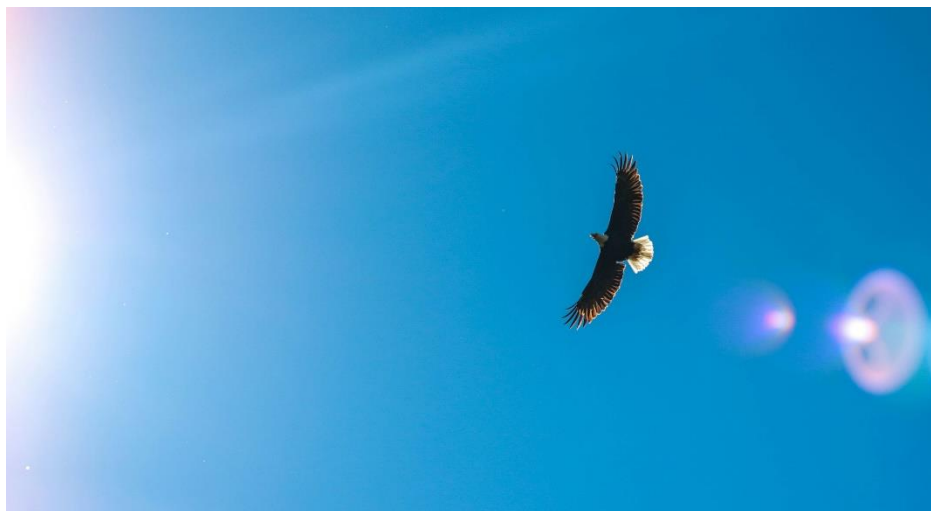


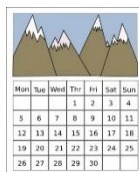


Events Newsletter: June 19, 2024



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.](#)

News From the Pews & Other Ministries

♥ *Condolences:* We are sad to share the news of the death of Rev. John Henry Weinlick, who retired from McDougall United Church in Edmonton. Please read and share his obituary, [at this link](#). A celebration of life will be held at McDougall United June 23 at 2 p.m.

★ **Nominations:**

- **Spotlight on Support Committees!** [Click here for our Nominations overview on the Lay Support and Ministry Personnel Support Committees in Northern Spirit.](#)

- **General Commissioners for GC45:** new information page, helpful videos from our colleagues in Shining Waters Regional Council, and Nominations form now available on our website.

[Learn more about becoming a Commissioner for GC45 here.](#)

[Nominate yourself or someone else using the Commissioners Nomination form, here.](#)

♥ **Happy Birthday St. Albert United! *Sunday June 23, St. Albert***

St. Albert United Church is 70 years young. To help us celebrate these 70 years of Ministry, we invite you to an informal lunch on our patio and back lawn. Join us on Sunday June 23 at 11:30 for a hamburger and a piece of Anniversary cake.

♥ **Celebrating Rev. Bill Doyle's retirement, *Saturday, June 29, Spruce Grove***

Rev. Bill Doyle is retiring and St. Andrew's United Church in Spruce Grove is hosting a "Siesta Fiesta" in his honour. Join us on Saturday, June 29 for a Mexican themed party, including a taco salad bar, beach themed mocktails, photo booth, pinata, and karaoke! Tickets are \$25.00 per person with all proceeds going towards a new sound system for the church. Tickets can be purchased by contacting the church office at *(780) 962-0488 (note the phone number was incorrect in an earlier newsletter!).

★ Ottewell United (Edmonton) has twenty white choir gowns to give away. Contact Delores: 780 466 3771.

New & Featured Events

★ **June is Indigenous History Month.** There are gatherings of all kinds throughout the month, especially **this Friday June 21, National Indigenous Peoples' Day.** Most are in person but some are online. Please look for local opportunities and online learning spaces; use your church's signage and lawn to express your support for this significant day and month. Please invite a speaker if you can, show a film (school and public libraries have many), make time to honour this month. [Click here to view Moderator Carmen Lansdowne's National Indigenous Peoples Day message.](#)

★ **Pride Month event and resources**

There is a lot going on- [click here for all our resources and invitations!](#)

The theme for this month's 100th anniversary national newsletter is Love is Louder, in honour of Pride Month. [Click here to view or download it.](#)

As many of you know, public, intentional, and explicit support of Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ people and their loved ones can attract negative attention. Our [Pride safety resource](#) has some tips for building and online security, and encouragement for

committing to our public, intentional, and explicit support for Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ people.

Upcoming Events & Learning Opportunities

Treaty Land Sharing Network Alberta launch and networking day, 6 July, near Camrose.

Join us as we celebrate the official launch of Land Sharing efforts to the west side of Treaty Six in Alberta. [The Treaty Land Sharing Network](#) is a group of Farmers, Ranchers, Land Trusts, Acreage owners and other rural landholders who are dedicated to acknowledging and living out the spirit of the Treaties through voluntarily sharing land with Indigenous peoples. This event is an opportunity for landowners and Indigenous peoples to learn more about the network and how to get involved. [Click here for more information and tickets](#). Those too far to travel to this: the TLSN would like to make contact with Indigenous people and nations, and non-Indigenous people, in others parts of AB. Please have a look at their website.

Farewell to Camp Wohelo, July 6, 10 a.m., Camp Wohelo

Greetings Friends of Camp Wohelo! Countless women in our region spent many memorable times at beautiful Camp Wohelo and this is our opportunity to share our memories and good-byes. Please join us at 10 am on July 6 for visiting and reliving a day at Camp Wohelo! (Activities planned 10 am to 6 pm). Please RSVP with the number of people attending, ages, allergies, dietary restrictions/preferences to campwohelo@yahoo.ca so that we may be well prepared for you all. Note the method of payment, an e-transfer or bring the payment with you. (15 years old and up, \$20 / Seniors and under 15 years old, \$10 / Free for 10 years old and under).

Care of Creation Town and Country Garden Tour: July 13, 10 am - 4 pm, Drayton Valley

Enjoy a day in the sunshine, tour beautiful gardens and celebrate God's creation! Tickets are \$15, all proceeds to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. [Click here for full details!](#)

Stones Cry Out: Praying with the Land, Lutheran and Anglican National Worship Conference: July 18-21, 2024, Regina.

Registration is now open! [Visit our website here](#), and follow us on Facebook @nationalworshipconference for updates regarding the keynote speakers, workshops, and Friday evening hospitality options! The focus of the conference is to help us to think about, talk about, and pray about the ways in which we can transform our worship, in authentic ways - from language and image of empire and colonialism, to one which recognizes our rich multi-cultural and Indigenous heritage. [Register at this link](#).

~ **Into the Future:**

Save the Date - How Is It Going 3.0: Connecting Dots, Saturday September 28, 2024, 9:30 am - 2:00 pm, Sherwood Park AB

Facilitator: MaryAnn Pastuck. A cluster gathering for Edmonton area United Churches at Sherwood Park United Church, 20 Fir St, Sherwood Park, AB. Co-hosted by Salisbury United. This is a follow-up to the gatherings at McDougall and St Albert, open to anyone interested in knowing ways we can help each other. Attendance at previous gatherings not required.

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- [Click here to view our regional events calendar.](#)
 - [Click here for the latest United in Learning](#) online conversation and learning offerings.

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- [Click here to access past Newsletter issues.](#)



Notice: We have moved!

The Regional Council office has moved into a smaller space as of April 2024.

Our new mailing address is:

8510 95 Ave NW,

Edmonton, AB

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Our phone number has also changed. The new office number is:

1(800) 268-3781, extension 6029.

Email remains the same: NorthernSpirit@united-church.ca.

If you have any questions or concerns please reach out!

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