

# MORNING MESSENGER

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(deadline for announcements is noon Wednesday)

## Greater Edmonton Alliance (GEA) News

GEA is a network of nearly 40 organizations of faith, labour, community and small businesses that work together to organize citizen's power so that we can act effectively and with impact on issues that matter to us all. Mill Woods United is a member of GEA along with many other United Churches, Roman Catholic, Anglican, Moravian and other denominations. Many of our congregation members have taken leadership training through GEA and have been part of the actions and work that GEA is focusing on.

Presently GEA is working in four area

- Seniors Care
- Local Foods Production and Security
- Sustainable Works – An Innovative Housing Retrofit Cooperative Venture
- Affordable Housing

Mill Woods United is currently searching for individuals who have a passion for Seniors Care issues or making our homes more energy efficient (Sustainable Works). For more information about GEA please help yourself to the printed material on the table in the entryway or speak to any of the following people: David or Linda Baker, Carla Janzen, Nancy Siever, Don Grabinsky, Kathy Poechman, Armand Houle

### Senior Care Team Meeting

Tuesday, November 3, 1:30 – 4:00 p.m., Catholic Diocese, Pastoral Care Centre, 8241 – 101 Ave. The purpose of this gathering is to talk about the issues facing seniors and then sharpen the focus to one or two of the issues to discover how we can be part of the solution. For more info contact Pat Seale of Southminster-Steinhauer United at 780 435 3057 or speak to any of the above named MWUC members.

### GEA Team Member Needed from MWUC – Sustainable Works Team

For the Sustainable Works team – to understand and promote the sustainable works projects GEA is undertaking, and to communicate the initiatives to those in our community who may benefit from affordable energy efficiency retrofits. Usually a meeting every six weeks, do some critical thinking and promotion of energy efficiency in homes and transport, communicate benefits of sustainable works programs. David Baker will be attending to support you. Start immediately. [david.gwnorth2@gmail.com](mailto:david.gwnorth2@gmail.com) or 780 469 8529

### GEA Sustainable Works – Sign up to Investigate Eco-refits & Utilities Savings

Eco-refits are to be done on a large scale through a non-profit community co-op. The goals are to reduce energy use to homeowners through affordable building eco-refit, organize the process of evaluation and project management to create jobs, and to contribute to the solution of greenhouse gas production.

How? We intend on using the expected utility bill savings to cover the initial costs, thus encouraging more people to do eco-refits. Governments, and utility providers in BC, Manitoba, and Ontario have been helping people finance their eco-refits this way.

You can pledge to support this - contact Omar Yaqub [omar@greateredmontonalliance.com](mailto:omar@greateredmontonalliance.com) - at no cost or risk to yourself; this gets you the information you will need to make a decision. Our interim contact with the Sustainable Works Team at GEA is David Baker - [david.gwnorth2@gmail.com](mailto:david.gwnorth2@gmail.com) or 780 469 8529

## Upcoming Sunday Events

**Sunday, November 8 – Remembrance Sunday**  
Six Ways to Grow Your Faith - #4 Love & Serve Others  
**Sunday, November 15**  
Armand away – Guest Preacher Adelina Pecchia  
**Sunday, November 22**  
Six Ways to Grow Your Faith - #5 Generous Giving

## Book Club

The next book club get together is scheduled for November 12 at 1 pm in the church lounge. The book we will be discussing is *The Cello Suites* by Eric Soblin. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information please contact Dot Lobreau at 780 487 6746.

## 100 for \$10,000 Walk/Run

Thank you to everyone in our congregation and beyond who helped make our September 2009 “100 for \$10,000 Walk/Run” a great success. We had a lot of fun, we all got some exercise, we enjoyed the companionship of wonderful people, and we raised \$9304. Congratulations to everyone!

## Christmas Dinner Potluck – Sunday, December 6 at 5:30 P.M.

Although we have just finished our Thanksgiving turkey, it isn't too early to think ahead to Christmas. We are in need of 3 – 4 people willing to coordinate this annual congregational event. You will have a head start as the turkeys have already been purchased. All the details for planning are outlined well and available for your use. For more information or to volunteer please contact Carol Kelly (780-463-6299) or Kathy Poechman (780-463-7750).

## Food forethought

Thank you to everyone who attended our supper on Saturday evening. We thank you so much for your ongoing support.

Your Local Foods Initiative Team  
Linda Baker, Carla Janzen  
Kathy Poechman, Nancy Siever

## Worship Team

Teamwork helps to make each Sunday run smoothly. If you would like to be part of the team please call the church office at 780 463 2202.

### November 8

**Welcome Team:** Laine Pickle, Don Grabinsky, Bryan Kelly, Cathy Trieber, Linda Burt, Valerie Buhler

**Children's Time:** Armand Houle

**Counters:** Len Penner, Harvey Tebbutt

**Announcements:** Ethel Ray

**Reader:** Tim Rosborough

## 'Connections' Newsletter deadline pending

Submissions for the next 'Connections' newsletter are due by Tuesday, November 3. This will be the last newsletter in 2009 so be sure to get word out of your upcoming events. Distribution will be November 15.

## What's Happening This Week

### Sunday, November 1

9:00 am Quiet Service – Sanctuary  
10:30 am All Ages Service – Sanctuary  
2 - 4:00 pm MWFGA Worship – Sanctuary

### Monday, November 2

1 – 3 pm Saving Jesus Study – Lounge

### Tuesday, November 3

5:30-6:30 pm Food Bank  
5:30-6:30 pm Clothing Bank  
7:00 pm Property Committee - Lounge

### Wednesday, November 4

1 – 8:30 pm ANWC Appeals/Grants – Lower Hall  
5:30 & 7:15 pm Yoga Classes – Sanctuary  
7 – 9 pm Strategies for Your New Life - Lounge  
7 – 9 pm Saving Jesus Study – West Loft

### Thursday, November 5

9 am – 4 pm ANWC Appeals/Grants – Lower Hall  
5:30-6:30 pm Food Bank  
5:30-6:30 pm Clothing Bank  
6:30 pm Girl Guides – Lower Hall  
7:00 pm Choir Practice – Sanctuary

### Saturday, November 7

9 am - 3 pm SDA – Whole Church

### Sunday, November 8

9:00 am Quiet Service – Sanctuary  
10:30 am All Ages Service – Sanctuary  
2 - 4:00 pm MWFGA Worship – Sanctuary

*Individuals & groups wishing to use the church are reminded to book all space required through the church office at 780 463 2202*

## The Clothing Bank

is continuing to look for donations of clean and gently used winter clothing and footwear for men, women and children. Thank you to everyone who has already responded to our appeal for winter apparel.

## “Are you on Par?”

PAR stands for Pre-Authorized Remittance. You may not be able to attend services regularly and therefore your church financial commitment is not regular. The PAR program allows you to make your contributions through a monthly electronic withdrawal from your bank account. This allows the church to have a more even cash flow to meet expenses, even in your absence. For questions regarding this program, please talk to Janice in the church office at 780 463 2202.

This week on the **Edmonton Presbytery Prayer List** we pray for Spirit West United Church. This week on the **Ecumenical Prayer Calendar** we pray for our sisters and brothers in the following countries: Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda. This week in **Other Faiths**: Nov 1 – Samhain/Beltane – Wicca northern/southern hemisphere; Guru Nanak dev Sahib birthday – Sikh celebration of the founder

## ACTION for the EARTH

*The Star's Action for the Earth programming is designed to provide a foundation for conscious, spiritual living as we contribute to positive action for the earth. We welcome Rev. Geoffrey Wilfong-Pritchard of St. Andrew's United Church in Edmonton who will be facilitating.*

### Greening Your Faith Community

In 2007 St. Andrew's United Church in Edmonton embarked on a journey to become a green community. In this workshop we will discuss what becoming green might mean for your faith community: what to consider, how to get started, 'how to' projects, and planning to keep momentum moving.

**7 pm Mon. Nov 9 ( Please register by Nov. 2) \$15.00**

Contact Star of the North 780-459-5511 [www.starofthenorth.ca](http://www.starofthenorth.ca) to register or for more information.

## From Monica Rosborough

Hi everyone. I am missing you, but I am also having fun with Chalmers-Castle Downs United Church. I would like to invite you all to my covenanting service that will be November 8 at 4 P.M. Bring your musical instruments, guitars, drums, keyboards and accordions if you have them and would like to jam with the Chalmers-Castle Downs musicians. Currently we are planning it to be held at the church, but because of renovations this may change so then I will forward more information. Thanks for all your support and prayers.

**Our staff** worship with us on Sunday. They have a need for a day of rest from their regular activities, so please contact them during the week for your requests. Thank you.

## Events in Edmonton Presbytery

### Other Edmonton Presbytery Events...

- Prayer Shawl Day – November 14, 9 A.M. at Beverly United Church, 11910 – 40 Street
- Jellinek Society presents Nellie McClung a One “Person” Play by Kathy Morrell, Friday, November 13 and Saturday, November 14, 8:00 P.M. at the Royal Alberta Museum Theatre, 12545 – 102 Avenue
- Sentimental Journey II – an evening of music - Saturday, November 14 at 7 pm at Ottewell United Church 6611 – 93A Avenue
- Dramatic Evening Service, Sunday, November 15 at 7:30 pm at Knox-Met UC 8307 – 109 Street
- Buchanan Eastwood UCW Fall Tea, November 21, 1:30 – 3:00 P.M. (11905 – 82 Street)
- Craft & Bake Sale – November 28 10 -3 at Beverly UC – 11910 – 40 Street

For more information about these events and others check out the bulletin boards in the entryway.

### Gala Opening Turkey Supper! – at Spirit West United Church

7003 – 199 St. Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm  
Tickets: \$15.00 Adults; Children 4-12 \$7.00 (under 4 free) Reserved tables of eight available on request.  
All Welcome! Call the Church office: 780-481-1406.

### St. Albert UCW Christmas Market

Saturday, November 7, 11:00 am - 2 pm  
St. Albert United Church, 20 Green Grove Drive  
crafts, baking, plants, fine knitted clothing, lunch

### Just Christmas

Want to buy Christmas presents that will have a positive social impact? Then check out the “Just Christmas Global Fair Trade Market Place” on Friday, November 27 and Saturday, November 28 to be held at Alberta Avenue Community Hall, 9210 – 118 Avenue. See poster on bulletin board in foyer.