



## Events Newsletter: November 20, 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

★ **Athabasca United Church Affirming celebration, 24 November, 10:30AM MST**

Our Regional Council's newest Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ affirming ministry is [Athabasca United Church](#) which will hold the final step in its formal process on November 24 at a public service of celebration. Everyone is invited to join the celebration as you wish and can. The sermon will be offered by Chaplain Rev. Beatrice Gale, who has been a United Church minister for 16 years, serving Memorial United Church in Prince Edward Island and then Brookfield Pastoral Charge in Nova Scotia before joining the Canadian Army in

January 2017. A voracious defender of human rights and an accomplished musician and poet, Chaplain Bea is the first openly transgender chaplain in the Canadian military. [Zoom link here](#) / Meeting ID: 745 576 9279 / Passcode: 903923.

### ★ **Reminder: Archives Requests for the Centennial**

As Communities of Faith within our Region start to plan gatherings, services, or displays in recognition of the United Church of Canada's 100th anniversary in 2025, many are thinking of ways to commemorate our history. Requests for Archives materials are expected to markedly increase as this milestone approaches. To ensure that our [Archivists & Volunteers](#) have enough time to fulfill your request for historical materials, please start planning now & reach out early!

### **Calling All Northern Spirit Youth! Youth Forum 2025 Applications**

Youth Forum is open to young people, ages 15 to 25, selected by regional councils. Youth Forum leaders have the ambitious and achievable goal of having 100 young people under age 30 attend General Council 45. Each region is asked to select up to six youth, with a minimum of 50% of participants being Racialized and/or Indigenous young people. Registration for Youth Forum at GC45 is free and travel arrangements are made by the General Council. Some events or activities may have associated costs. No one will be excluded due to difficulty in payment. [Find full details on the website here](#). | [Apply at this link](#) before the application deadline of **November 30!** Tell your friends and youth groups!

- **Available:** Does your church want a copy of *Moments in Time: Sermons from the United Church of Canada 1910-2020*? St. David's United in Leduc has an extra copy, available for 42\$ - contact [office@stdavidsleduc.com](mailto:office@stdavidsleduc.com).

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## **Upcoming Events & Learning Opportunities**

### ★ **Trans Day of Remembrance national service of memory, TODAY, Wed 20 November, 5:00PM MST, online.**

Organised by Affirm United/ S'affirmer Ensemble, of which Prairie to Pine is a member, and the Queer Interfaith Coalition. Come close Trans Awareness Week with a time of prayer, with the theme Call You By Name. [Please register here to receive the link](#).

### **Next Getting Started in Stewardship Course is TODAY: November 20 at both 3 or 5:30pm (CST)**

Curious about how to revitalize stewardship in your community of faith? Register now for our next session of Getting Started in Stewardship. This 90-minute session is the foundational course to help your community of faith move away from the annual cycle of panicking about the budget, to an on-going, sustainable ministry of gratitude and

generosity, which supports people in their lives of faith. You can participate as an individual or in a team. After the course, we'll support you in taking the next steps. [Register here on CHURCHx.](#)

**UC Rural Ministries Network workshop for LLWLs: *Thursday November 21, 11 am MST, Zoom***

UCRMN is aware that many rural congregations are ministered to by Licensed Lay Worship Leaders. Each quarter UCRMN holds a free Zoom Workshop that allows folks to come together and share their stories, struggles, successes and blessings. **Thursday November 21, 2024** is for our many LLWL to check in and share their stories. [Register here.](#)

**"Finding Our Way Into Advent Hope" Contemplative Gathering, *November 26, 11:40 Sask time, online***

St. Andrew's College, in partnership with Living Skies Regional Council, invites you to our next contemplative gathering, to be held with the Saskatoon Theological Union Chapel community on Tuesday November 26, at 11:40am Sask time. Come spend 40 minutes or so in quiet contemplation, centered on the ancient practice of *lectio divina*. [Join us via zoom](#), and be welcome!

**40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism 2024: Final public event, *Tues. Nov. 26, 5:00PM MST, online at United in Learning***: What Will We Sing When We Need to Sing a New Song? with the Then Let Us Sing! Committee working on our new national music resource. Come out and learn about anti-racism commitments leading us into "a new song". [40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism](#) comes to a close this month, and there are some great events coming up. [Click here for full information.](#)

★ **All you need to know about Faithful Footprints energy efficiency grants, *December 6, 2:00PM MST., online.***

The Faithful Footprints Prairie Hub wants to give you money! These events are for United Church ministries interested in lowering carbon emissions and investing in energy efficiency and green energy projects in their faith spaces. These events will provide detailed information on how to apply for the grant, eligibility criteria, and tips for a successful application. Don't miss out on this opportunity to take the first step towards creating a more sustainable future! [Click here for December 6 registration.](#)

★ **Hold the date - Region-wide Affirming check-in for everyone, *Wednesday January 22 at 6:30PM.***

Hosted by the Northern Spirit Affirming Committee. All welcome: long timer Affirmers, those curious about becoming a 2SLGBTQIA-affirming ministry, 2SLGBTQIA+ people

and allies. Come for support and sharing, and help us build this network. More details to come!

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**United Church 100th anniversary event map:** Is your church community planning something special to commemorate this milestone? We'd love to hear about it! [Submit your event details](#) on the UC [Centennial event map](#)!

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