NORTHERN SPIRIT REGIONAL COUNCIL
THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

News from the Region: October 28, 2026

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.
Check out our local events calendar, and submit your own community events!

Family News

♥ Pastoral letter on the CFB Wainwright tragedy

Please see the letter on this terrible tragedy from Regional Council chairperson Rev Leigh Sinclair here. "We are the Body of Christ. When one part hurts, we all ache and reach out to comfort and serve. This is a time of deep pain for the community of the Canadian military and all the connected families, chaplains, neighbours and friends. We write to invite you into prayer and service to one another."

★ From your Regional Council: *The Turning of the Seasons* — Resources for 2027

Clergy and lay worship leaders are invited to sign up for *The Turning of the Seasons*, a year-long collection of contemplative resources delivered by email throughout 2027. Created by Janice Maclean at Prayer Bench, to support worship, small groups and personal reflection, these ready-to-use resources will invite us to keep watch, notice, give thanks, discover the sacred in the world around us, and honour the mysterious spaces between the realms. **Your Regional Council purchased a license so that you receive these resources freely. Sign up through the Prayer Bench website** and receive a seasonal collection of reflections, prayers, practices, worship resources and small-group materials throughout the year. Visit the Prayer Bench website to learn more and to sign up.

★ Job Opportunity: Robertson-Wesley Spiritual Engagement Coordinator

Robertson-Wesley United Church (Edmonton) are currently seeking a **Spiritual Engagement Coordinator.** Click here for full job posting and details.

★ Cost of Living Group Assignments Posted - Effective January 1, 2027

The 2027 cost of living assignments (effective January 1, 2027) are now available on the Compensation page of the National website, at this link (at the bottom of the page).

2027 Minimum Salaries & Reimbursements for Ministry Personnel

The 2027 Minimum Salaries & Reimbursements for Ministry Personnel (Pastoral Relations system), which reflects the Annual Economic Adjustments, is now live on the General Council website and can be found at this link (at the bottom of the page).

Wider Church News & Resources

★ A Challenge from M + S

🌟 WE HAVE A CHALLENGE FOR YOU 🌟 We would love to see each community of faith 📣 Highlight Mission and Service 📣 Twice during the month of November. If you already do this - thank you! ➡️ To help you, you can find Mission and Service stories in the Mission and Service section of the website. 📩 If you are planning to talk about Mission and Service in November, please let us know by email (ms@united-church.ca) so that we can pray for you and your initiatives and offer you any support you may need. We would also like to hear what stories you plan to share in the coming weeks. 📖 🗣️ Do not hesitate to write to us at ms@united-church.ca for any questions, comments or suggestions. 🗣️

★ CiRCLe M Seed Money for Community Projects

The Centre for Rural Community Leadership and Ministry (CiRCLe M) (www.circle-m.ca) is offering communities of faith seed money of up to $4,000 for a project that connects you to your community. If interested, a grant description and an application form are available from Chairperson, Catherine Christie, christiecatherine4@gmail.com.

Worship Resources:

See United Church Worship Resources for upcoming Sundays and special celebrations.

Twenty-Third after Pentecost - November 1, 2026
Twenty-Fourth after Pentecost - November 8, 2026
Remembrance Day - November 11, 2026
Children's Sunday - November 15, 2026
Twenty-Fifth after Pentecost - November 15, 2026
Transgender Day of Remembrance - November 20, 2026
Reign of Christ - November 22, 2026
First Sunday of Advent - November 29, 2026

* *Click here to access Northern Spirit's 2026 Prayer Cycle*

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