

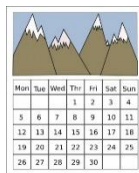


Events Newsletter: July 31, 2024



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

♥ **Prayers and Support for Jasper**

It is with heavy hearts that we confirm that the Jasper United Church and manse were both destroyed by the fire. The congregation of Jasper United, as well as all those evacuated from Jasper and the first responders still working in the area, are in our hearts and in our prayers. [Please click here](#) for full details on offering both prayerful and financial support to Jasper United.

★ **Job Opportunity: Handbell Director at Riverbend United, Edmonton**

Riverbend United in Edmonton is looking for a Handbell Choir Director, responsible for developing and maintaining the handbell music program at Riverbend United Church. [Click here for full info!](#)

Centennial Planning Resource

A Northern Spirit Charge, Leduc-Beaumont, has provided [this planning template](#) to help other churches organize their Centennial planning and celebrations. Feel free to use [their outline](#) as inspiration! Thank you to Leduc-Beaumont Pastoral Charge!

United Church 100th anniversary 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!](#)

Affirming Celebration Photo Album! 

We have compiled a video photo album of highlights from our June 1 Celebration of becoming Affirming as a Region, and of Carrie Symondson's Ordination. Watch our video album [on the website, at this link!](#)

Upcoming Events & Learning Opportunities

★ **Emancipation Day: August 1 (Sunday August 4)**

Emancipation Day is marked on August 1 across many of the countries of the former British Empire. Emancipation Day commemorates the date in 1834 when the Slavery Abolition Act came into effect for most British colonies, freeing enslaved children under the age of six and their descendants. The first Sunday in August (this year, Sunday, August 4, 2024) is celebrated as Emancipation Sunday in The United Church of Canada. Take a look at our [worship resources for Emancipation Sunday](#) and lift up this day in your worship service. | If you are in the Edmonton area, Pilgrim United invites you to a special Emancipation Day Service on Thursday, August 1, at 6:30 p.m., [details here](#).

UCC Administrators' Conference: *October 1-4, Saskatoon, SK*

Calling all office administrators!! You have one month left to register for our UCC Office Admin Conference ([full details](#)). [A registration package is available](#) that includes a letter to your M&P committee and a draft agenda. This conference is a great way to network with others who do the same job as you, ask questions, share resources, and learn from each other. Please reach out if you have any further questions: cwinslow@united-church.ca. **Deadline to register is tomorrow, August 1!** (Payment needs to be received by September 15).

UNJPPI's National Gathering: "Faith in a Time of Genocide", *November 1-2, Toronto,* and **Palestine Land Exercise Training, *Thursday, October 31, Toronto***

"Faith in a Time of Genocide" is both an important conference to reflect on our faith and a call to faithfulness in solidarity with Palestinians. "What does our faith call us to now?" The conference sponsored by UNJPPI invites you to wrestle together with these questions and find paths of effective action that bear witness to our faith. Our congregations, our United Church,

our partners in Palestine Israel and our ecumenical friends need your faithful leadership now. We welcome your prayers for the people of Palestine and for UNJPPI as we prepare this conference. [Full details here.](#)

- [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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Notice: We have moved!

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

Our new mailing address is:

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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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