



Spirit of Hope United Church

THE SPARK

May 24th, 2020



BEING THE CHURCH IN THE TIME OF COVID-19 - UPDATE

On May 14, 2020, most Alberta churches were given permission to hold worship services again, with significant limitations. Following the advice of the United Church of Canada, Spirit of Hope is taking a patient, cautious, compassionate approach.

FOR THE TIME BEING, WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORSHIP ONLINE ONLY.

Over the next several weeks, the church's leadership team will be developing a gradual re-opening plan.

Our Leadership Team, and many of our committees and other groups are meeting regularly online and are also staying in touch via phone and/or email.

If you are in self isolation, please contact the church office at officeadmin@spiritofhope.ca or call at 780.468.1418.

Spirit of Hope United Church, including the office, is closed to the public until further notice. Please contact the office by phone at 780.468.1418 or by email at officeadmin@spiritofhope.ca

GOD BLESS YOU ~~ WE ARE NOT ALONE

OUR ONLINE MINISTRIES

On our Spirit of Hope News and Events <https://www.spiritofhope.ca/news-and-events> page, we have links to:

- Sunday worship on our YouTube Channel (most services are pre-recorded, some are live streamed): <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQjtHaUrQltTzkzMqUoV1ug>
- Weekly Organ Recitals by Music Director Warren Mack on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTqC0TUoUfe2VCRHdI8ojWQ>
- Please note that each Sunday Reflection is also posted for reading and/or printing.
- Our Church School meets online on Sundays at 10 a.m. - craft instructions are emailed out in advance. Please contact Catherine in the office at 780.468.1418 or by email at officeadmin@spiritofhope.ca to get linked into our weekly Church School gathering.

Our Youth Group meets online Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Please contact Youth Leader, Sandra at youthleader@spiritofhope.ca for more information and to join in.

To participate in a United Church of Canada worship service that is being live streamed online, see:

<https://edgeucc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/00d5083bcaff4120863a8badb2d0928a>

FROM THE SPIRIT OF HOPE YOUTH NOW WHATTHIS CONCERT!

Join us this **Sunday May 24 at 12 noon** on Zoom for our short concert, inspired from this year's theme, The Now What Project.

Here are the details for the Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7225950486?pwd=aG1aOW4xbW5GV1ZCY0lZn2FMZlRmZz09>

Meeting ID: 722 595 0486 Password: 1234

If you have not used Zoom before, please try making a test call ahead of time at: <https://zoom.us/test>.

Contact Judy Meintzer before Saturday at judy.meintzer@gmail.com if you require assistance or wish to join by phone.



Find us at www.spiritofhope.ca or like us on Facebook!

For more information on events happening in the Northern Spirit Region, please see our announcements and upcoming events on our website or Facebook page.

If you have an announcement to place in The Spark, please call Catherine in the office at (780) 468-1418 or email to officeadmin@spiritofhope.ca by Wednesday noon.

SUPPORT SPIRIT OF HOPE UNITED CHURCH

If you are willing and able, *please consider continuing to support the church* through regular offerings during this time.

You can **mail your regular offerings/offering envelopes to the church** or sign up to give a monthly **Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)**. PAR forms are available on our website. Please fill in and return the completed form to the office. Please attached a voided cheque or fill in with your credit card information at the bottom of the PAR form.

You can also donate online!

Go to, www.spiritofhope.ca and click on the "Donate Now" button or find us on "CanadaHelps.org".

We are not alone!

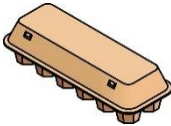
SPIRIT OF HOPE CHOIR

The Spirit of Hope Choir continues to meet weekly by Zoom.

Please contact Judy Meintzer at judy.meintzer@gmail.com for details.

EGG CARTONS FOR GARNEAU FOOD SECURITY (FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH)

The Garneau Food Security Programs needs egg cartons (dozen egg cartons only) for their food hampers.



If you have any, please bring them on Tuesday, June 2nd, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Vern English will be there to collect the egg cartons at the front entrance.

Thank you for helping with this community outreach.

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY

Rev Blaine Gregg is inviting everyone to the last of five online Tuesday night Bible Study session using Zoom video conferencing.

You join from any computer internet browser (chrome, edge, safari, etc.) or from the Zoom app on your phone or tablet (will need to download ahead of time).

No need to pre-register.

To join in, each Tuesday, click on this link <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75030274720?pwd=RU5zd0Z1bkxFSkxMEsQUWE3T0UwQT09> (meeting ID: 750 3027 4720)

If asked for a password, enter 3tmXGB.”

We will be discussing the new testament book of Galatians. (<http://bible.oremus.org/?ql=454499711>)

May 26, 2020 06:30 PM

Each session will last about 30-40 minutes. Do not worry if you miss a session.

THANK YOU! PRE-AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE OR PAR

We have recently received several new applications to join PAR for regular offering donations. This is always helpful to the church, the offering counters, and the treasurer, and it is especially helpful in these difficult times. Thank you so much!

Not on PAR, but want to give it a try?

Go to the link on our web page, <https://www.spiritofhope.ca/contact>, and click on the link titled Spirit of Hope Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) form (return completed form to office). This will provide you with the application form.

Print the form, complete it, attach a VOID cheque, or fill in your credit card information at the bottom and return it to Catherine in our church office and you will be all set up. If you do not have a printer, please call the office at (780) 468-1418 and Catherine will mail one out to you.

“Warren Mack”

A true man of note, our choir director
Creative and fun. Our tonal protector.
With pockets of papers, as stuffed as can be--
A file system based on origami.

His choir gown askew, his sleeves slash the air
His fingers keep time, as well as his hair.
His glasses are missing; they’re sure to be bent!
Perhaps with his keys – don’t know where they went.

His sheaves full of music were left far away –
Retrieved from Ponoka another day.
He’s headed to Gloucester, then off to Bath Abbey.
We follow him closely; we follow him gladly.

So remember your passport, your glasses hold tight.

Cling onto your music and fly through the night.
We honour you, Warren, our leader, our friend
Please lead us in music to our journey’s end.

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SPIRIT OF HOPE UNITED CHURCH RENOVATION SURVEY

We are excited and happy to be starting our renovation project by asking you for your comments and suggestions. Please fill in the Reid Architecture survey (the next page) and return the completed survey to the office by **Sunday, May 31st, 2020.**

Feedback will assist to better understand how the facility is used, what do people need and any special considerations regarding the upcoming renovations at Spirit of Hope United Church.

Completed surveys can be returned:

- **in person** – drop off the survey in the church mailbox located on the right side of the main doors.
- **by mail** – mail in your survey to:
**Spirit of Hope United Church,
7909 82 Ave NW, Edmonton, AB,
T6C 0Y1**
- **by email** – email your answers or scan your completed survey to officeadmin@spiritofhope.ca
- **by phone** – call Catherine at the office during office hours (**Tuesday to Friday from 10:00 a.m.to 2:00 p.m.**) with your answers at **(780) 468-1418.**

Thank you very much!

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE: MAY 24TH, 2020 TO MAY 31ST, 2020

Tues. May 26	6:30 pm	Online Bible Study (Online)
Sat. May 29	8:00 am	Garneau Food Security Program (Gym)

SPIRIT OF HOPE UNITED CHURCH
7909-82 Avenue NW, Edmonton, Alberta, T6C 0Y1
Telephone: 780.468.1418
Email: officeadmin@spiritofhope.ca
Rev. Blaine Gregg: minister@spiritofhope.ca
Sandra Webber, Youth Leader: youthleader@spiritofhope.ca
[Catherine Evoy, Office Administrator](#)
[Leo, Custodian](#)
Sunday Service: Suspended until further notice
Church offices are closed until further notice.
Please contact by phone or email.

Name: _____

Why do we use surveys?

Understanding how the facility is used, what do people need, and any SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS helps us understand your NEEDS. It also helps us provide space that you will be able to use that makes you feel COMFORTABLE.

1. Use one word to describe Spirit of Hope United Church (SOHUC).
2. What is successful about the current environment?
3. What is NOT successful about the current environment?
4. Describe the vibe you want SOHUC to have in the future?
5. What does sustainability mean to you for SOHUC?