



# Salisbury United Church

*"Connecting hearts, minds, and lives  
in community with God"*

*"In his love we shall be  
strong."*

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## May 2024 E-News

### *SOMETHING TO PONDER BY REV BRITT*

"What is your favorite song about Love?"

Notice I didn't ask for your favorite love-song? When I think about love-songs my mind automatically goes to "Love, Love Me Do," by the Beatles. "Love, love me, do, You know I love you, So please, love me do!"

A song about love, as opposed to a love song, is not the same as "Love, love me, do."

Try googling "Songs about Love" in your web browser and you will get a long list of love-songs about falling in love, falling out of love, breaking up, and unrequited love. But finding songs *about love* seems to be rather rare. There's "Love is a rose you better not pick it." Which is not quite what I have in mind. I am thinking about songs which talk about love as a virtue that transcends all songs.

Perhaps I am mistaken, but I think we are often muddled about what love itself is. I am also not sure we recognize what Jesus meant when he said, "Love one another as I have loved you." When Jesus talked about love, he was talking about making love itself, and not a desire to occupy another person's life as a focus. He showed us love by serving, helping, healing, risking, sacrificing, including, celebrating, forgiving. He acted out the meaning of love by washing his disciples' feet. Love like that is deep and wide. It is about abiding with an other, taking their part, mutually sharing their burdens, entering into their joy. It is as much if not more about what one gives away, as it is about what one receives.

In a world which sings love is deep and wide. It sings by the thousands, finding love as Jesus himself embodied it is rare. Yet he also loved so that we may learn how to love like that ourselves. And then hopefully go on to tell about it to others.

Wait, I know a good song about love. Something about "Jesus loves me." You know the one!

Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so,  
little ones to him belong, in his love we shall be strong,

*Yes Jesus loves me, Yes Jesus loves me, Yes Jesus loves me,  
The Bible tells me so.*

Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way,  
Wanting as a friend to give, light and love to all who live.

*Yes Jesus loves me, Yes Jesus loves me, Yes Jesus loves me, The Bible tells me so.*

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## UPCOMING DATES:

- May 12<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day, with coffee & strawberry shortcake after worship
- May 17<sup>th</sup> – MCT Meeting
- May 26<sup>th</sup> – Congregational Meeting, celebration cake & coffee after worship
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> – Rev. Britt away on study leave
- June 19 – Board Meeting
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Board Retreat, 9am-2:30pm



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## BOTTLE DRIVE - Thank you!

NEW



Our recent bottle drive held in April successfully raised \$802.45, with half donated to our charity of choice, the Saffron Centre. Saffron Centre is located in Sherwood Park and offers counselling to those who have been impacted by Sexual Assault, Sexual Abuse and Sexual Violence. Thank you for your generous support to make our bottle drive fundraiser a success for our church and for our community!

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## BEAVERHILL BRASS BENEFIT CONCERT -

NEW

*Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30pm*

Colin Bonneau of Beaverhill Brass is putting on a benefit concert for Ukraine at Salisbury United Church this Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm. Come on out and support this cause. Beaverhill Brass has promised to play "music you'll like"! Admission is by donation. For details, contact Colin at [musicguy@mcsnet.ca](mailto:musicguy@mcsnet.ca) or 780-922-1175.



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## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL RENEWAL MEETING - Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, after worship



Every year in May, we have an annual renewal meeting to celebrate the life and work of our congregation in worship and afterwards to receive the past year's Annual Report. This year's Renewal Meeting marks the anniversary of the physical move of our church building from the intersection of Wye Road and Hwy. 14 to our current location. A special celebration cake will be served after worship and before our Annual Meeting. Be there or miss out on cake!!!



## MEDITATION CIRCLE - Online Wednesdays at 10am

Join Rev. Britt each Wednesday for Meditation Circle online.

You can access the online link [here](#) or from our website:

<https://www.salisburyunited.ca/>

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## FOOD BANK DONATIONS - ONGOING



We continue to accept food bank donations for the Strathcona County Food Bank. Please bring non-perishable items and drop them off in the yellow box under the coat rack in the Salisbury United Church Narthex (lobby).

For a list of most-needed items and special request items, please visit the Strathcona County Food Bank's website [HERE](#).

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## LAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS, DOOR GREETERS & COFFEE SET-UP HELPERS NEEDED

Each week we are looking for help from volunteers as lay worship assistants, door greeters, and help with setting-up before worship, for coffee.

Please check the sign-up sheet in the church lobby (narthex) each week, or call the church office to sign up!



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## TRUEARTH ONGOING FUNDRAISER

TruEarth is a Canadian company which sells environmentally friendly cleaning products for your laundry, kitchen, and bathroom. By purchasing any of "TruEarth's products, not only are you helping the environment, but Salisbury UC will also receive 20% commission from any online purchase made through our link:

<https://tru-earth.sjv.io/SalisburyUnitedChurch>

To place an order online, go to our website and click on our unique fundraising link, or access it here:

<https://tru-earth.sjv.io/SalisburyUnitedChurch>.

Or, place an order over the phone at **1-888-536-4211** – just be sure to mention your order is associated with the Salisbury United Church fundraiser program.



Our fundraiser will **earn 20% on every sale** made through our Tru Earth Fundraising link.

### **FREE SHIPPING**

Free shipping is available for orders over \$50 **OR** any orders that are placed as a subscription.

### **MONTHLY ORDERS**

For those of you who are not comfortable making purchases online we have a new option for you! Salisbury United Church will make an online order on the 30<sup>th</sup> of each month. Just send your order and money to Salisbury United Church by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month and we will place an order on your behalf.

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## FINANCE CORNER - Update as of February 2024

Financial results for the first two months of 2024 are quite encouraging. Here are the year-to-date highlights compared to budget as of February 29th:

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income:	\$35,479.79	\$31,849.41
Expense:	\$35,782.18	\$52,086.82
	<u>(\$302.39)</u>	<u>(\$20,237.41)</u>

**Net Income** (total income less total expenses)

We essentially broke even versus a budgeted loss of \$20,200

**Income** (revenue)

\$3300 more than budgeted with Local Envelopes +\$2900 and Rentals +\$1300.

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### Expenses

\$16,300 less than budgeted with Repairs & Maintenance -\$1600, UCC Assessment -\$9500 (due to amortizing over 12 months versus entire amount budgeted in Feb).

**Thanks for helping our new year get off to a solid start!**

If you need any help with giving envelopes – new supply, pick-up, etc. – or other giving options (monthly giving through PAR, e-transfer or donating online through Canada Helps on the Salisbury Website), please contact: Brittany at the Church Office. Phone: 780-467-7310 E-Mail: [salisburyuc@telus.net](mailto:salisburyuc@telus.net)

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**Thank you for your support of Salisbury United Church and congratulations for helping your church to meet ongoing ministry obligations.**

[Click Here](#)

TO DONATE ON-LINE WITH CANADA HELPS



We are now set up to accept Interac ETransfers. If you are familiar with Etransfers, just use our email address [salisburyuc@telus.net](mailto:salisburyuc@telus.net) to send your donation.

## LOCAL UNITED CHURCH & OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

### **SHERWOOD PARK UNITED CHURCH:**

***Annual Spring Tea - Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm***

NEW

The Sherwood Park United Church Annual Spring Tea will take place on Wednesday, May 8 at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall, put on from the Home and Hospital Teams. We would like to invite any folks from Salisbury United who would like to attend. This year we will be doing a bird theme! Feel free to wear your favorite bird shirt and jewelry. Please spread the word to your friends and bring them along. Entertainment will be Erin's Preschool class from Buzzing Bee Academy. Always a cute and entertaining show!



Please RSVP to Jan Blake by Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> so that we can get an idea on how many cakes and supplies to have ready. Call 780-467-7913 or email [blak7913@shaw.ca](mailto:blak7913@shaw.ca)

We are looking for 2-3 strong folks to help us set up tables and chairs at noon on that day. We are also looking for driver's to help shut in's to get to the event. Again, contact Jan Blake.

**For Additional Events and Connections with Sherwood Park United Church, please access their most recent Newsletter [HERE](#).**

### ***SPIRIT OF HOPE UNITED CHURCH - Jazz & Reflections - April 7<sup>th</sup>-May 5<sup>th</sup>***

NEW

Starting Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, Spirit of Hope United Church will begin its Spring Series of Jazz & Reflections. Admission is by donation at the door. Refreshments will be served. The series continues weekly, each Sunday afternoon (from 3:30 to 5pm), until May 5<sup>th</sup> with a different jazz performance and spiritual reflection each week. Spirit of Hope is located at 7909 82 Ave. NW, Edmonton. For additional details on the various jazz performers, please see the poster in the Narthex or call the office for more information.



### ***ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH - Spring Praise, a Handbell Concert - May 4<sup>th</sup>***

NEW



An early Mother's Day Treat, St. Andrew's United Church at 1A Fieldstone Drive in Spruce Grove is hosting a handbell concert on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> with a theme of peace. The concert will feature Parkland Bells Handbell Choir of St. Andrew's United Church, with other musical guests. Seating is limited, so please contact the St. Andrew's church office for free tickets: 780-962-0488. Two performance times are available: 3:30 pm or 7:00 pm. More information posted in the Narthex.



## CHALMERS-CASTLE DOWNS UNITED CHURCH - Bluegrass & Dessert - May 11<sup>th</sup>



Chalmers-Castle Downs United Church is hosting a fundraising event, *Bluegrass & Dessert: An Afternoon Delight!* Featuring Prairie Sky Band, the fundraiser will be on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm at the church, located at 12315-132 Ave., Edmonton.

Tickets are \$25 or 3 for \$60, children 12 and under are free. Tickets are available for purchase at the door or by calling 780-455-3664. Should be a fun afternoon!

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## STRATHCONA COUNTY NEWS

### RECYCLE YOUR TEXTILES - Textile Collection Week - May 6-10<sup>th</sup>

NEW

(Source: [Strathcona.ca](http://Strathcona.ca))

During the week of May 6 to 10, 2024, Strathcona County will be offering curbside textile collection alongside the standard waste, organics and recycling.

On your regular collection day, set out textiles at the curb in a clear bag to be collected and donated to local not-for-profit thrift stores Goodwill and The Salvation Army.



Please ensure all bags are securely tied, and all materials are clean and in good condition. The County's waste contractor GFL will collect the donations in a separate truck. For more details on what is accepted and information on this special collection, please visit [The County's Website](http://The County's Website).

## COUNTY RESIDENTS INVITED TO SHARE OPINIONS ON HEALTHY AGING

(Source: excerpt from [Strathcona.ca](http://Strathcona.ca), published March 5, 2024)

Strathcona County is looking to capture the input of older adults to better understand their diverse needs and priorities, including the need for a senior's hub in Sherwood Park. The County is encouraging older adults to take the survey, available online, from April 10-May 10, 2024.

Interested residents can read more online on the County's website [HERE](http://HERE) or sign up for project updates and be notified when the project opens by joining County Voice and following the Healthy Aging project at [strathcona.ca/HealthyAging](http://strathcona.ca/HealthyAging).

## STRATHCONA COUNTY COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!

NEW

Strathcona County has not been successful in filling the required roles for the Culture Days Planning Committee. Culture Days is a community focused event, providing opportunities to bring together County residents with our arts, culture and heritage groups. This also opens doors for community groups to showcase themselves, their membership, their art/products, gain new members and to possibly create new collaborations with other community groups.

To date, two roles have been filled - the following roles\* remain unfilled:

- Volunteer Coordinator
- Program Coordinator
- Calendar Coordinator
- Facility Coordinator
- Sponsorship Coordinator

*\*Specific details on these volunteer roles are available from the church office, please contact Brittany for more information, or if you are interested.*

“We are sending out this last plea for your help to spread the word to your community group members, parents, followers and social channels, to see if there is interest in joining the Planning Committee. If there is please have the individual email <mailto:CultureDays.ACCSC@gmail.com> by **May 8<sup>th</sup>**... If we are not able to fill these roles within the next 10 - 14 days, ACCSC will have to re-evaluate options on how this event can proceed. Thank you in advance.”

Your ACCSC Culture Days Team  
Arts & Culture Council of Strathcona County

## UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA NATIONAL COUNCIL NEWS

### ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH

NEW



May is Asian Heritage Month. The United Church of Canada celebrates the [long, rich, and continuing contribution of Asian heritage](#), which has been a significant part of United Church life since Church Union in 1925 and even longer.

To mark this celebration, we invite you to join an online discussion with Filipino ministers in The United Church of Canada.

"Stories and Narratives: God-Talks from Diasporic Filipino Ministers in The United Church of Canada" will explore the experiences of Filipino ministers. These stories and narratives shed light on being immigrants and in diaspora contributing to diversity and inclusion in The United Church of Canada. Find out more and [register for this webinar on CHURCHx](#).

You can also find prayers, liturgies, and additional [worship and study resources for Asian Heritage Month](#) in the Worship section of our website.

[Image credit: The United Church of Canada]



## 2025 IS THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

The United Church of Canada became a denomination in 1925 when the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational Churches united to form a new denomination. In 2025, the United Church will reach it's 100 year mark.



The United Church of Canada • 1925–2025

You can subscribe to receive monthly snippets about the history of The United Church of Canada by visiting <https://100unitedyears.ca/>.

## MOOSE HIDE CAMPAIGN



Started along Canada's infamous Highway of Tears, the Moose Hide Campaign is an Indigenous-led grassroots movement of men, boys, and all Canadians who are standing up against violence towards women, girls, and Two-Spirit people.



Indigenous Ministries and Justice urges individuals and communities of faith to participate in Moose Hide Campaign Day, and to raise awareness of the campaign through the year. Check out our Moose Hide Campaign webpage to learn more, order Moose Hide pins, look for or register local events, and find a prayer to use as you put on your pin this year.

By wearing a moose hide pin and participating in Moose Hide Campaign Day, millions of Canadians are making meaningful progress towards reconciliation and the creation of a country where violence against women and children is no longer allowed to flourish in the shadows.

[Image credit: Moose Hide Campaign]

## UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA REGIONAL COUNCIL NEWS & EVENTS



## NORTHERN SPIRIT REGIONAL COUNCIL AFFIRMING CELEBRATION AND CELEBRATION OF MINISTRIES SERVICE, SATURDAY JUNE 1 AT 2:00PM



Having finished the formal requirements of the Affirming process, Northern Spirit is ready to launch into the next part of its Affirming journey. All are welcome to the Affirming celebration, online via YouTube, and in person, Saturday June 1 at Mill Woods United Church, 15 Grand Meadow Cres, Edmonton, AB. Pride picnic to follow! If you would like to send a note of congratulations, please email <mailto:northernspirit@united-church.ca>, or send a card to 8510 95 Avenue NW, Edmonton AB, T6C 1Y7. Our main listing will be updated as more details are added. [Please click here to share it widely!](#)



NEW

## MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR PATRICIA BOURQUE - MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> @ 1:30PM

The memorial service for Pat Bourque, former program staff serving the Northern Region of Alberta and Northwest Conference, will be held at Sherwood Park United Church at **1:30 PM on Thursday, May 16, 2024**. Plans are in place to make the service available live online, using [Sherwood Park United's YouTube account](#).

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## CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR SEARCH THE LANDFILL - RED DRESS DAY MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>



As we enter the hope of spring, the communities, families and loved ones of Rebecca Contois, Morgan Harris, Mercedes Myran, and Mashkode Bizhiki'ikwe (Buffalo Woman) continue the exhausting work of calling for a search of the landfills near Winnipeg. Jury selection for the trial of the accused murderer has begun, with the trial to begin this summer, and this is a very hard time for the loved ones and communities. Our support in the form of words, presence

and action is still needed; [please click here for some updates and some commitments](#) requested by Cambria Harris and Melissa Robinson, leaders at Camp Morgan. May their words guide and challenge us. As we get ready for [May 5, Red Dress Day](#), please, let's do what we can as church people to end this terrible epidemic of violence. That includes bringing our resources, buildings, and our hearts and spirits to support this struggle.

[Image credit: Amnesty.ca]

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## IMPORTANT NORTHERN SPIRIT REGIONAL MEETING UPDATE

The planning committee has decided to restructure our AGM meeting originally planned for May 2 & 9. We will now meet **\*May 9 and October 24\***.

We invite you to join us on **Thursday May 9 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm on Zoom**. We will be focusing on connection, growth, and health in our Regional Council, along with possible follow up on the recent Remit. You can now register to attend the May 9th Annual Meeting evening: [register at this link](#).

We will reconvene on Thursday October 24 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm on Zoom. At this time we will elect 11 General Council 45 Commissioners, and focus on other business such as proposals. Please click here for the [Proposals PDF overview](#) (best for sharing and reviewing) and [click here for the Word version](#) (best for copying and pasting into a new document so you can build your proposal with the correct information and format.) Information on nominating Commissioners will be provided at the May 9 meeting, through the newsletter and website, and sent out again throughout the fall as a reminder. The deadline for GC45 Commissioner nominations is October 11, 2024.

NEW

## AFFIRMING CELEBRATION & CELEBRATION OF MINISTRIES SERVICE - JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>

You are invited to gather with our Regional Council and communities of faith on **Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00PM at Mill Woods United Church in Edmonton**. Through a worship service and Pride picnic to follow, we will celebrate our Regional Council becoming officially Affirming, and welcome Carrie Symondson into ordained ministry! Please plan to join the celebrations, in person and on the livestream. More information will come shortly.

## THE REGIONAL COUNCIL OFFICE HAS MOVED - New Address is 8510 95 AVE NW

At the end of March, the Northern Spirit Regional Council Office moved to a smaller space.



The new mailing address is:  
**8510 95 Ave NW, Edmonton, AB T6C 1Y7**

The new office number is:  
**1(800) 268-3781, Extension 6029**

Email will not change: NorthernSpirit@united-church.ca. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out!



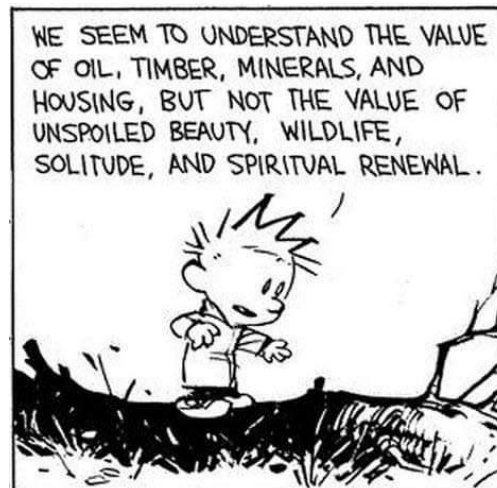
### NORTHERN SPIRIT WEBSITE

Northern Spirit has a website! Go to [www.northernspiritrc.ca](http://www.northernspiritrc.ca) for more information.

### TODAY'S FUNNIES



Lambs to the left of me. Mutton to the right. Here I am. Stuck in the middle with ewe. 🐑🐑😊



### RECOGNITION OF LAND



We worship with respect on land where people have lived, prayed, and held ceremonies since long before Canada was a nation. This is Treaty Six Territory, and we affirm the traditional relationship of the Cree, Blackfoot, Déne, Assiniboine, Nakota and later the Métis people with this land, along with our ongoing treaty relationship with each other.

## RECOGNITION OF MEMBERSHIP



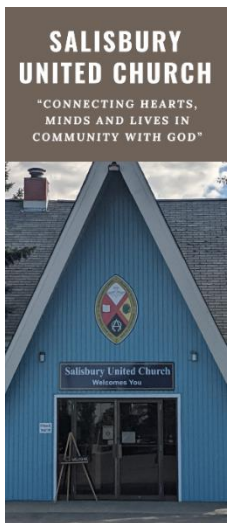
\*Salisbury United Church is a member of the Northern Spirit Regional Council and the United Church of Canada.

### WEEKLY CHURCH BULLETIN QR CODE

We have posted a QR code on the door of the sanctuary. When you arrive for worship, you can scan the QR code on your cell phone and it will appear in your downloads for you to use. We also e-mail our bulletin each week for those who prefer to print one at home and bring it with them.



### WELCOMING VISITORS TO SALISBURY UNITED CHURCH



If you notice an unfamiliar face or have invited a visitor to Salisbury United Church during one of our worship services, would you kindly direct them to our “Welcome” information brochure (at left) or the Worship Service “Program Flow” insert (at right)? Both are available on the table in the Narthex.

Doing so will help all guests feel welcomed and included. Not only do these informative guides provide important information about the Church and our Worship Services, but it also gives us an opportunity to extend a heartfelt *Welcome* to all guests of Salisbury United Church.

Thank you for your hospitality!



*Program Flow*

- Welcome & Announcements
- Hymn Medley
- Call to Prayer
- Welcoming the Light of Christ
- Passing of the Peace
- Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer
- Discovery Time
- Scripture Readings
- Sermon
- Offering
- Prayers for the Journey\*
- Saying Goodbye to the Light of Christ
- Blessing

\*Replaced with The Sacrament of Communion during a Communion Service

## **Salisbury United Church E-mail Addresses**

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Church Office: 780-467-7310

**Church Office Hours:**

Tuesday-Friday  
9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.



**Minister:**  
Rev. Britt Aerhart



**Music Coordinator:**  
Lucienne Holzman



**Church Office  
Administrator:**  
Brittany Pelletier