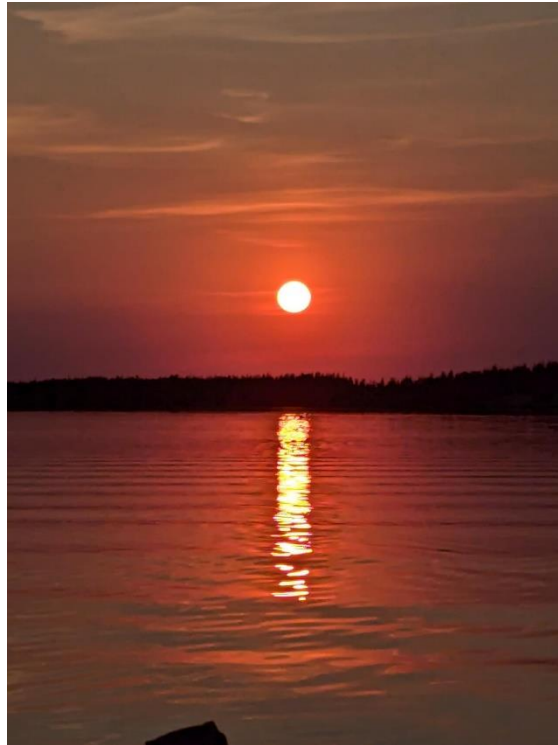




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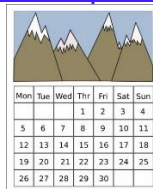


News from the Region: July 10, 2024



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.



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

Family News

★ **Job opportunity: Custodian at St. Paul's United, Edmonton**

St. Paul's is looking to hire a new custodian. Please [click here to read the full details](#), and [contact Jim Mullins](#), M&P Chair, if interested.

From the Growth Animator: Ideas for summer ministry ~ *Special Events & Encouraging Connections*

Not every church has the ability to run a Vacation Bible School during Summer Break, but that doesn't mean there aren't other fantastic opportunities for ministry with families in your community. Jordan Cantwell, Growth Animator, shares the second in a series of three articles providing ideas for ways that communities of faith can connect with families over the summer. [Read the third summer ministry idea here](#). Share your favourite ideas from your community of faith with your Growth Animator (jcantwell@united-church.ca). Your gifts of growing might be seeds of inspiration for others! (If you missed previous ideas from Jordan, all Growth Animator letters are now linked at the bottom of our [Newsletter archive, here](#)).

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](#).

Wider Church News & Resources

★ United Church 100th anniversary resources: *New event map!*

June 10, 2025, will mark the [United Church's 100th anniversary](#)—an opportunity to honour our past and look to the future! **Is your church community planning something special to commemorate this milestone?** We'd love to hear about it! [Submit your event details](#) on our brand new [Centennial event map!](#)

- [Click here for the YouTube video of the national service](#) celebrating our 99th!

- [Explore AB Archives' online database to find many records donated by UC churches](#). We'll do some research on accessing NWT and BC archives too.

Standing Together Against Hate Based on Religious Identity

The [Canadian Interfaith Conversation](#) has issued a statement on behalf of over 60 signatory faith traditions and institutions, including The Canadian Council of Churches, of which the United Church is a founding member. The goal: to present a common public position adopted by Canada's faith communities, on combatting hate against and between our country's religious communities. [Click here to read the statement in English](#).

Season of Creation resources available now

The 2024 Season of Creation will take place from September 1st to October 4th with the theme "To hope and act with Creation". This year, the September 1st celebration

falls on a Sunday, providing a special opportunity to prepare prayer services in tune with this year's theme and symbol. We invite everyone to start planning your events and celebrations! [Download the 2024 Celebration Guide here](#). Further information about the [Season of Creation is available here](#).

In Case You Missed It:

Letter from our Chair: *On Summer*

Rev. Helen Reed, our Regional Chairperson, has shared a letter reflecting on summer plans and hopes. [Read the letter here](#).

Worship Resources:

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

[Eighth after Pentecost - July 14, 2024](#)

[Ninth after Pentecost - July 21, 2024](#)

[Tenth after Pentecost - July 28, 2024](#)

[Eleventh after Pentecost - August 4, 2024](#)

[Emancipation Sunday- August 4, 2024](#)

[Twelfth after Pentecost - August 11, 2024](#)

[Thirteenth after Pentecost - August 18, 2024](#)

[Fourteenth after Pentecost - August 25, 2024](#)

[Fifteenth after Pentecost - September 1, 2024](#)

* [Click here to access Northern Spirit's 2024 Prayer Cycle](#)

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

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