



*Events Newsletter: December 4, 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](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

♥ **Rosalind United Church** will be holding their final (decommissioning) service on **Sunday, December 29th at 11:00 am.** We are extending the invitation to any ministry personnel who served this community, to the region, and the general public. We would also like to ask if there are any churches that know of a need for any of the religious artifacts like our pulpit, cross, communion table, and some older communion cup sets in a lovely wooden tray with lid. There may be other items of interest too. Please contact Rev Deanna Cox 780.385.3955. ~ *Rosalind United*

★ **Update from your Executive:**

The Executive met in November, welcoming our new Chairperson, Rev. Leigh Sinclair. The Executive approved a budget for 2025, and dates for the 2025 in-person Regional Annual Meeting, which will be held **May 29 - June 1** in Edmonton. **Save the date!** More details to come.

★ **Funding for your Centennial events- deadline December 15 for this round**

Some financial assistance is available from the United Church Foundations Centennial Granting Fund for 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events. Details for those applications are [available at this link](#), with a deadline of December 15, 2024 (the next deadline for remaining funds would be March 15, 2025).

**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!

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## Upcoming Events & Learning Opportunities

★ **Local Events:** [click here to browse our local events calendar!](#) There are many festive, wintery, and prayerful church events coming up in this rich time of Advent.

***Final call! 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.](#)

★ **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 18-25 January 2025**

An annual global ecumenical celebration. [All resources for Canada are here!](#)

***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!

★ **Godly Play Core Training Workshops: April 26, May 10 & 24, June 7, 2025, Online via Zoom, and Aug. 12 and Aug. 13, 2025 in person, Vancouver, BC**  
Godly Play Core Training takes place for three hours each on four Saturdays via Zoom and culminates in an evening and a full day training, onsite in beautiful Vancouver, British Columbia. All learning will take place in a prayerful and playful atmosphere with creative and experienced Godly Play trainers. Cost: \$350 CDN (if you register for all sessions). **Space is limited to 12 people.** Priority will be given for participants who register for the full training. Originally developed with children, Godly Play is both spiritual practice and process applicable to all ages and many settings. [Click here to register and reserve your spot!](#)

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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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