



Events Newsletter: September 10, 2025

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 and Other Ministries

100 St. Paul's United in Edmonton is hosting a [100 Tables Initiative](#) along with our Fall Fair on **September 14th from 11:30 am to 1 pm.**

100 Athabasca United Church is receiving a donation of a hand-made stained glass artwork made by a British Columbia man who was baptized in the church. The stained glass will be installed to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the United Church of Canada, along with a free concert by members of the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra for installation dedication. The artwork, comprising 900 pieces of glass, will be installed a day ahead of the unveiling and dedication on Sunday, September 14. For more information, please contact [Rev. Monica Rosborough](#) or auc.chair@athabascaunitedchurch.ca.

100 Centennial Events Continue: Thank you for all the local Anniversary events - send us your stories, photos, and video links! We are happy to feature your celebrations in newsletters for the rest of our Centennial year. Materials can be sent to chburns@united-church.ca.

★ **New 2025 Directory Update Posted**

If you are on this newsletter list, check your email! You should have received a link yesterday to the new 2025 Northern Spirit Directory. There is also a new password to access the directory for 2025. If you have any questions or issues accessing the directory, please [contact the office](#).

Pastoral Charge Supervisors Needed

Northern Spirit is looking for people, lay or ordered, who are willing to act as Pastoral Charge Supervisors. Supervisors offer support to churches without Called or Appointed ministry personnel. Please reach out to [Adam Hall](#) if you would be willing to take on this role.

Interested but unsure of what this role requires? [Email the office](#) if you are interested in attending a training and Q&A session on the evening of **October 8**, for current and potential Pastoral Charge Supervisors.

Fall Sacramental Elder Training:

If your community of faith is without a minister, your board can nominate someone from your congregation to become a Sacramental Elder. We are planning a round of training for new Sacramental Elders for this Fall. This training is held in two sessions, online over Zoom, one evening per week: Wednesdays September 17 and 24, 6:30 - 8:30. If your community wishes to nominate a Sacramental Elder or would like more information, please [contact the office](#).

New & Featured Events

★ **Orange Shirt/ Truth and Reconciliation Sunday 28 and Tuesday Sept 30**

Please read and share this [summary from the national Indigenous church](#).

On September 30, wear an orange shirt to say that Every Child Matters. And on September 28, mark Orange Shirt Sunday in your community of faith. This year in particular we ask you to honour the children with a gift or special offering to the Healing Fund, which supports initiatives for survivors of the residential school system and its ongoing intergenerational impacts.

On September 30, we also invite you to join in the Remembering the Children: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation event on Parliament Hill. This 90-minute program is a united effort of the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, the Algonquin Nation, APTN, and CBC/Radio-Canada. It begins at 3:00 p.m. ET and all are welcome. Not near Ottawa? It will also be broadcast live on APTN and on YouTube.

★ **Women of the United Church Rally, September 13 9:30 a.m., St. David's United, Leduc AB**

The 2025 Fall Rally for the UC Women on **Saturday, September 13, 2025**. Registration 9:30 – 10 AM. In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the United Church of Canada and the role that women have played in the church, our theme this year is "*Women of the Church*" – with guest speaker Rev Leigh Sinclair from St. David's United in Leduc. Come join in song, worship, business meeting, memorial service, speaker and entertainment. The **cost of \$10** will pay for the speaker honorarium and any expenses – the balance being donated. **Bring a bag lunch.** Muffins, coffee, tea and water will be provided. St. David's is located at 4614 – 48 St in Leduc. Full details on the website.

Upcoming Events and Learning Opportunities

★ **United in Learning upcoming programs**

Here's the [latest newsletter from the national church's online education, action and community program](#). Upcoming opportunities include a cross-country check up, a stewardship series, Indigenous perspectives on climate change, and more.

★ **Rural Ministries Town Halls - September meeting today*!**

[Rural Ministry Town Halls](#) are a chance for those in rural ministry to gather together to share joys and concerns, insights and challenges, successes and failures. We hope to create a network where folks can share ideas, ask questions, raise concerns, and build a network of support. Aware that rural can take different formats, if you define yourself or your church as rural, please [join us and share your thoughts!](#)

Upcoming meetings: **September 10, 2025, 2:00 p.m. ET – Check-In! | October 8, 2025, 2:00 p.m. ET – Toward 2035**

★ **Growth Animator Online Bible study, Every Wednesday at 1 pm (SK time)**

Deep conversation - Spiritual friendships - Faith exploration. New participants always welcome!

Contact jcantwell@united-church.ca for more information. Click here to join: <https://bit.ly/41Vh93V>.

★ **Truth and Reconciliation lunch and learns, 22-26 September, 12:00 CDT, 11:00AM MDT/ CST.**

The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation invites us to join daily Lunch and Learn webinars – an immersive experience to UN-learn the myths of colonial history in Canada. Lunch and Learn sessions are **aimed at an adult audience**, and **open to the public**, and will be hosted virtually over Zoom Webinar and streamed to YouTube. Expert matter speakers will present for 40-50 minutes before a Q&A between the moderator and guest(s). All sessions will have simultaneous English-French, and ASL interpretation. [Please have a look at the topics and details](#). They include: Sept.22 - Surviving the Residential School System; Sept.23 - Uncovering the Truth: Ground Searches; Sept.24 - The Ongoing Legacy of the Residential School System through Child Welfare; Sept.25 - Reflecting on the TRC's Calls to Action 10 Years Later; Sept.26 - Confronting Residential School Denialism.

★ **Tech best practices for churches: a national network open house, Tuesday, September 23rd at 6:00pm CDT/ 5:00PM Mountain and Central Standard, online only.**

Wondering how to strengthen your hybrid worship? How to connect with those who worship from a distance? Looking to get the most out of your donor management software or social media posts? **Then it's time to join the [Church Tech Best Practices Network](#)!**

This Network hosted on CHURCHx.ca is a space for those new to tech and ministry and those who have been at it for decades. It's a space to ask questions and learn from each other.

Curious? Want to learn more? [Register for the open house on Zoom](#).

During the open house session we'll introduce you to the network and related resources, and invite your ideas.

★ **Lunch time Intercultural Coffee Chai series: Stories and Narratives: God-Talks from Diasporic Filipino Ministers in the United Church of Canada, Thursday, Sept 25, 2025, 12:30pm MDT and CST/1:30pm CDT (90 minutes).**

Bring your lunch and join us as we resume the Western Intercultural Ministries Network 100th Anniversary series honouring ethno-cultural communities within the United Church. The Filipino Ministers Network in The United Church of Canada invites you to

join them for a panel discussion about seeking God in the midst of every-day life. In the Philippines, theologizing is embodied in everyday life; not seen as a separate religious category or exercise. Faith grows out of our lived experience: life-stories, turning points, crises and celebrations. God is active in shaping our everyday decision-making. [Please see and share all the details!](#)

★ **Stewardship Learning Opportunities, Legacy Giving and Your Community of Faith, Thursday, September 25 – 1pm Mountain (2pm Central)**

Perhaps you have heard about the United Church's [Centennial Legacy Campaign](#) and are curious how it could support the ministry and meaning-making in your community of faith. Spend 60 minutes learning more about the campaign, legacy giving, and how we can vision and plan for a future of thriving ministry. Stewardship support staff, Vicki Nelson, and Campaign Animator, Tamara Granatstien, want to support your community of faith and this webinar is a great place to start. [Register at this link.](#)

★ **"Francis and the Web of Creation" St. Andrew's College contemplative gathering, October 3 at 10am Sask time, online**

St. Andrew's College (in partnership with leaders from the Living Skies Regional Council, Northern Spirit Regional Council, and Green Spirit Chaplaincy) invites you to our next contemplative gathering, to be held on **Friday October 3, at 10am Sask time**. Come spend 40 minutes or so in quiet contemplation, centered on the ancient practice of *lectio divina*. [Join us via zoom at this link](#). All are welcome.

★ **Getting Started in Stewardship, Monday, October 6 – 2pm OR 4:30pm Mountain (3pm or 5:30 Central)**

Learning why stewardship is not fundraising, why people are compelled to give, and how doing stewardship work is an essential part of discipleship building. This 90 minute session is great for people new to stewardship, or for folks who haven't engaged in it for a while. Register here- <https://churchx.ca/local/shop/product.php?id=301>

★ **Advance notice: World Food Day (October 16) resources from the Canadian Foodgrains Bank**

This year, CFGB invites churches, groups and individuals to mark World Food Day with a variety of thoughtful resources that can be incorporated into church services, used in small group gatherings, or personal reflection. Drawing from the story of Gladys in our new film called [A Legacy Taking Root](#), which will be released to the public this fall, our resources invite to pray, learn, advocate, and give. Our collection of worship resources on our [World Food Day website – Until All Are Fed](#) includes calls to worship, prayers, videos, scripture readings, group discussion guides, sermon starters, and diverse activities for children.

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