



The St. Paul's Page

St. Paul's United Church
11526 76 Avenue NW
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piecing it together
16 July 2023

Sunday morning worship services begin at 10:30.

Worship services are also live-streamed and uploaded for later viewing to our youtube channel <https://www.youtube.com/@StpaulsUCYEG/streams>. If you are joining us for the Sunday worship online, please see our [service bulletins](#).

Summer Worship, Sundays at 10:30

In July and August, we will be uniting in worship with Riverbend United Church, with both congregations worshipping together. During this time, each church will provide the building for a month with the other creating the services and supplying the leadership.

July worship will be hosted by St. Paul's with Riverbend providing the leadership.

We extend a very warm welcome to members of Riverbend United!

August worship will be hosted by Riverbend United, 14907 45th Ave NW, with the St. Paul's congregation providing the leadership. There will be no Sunday service in our church building in August.

We hope that you will be able to attend some, or all, of these services. It is an opportunity to hear some different perspectives and meet new people.

JULY

AUGUST



Sunday Offering

Offering envelopes for St. Paul's and Riverbend will be available. The offering plate will not be passed around during Sunday worship. It will remain at the back of the church before and after the service.

Earth Designer

Edward Hays

As vibrating particles of exploding stars
Gathered to form this exquisite planet
Your love stretched through each part
And urged it into astonishing beauty.
We approach with respect and gratitude
All the intricate parts of our dear Earth.
We enter into and partake of its life
With a careful touch of awed reverence.
Help us to look with wondrous eyes
As we behold the grandeur of your creation.

Today: I behold our planet with wide open eyes.


from Fragments of Your Ancient Name by Joyce Rupp

ACTIVITIES AT ST. PAUL'S: JULY 16 - 23


July 16	10:30 am	Worship service led by Rev. Valerie Oden	
		Music - Tyson Kerr	
		Childcare provided in the Nursery with Sandy Walker	
	11:45 am	Music & Beverages in the Memorial Garden	
July 17	9:30 am	Yoga	Foote Auditorium
	1 pm	Moxy B Studio	Upper Hall
	7 pm	Tai Chi	Foote Auditorium
	7:30 pm	AA Support Group	Bentley Room
July 18	7 pm	Tai Chi	Foote Auditorium
	7:30 pm	Vision of Hope Nar-Anon	Bentley Room
July 19	1 am	Moxy B Studio	Upper Hall
July 20	10 am	Professional Counselling	Nursery
	7 pm	Tai Chi	Foote Auditorium
July 23	10:30 am	Worship service led by Rev. Valerie Oden	
		Music - Sherry Steele; childcare provided	

Summer office hours: Tuesday - Friday 9 am - 12 noon

Exciting News! The Memorial Garden will soon be enhanced by developing some of the area northeast of the existing Garden to create a beautiful space - a peaceful haven for quiet reflection. A focal point will be a stained-glass structure created by Frank Robinson - his generous gift to St. Paul's. "Work Parties" will be able to do some of the necessary site preparation. The design will include metal screens, and plantings of perennials and bushes; the cost partly covered by funds donated in memory of Anna Benowicz. None of the additions will encroach on the interments in the Garden, past or future. \$3500 has been allocated from the Memorial Fund and, as well, to date \$2000 has been pledged toward accomplishing this exciting project. **Weather permitting, there will be live instrumental music by Toscha Turner and Douglas Ridgeway and cold drinks to enjoy in the Memorial Garden after this Sunday's service.**

#Drop Your Gonch - Bissell initiative to collect 15,000 pairs of new underwear & sanitary products. See hamper & poster in Friendship Room to leave donations or send cheque/e-transfer to St. Paul's by July 18th indicating **Gonch** in the message line.  stpaulsaccountant@telus.net

Social Justice Committee: We are urgently looking for a cell phone for one of our Newcomers. Contact the office.

Church in the Woods – For children aged 5 - 12
July 31 - August 3, from 9 am – 3 pm at Gold Bar Park.
Paper registration forms are available in the Friendship Room. Questions? Contact Rev Anna. 

Return of the Racecourse School Dinner!
Please join us in celebrating 20 years of partnership with the Racecourse Community School in Kitwe, Zambia! The return of the dinner fundraiser will be on September 23rd from 6-8pm in the lower hall. Dinner will be vegan and gluten free. All proceeds will go to the school. Tickets are on sale now for \$50 through [THIS LINK](#), or you can make a reservation by e-mailing mackenzie.heather@gmail.com or phoning Heather at 780-263-2552. It has been so long since our last dinner that there are a number of exciting updates to share.
Hope to see you there!

St. Paul's 75th Anniversary
Do you have a great St. Paul's Story? Paulettes, Women's Canoe Trip, Choir, Quilting, Youth, Day 5, Renovations, Newcomers, Flowers. Dinners, etc. There are so many stories!
We are looking for written memories and reminiscences that could be posted in the Friendship Room and then included in a 75th Anniversary History booklet. Please send or deliver your *submissions to the office by mid August.*
If you have items that could be displayed please let us know, sooner than later, so we can include them in our planning.

The National Indigenous Spiritual Gathering
Many thanks to everyone who contributed financial donations to the Edmonton United Churches Right Relations Cluster (EUCRRC) so that they can provide 150 snack bags to people arriving at the airport for the National Indigenous Spiritual Gathering to be held July 27 - 30th, 2023 at the University of Alberta in Edmonton.
With your generous contributions EUCRRC has reached beyond their financial goal and are able to include a few more items in each bag.
Thank you very much!
Terry Kaasa, Reconciliation Committee, St. Paul's United Church

Pastoral Care over the summer is shared by the ministers at St. Paul's, Riverbend & Spirit of Hope. Catherine MacLean is back in August.

Save the Date - On Nov 18 we will celebrate Catherine's time at St. Paul's with a farewell banquet and program. An informal reception will be held after worship on Nov 26.

Summer Reading Program: Books are on display in the Friendship Room. Help yourself! Leave another one that you loved for others to enjoy, too!

Three Seeds of Ecological Spirituality
Retreat July 21-23, 2023
The Rev. Shawn Sanford Beck offers us the "three seeds" of Christian Animism, Green Priestcraft, and Kything. For many, these will be entirely new concepts and forms of spirituality – come and learn! Hosted by the newly created Institute for Contemplative Ecology, a not-for-profit, land-based initiative located one hour west of Edmonton.
Interested? Contact Chris Peet by email at: chris.peet@kingsu.ca or i4ceecology@gmail.com



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