



Spirit of Hope United Church

THE SPARK

September 27th, 2020



BEING THE CHURCH IN THE TIME OF COVID-19

Spirit of Hope United will continue to live-stream church services on YouTube.

Beginning on September 6, 2020, people were welcomed to join the live-streamed service in-person, in the church building, as they feel safe to do so. You are welcome to attend in-person if:

- you are not ill and not experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19; and within the last 14 days:
 - you have not travelled internationally; and
 - you have not been in close contact with someone who is being investigated or confirmed to be a case of COVID-19; and
- you sit and stand two metres away from people from other households: and
- you wear a mask (a limited number of disposable masks are available in the church); and
- you appreciate that there is a maximum occupancy limit for the sanctuary (to allow for mandated physical distancing).

The congregation includes everyone worshipping in-person and on-line!

The Church's Leadership Team will be monitoring the safety and effectiveness of the in-person worship services and will keep people informed of any adaptations and new decisions.

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

BACK ALLEY CLOSURE

The alley behind the Spirit of Hope United Church will be closed until further notice due to construction by the City of Edmonton.



During this time, vehicle and pedestrian traffic will not be permitted. Weather permitting, the closure is expected to last approximately three weeks.

Please use alternate routes to access the Spirit of Hope United Church east, west, and north parking lots.

Thank you very much for your understanding.

OUTDOOR CHURCH SERVICE



On Sunday, September 27, 2020 (10:45 a.m.), you are invited to join together for Spirit of Hope's Sunday Worship Service in the south east corner of the park at Donnan School (7803 87 St NW).

The service will be recorded and posted on the church's YouTube channel as soon as possible after church.

If the weather doesn't cooperate, the service will be held in the church.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Garneau Strathcona Food Security Program ("Bread Run") is **in need of volunteers who could participate once per month, or on a casual basis**. This program is jointly organized by three United Churches (Garneau, St. Paul's and Spirit of Hope). The program currently operates out of the Spirit of Hope gymnasium on Friday and Saturday mornings.

The Food Security program has developed procedures which comply with Alberta Health Covid-19 Protocol suggestions.

Possible volunteer activities include the following;

Friday mornings

- Once per month or less - collect perishable food from the Food Bank and deliver to the church around 10:00 a.m. (Ideally a person with a large vehicle, or two people with smaller vehicles.)
- (10:00 – 11:00 a.m.) Assisting with set up of tables in the gymnasium, and sorting of food from the Food Bank.

Saturday mornings (7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.) – inside the church

- Assisting guests to sign-in.
- Assisting to inform guests of the flow of direction (following Covid-19 protocols).
- Assisting to fill bags with groceries.
- Assisting with cleaning according to Covid-19 protocols.

Training will be provided.

If you are interested in participating in this program please contact the church office, or Heather Buckie at pandhbuckie@shaw.ca.

UNITED CHURCH 2021 CALENDAR

It's that time of year!

Pre-order a new United Church 2021
Calendar-

Vici is accepting orders until Thanksgiving Sunday
(October 11, 2020).

Cost- \$10 to be paid on delivery in November/December.
Profits go to Spirit of Hope United Church.

Contact Vici to pre-order- 780-431-0346 or
vewynn@gmail.com

AFFIRMING COMMITTEE

As part of its continued journey toward
just and caring inclusion, the Spirit of
Hope Affirming Committee will be meeting (online) on
Saturday, **October 17, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.**

If you need the Zoom link, please contact the church office



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
board and table outside the main office.
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.

BICYCLE FOR YOUTH

If anyone has a bicycle suitable for a youth
and in working order to donate,
please contact Sandra Webber, Youth leader.

Thank you!



LEARNING & GROWTH FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

Rev. Blaine Gregg is offering a three-session series for high
school and university aged youth and young adults
(~age 15-25) focusing on **FAITH ENRICHMENT IN THE 21st
CENTURY.**

These sessions will include a bit of church history, biblical
exploration, and discussions on issues of life and faith.

Sunday Afternoons (1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.)

October 4, 2020

October 18, 2020

November 1, 2020

These sessions will be offered in a hybrid format;
participants can gather in-person (in the church) or on-line
(<https://zoom.us/j/91822507273>) . Physical distancing and
mask-wearing will be required for those gathering in the
church.

There is no need to pre-register, just show up (virtually or
in-person) on October 4th.

These sessions can serve as preparation for Baptism or
Confirmation, if desired.

For more information, please contact Blaine at 780-468-
1418 (extension 2) or minister@spiritofhope.ca

Similar events for junior high aged youth and those over 25
will be offered in the Spring of 2021. Dates tba.

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 (live-streamed at
10:30 am – recorded for later viewing)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQjtHaUrQltTzkzMqUoV1ug>

Weekly Organ Recitals by Music Director Warren Mack on
YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTqC0TUoUfe2VCRHdl8ojWQ>

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 Director, 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](https://edgeucc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/00d5083bcaff4120863a8badb2d0928a)

If you have any questions or require more information,

please contact our office at (780) 540-8368 or talk with
a member of our Communications Committee or
Leadership Team.

MOVIE DISCUSSION

You are invited to join in an
online discussion of the 2007
movie "INTO THE WILD".

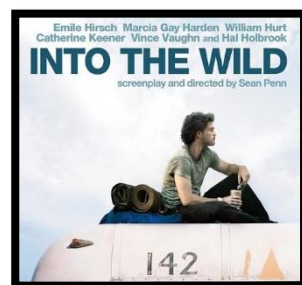
This biographical adventure
drama, directed by Sean Penn,
is based on Jon Krakauer's
book detailing the true story
of Christopher McCandless (portrayed by Emile Hirsch)
who hiked across North America into the Alaskan
wilderness in the early 1990s.

Watch the movie ahead of time and login to

<https://zoom.us/j/98474045372>

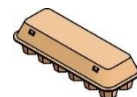
on Sunday, September 27, 2020 (6:30 p.m.)
for the discussion

"Into The Wild" is also available from the Edmonton Public
Library (memberships are free), on Netflix and Prime Video
(subscriptions required), and for rent on YouTube, Google
Play and iTunes.



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, October 6th, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Please ring the doorbell and someone will be there to
collect the egg cartons at the front entrance. Thank you!

IT'S COFFEE TIME

We're excited to host a virtual coffee hour after church this Sunday.
It will be so great to see you and hear your voice again - from a distance.



Feel free to join anytime after the live service ends until about 12:30. Remember to bring your own beverage and lunch.

You can use Zoom on any computer, tablet or smart phone that has Wi-Fi/ internet access.

If you haven't used Zoom before, please check your system by joining this test meeting <https://zoom.us/test> You can join the meeting on Sunday by clicking on this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/98425274232?pwd=cXcwcFhMTFlnM1hLUGcxOEgxTDZrdz09>

Meeting ID: 984 2527 4232
Password: 536083

You can choose whether to share your video and will need to use your device/ computer audio (speaker and microphone).

If you have questions about Zoom or prefer to arrange to connect by phone please contact Judy Meintzer at judy.meintzer@gmail.com before Sunday morning.

See you there!

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!

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE:
SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2020 TO OCTOBER 4TH, 2020

Sun. Sept. 27	10:30 am 6:30 pm	Outdoor Worship Service (Donnan School (7803 87 St NW)) Movie Discussion "Into the Wild" (Zoom)
Tues. Sept. 29	6:30 pm	Chancel Ringers (Sanctuary)
Thu. Oct. 1	7:30 pm 7:45 pm	Choir (Sanctuary) BDAA (Lower Hall)
Fri. Oct 2	6:15 pm	Girl Guides -68th Sparks (Lower Hall)
Sat. Oct.3	8:00 a.m.	Garneau Food Security Program (Gym)
Sun. Oct.4	10:30 am 1:30 pm	Worship Service (Sanctuary) Learning and Growth for Youth and Young Adults (Triangle Room)

SPIRIT OF HOPE UNITED CHURCH

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Leo, Custodian

Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.

Church offices are closed until further notice.

Please contact by phone or email.

SPIRIT OF HOPE UNITED CHURCH IS OPEN!

Please let us know if your group is interested in meeting virtually or in-person.

Virtual gatherings – Up to 100 group participants can join the meeting online or by phone.

- Contact Catherine to book the church Zoom room.
- Judy Meintzer will assist you in preparing for and hosting the meeting.

In-person gatherings –

All current regulations and by-laws in response to Covid-19 must be followed*

- Catherine to book the desired space. Remember that the room booked must allow for appropriate social distancing. For example, a maximum of 50 people can be accommodated in the sanctuary.
- Group members who are at increased risk, have symptoms, or in isolation may be able to join by speaker phone or Zoom if attendees have access to an appropriate device. (See above for information about booking the church Zoom account.)
- The group leader is responsible to ensure that:
 - Members do not enter the church if they have symptoms or have traveled internationally or been exposed to someone with Covid-19 during the past 14 days.
 - Members who are at increased risk are encouraged to join virtually.
 - A list of attendees with contact information is collected at each meeting, maintained for 2 weeks, shared with AHS if contact tracing is needed, and destroyed after 2 weeks.
 - Attendees are:
 - reminded to use hand sanitizer when entering and leaving the church
 - aware that they need to maintain physical distance and wear a mask while on church property, including the parking areas. (Family members or cohort groups aren't required to physically distance.)
 - All 'touch surfaces' in the meeting space are wiped down immediately after the gathering (wipes are provided)
 - The church is notified immediately if any attendees develop symptoms, have been in contact with anyone diagnosed with Covid-19 or test positive to Covid-19 within 14 days of the gathering.

* NOTE: The Leadership Team further recommends that:

- People who attend in-person events must be able to wear a mask while in the church.
- No food can be served or shared at events

Resources:

- [City of Edmonton mask by-law](#)
- [Alberta Covid-19 Fact Sheet](#)