

Regional Rambler

Living Skies Regional Council The United Church of Canada



February 16, 2022 - Events

The *Regional Rambler* is our primary resource for sharing information across the Regional Council. To be added to the receiving list, please email Bev Diebert (bdiebert@united-church.ca).

Regional Council events will also be posted [on our Regional calendar](#). And you are most welcome to submit local public events to our [Community of Faith Calendar](#), whether you're part of a congregation, community ministry, partner group, and more. [You can use this form](#) to do that. Staff will approve the events in order to avoid the inevitable spammers. "Local" is a relative term these days of online events, so we leave that to your judgement. Generally it refers to shorter, more specific events that are, of course, public.

1. This month:

The latest opportunities from *United in Learning*, the church's online learning space, [are listed here](#).

All of February is Black History Month. [Click here for a wide range of worship and reflection resources](#).

Regional Council Snow and Ice Art Competition, now until the end of February or so. [Read all the details here!](#) [Join the public Facebook group here](#).

Queer Virtue discussion, Friday February 18, 7:30-9:00PM Central

Registration is required and free. [Register here for the Zoom link](#). We will chat with Rev. Edman, author of the book "Queer Virtue." She will give us some key insights on how the elements of "queer virtue" can challenge us to rupture false binaries, to "queer" lines that pit people against one another. All identities and backgrounds welcome. [Link to the Facebook event here](#). [Learn more about Rev. Edman here](#). This event is co-presented by Affirming Connections and Affirm United/S'affirmer Ensemble, as part of our lead up to National Affirming/PIE Day, which happens every year on March 14! [Learn more here](#).

Upcoming Covenanting Services – please note the changes

- Saturday, February 19 – covenanting with La Ronge Pastoral Charge and Janae Brownley at 1pm. [Service details, on the calendar](#).
- Sunday, March 13 – covenanting with Regina: Lakeview and Yellow Grass United Lutheran Partnership and Carla Blakely at 2:00pm.

Ministry Personnel Gatherings

Join your ministry colleagues every Tuesday (February 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29) over Zoom for conversation, support and information sharing. Facilitated conversation begins at 1pm; connection information is found in the [calendar](#).

"We Ride At Dawn!" How to Journey with your congregation to grown generosity, deepen gratitude, and build community This is a Practically Prophetic Webinar Tuesday, February 22nd, 2022, 7pm

Vicki Nelson, the Stewardship Animator for Western Canada, will help get our compasses all pointed in the same direction as we gain skills and confidence in talking about faithful generosity. More info at <https://livingskiesrc.ca/event/generosity-stewardship-practically-prophetic-webinar/>

Contemplative Gathering: "Pausing at the Threshold" Wednesday, Feb 23, 2022, 10am or 1pm SK Time

These one-hour gatherings are an opportunity, in Presence, to discern and listen, to rest and receive. This coming together gives us a chance to find our grounding and to renew our sense of common belonging. Registration info at: <https://livingskiesrc.ca/invitation-to-contemplative-gatherings-jan-mar-2022/>

Jesus and the Jews in the Gospel of John, February 23, 7:00PM CST – new

University of Winnipeg public lecture by Dr Amy-Jill Levine inviting us to ask, what might Christians do to make sure the Gospel of love does not convey a message of hate? Register for the Zoom link by emailing Professor Jane Barter, j.barter@uwinnipeg.ca.

UCC-Korea Peace Appeal 10,000 Signatures Campaign Launch, February 24, 1:00PM Central – new

Come learn about The United Church of Canada Korea Peace Appeal 10,000 Signatures Campaign. Offer your time, talent and passion. Gather resources and ideas to help promote this campaign among family, friends, your community of faith and networks. Session will be led by Moderator Richard Bott and Rev. Dr. Kyongja (Kay) Cho. [Click here for Zoom registration](#). [Click here for a video summary from the Moderator](#).

Taste of Palestine Live - February 24 at 9:00AM Central - new

Join in a live visit to Hakoritna family farm in Tulkarm, Occupied Palestinian Territories. Part of an ongoing series on food under military occupation, shared by a number of Regional Councils. [Click here for details and to register](#).

2. Next Month:

Sacred Places and Spaces: March 2022 seminars on Ecumenical Stewardship - new

Thursdays, March 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 3pm Join us! We're thinking about the use of sacred buildings and properties in new ways. [Click here for details](#). [Facebook event here](#).

For further information, contact Archdeacon Cheryl Toth at stewardship@sasktel.net

Hopeful Economics unConference, March 3-4. – new

A United Church national event. Hopeful economics is a way of looking at the world of the assets and abundance that it has and making that work for everyone. Join in as people and partners from across the faith and social sectors dive into hopeful economics. [Details and registration are here](#).

PIE Day: Everyone Gets A Slice! Friday March 4, 7:30PM CST - new

Looking at the LGBTQIA2S+ acronym, which represents an endless diversity of identities and expressions, we acknowledge that some of the people who are represented by these letters often tend to get left out or underserved. Our panelists share their stories and expertise to invite us to consider which folks we may not have included in our Affirming programming and educational efforts and take strides to remedy that. [Register and see details here](#). Part of Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ Affirming programming to celebrate [PIE Day 2022](#).

International Rural Church Association, Around the World Prayer online, March 7-8 (24 hours) - new

Join rural church leaders in as many countries as you wish as we work around the globe. Register to receive the Zoom link and a schedule by country and time. Join for an hour or several. Prayerfully stand alongside rural church leaders, learn from the wisdom of local speakers and share in their story and culture. [Register here](#).

Living Skies Regional Council Affirming Task Group presents P.I.E. (Pi) Day March 14, 2022 7-8p.m. - new

Join us on PIE Day for some pie, videos, and conversation about a Public, Intentional, and Explicit welcome of Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ people in our communities of faith and Regional Council. Sit down with a slice of your favourite dessert and join us on Zoom! Hosted by the Living Skies Regional Council Affirming Task Group. [Click here for details](#).

Youth & Children's Ministry Roundtables Wednesday, March 16, 7pm and Tuesday, April 26, 7pm– new

Register: <https://form.jotform.com/220425315803244>

More Info: <https://livingskiesrc.ca/event/youth-childrens-ministry-round-table/2022-03-16/>

Got a passion for Ministry & Faith Formation with children or youth/young adults? Join us for a regular get-together to talk about our ideas, challenges, connections, and hopes. For at least part of our time together, we'll plan to split into at least two interest groups (children's ministry or youth ministry) to ensure that the discussion is relevant to everyone's needs.

Ministry Personnel Lenten event online - new

The Committee on Ministry Personnel Support in Living Skies Regional Council and St. Andrew's College are partnering again to host an online Lenten event on **March 17-18**. A prepared worship service will be provided for March 20 to enable ministry personnel to fully engage in this continuing education event. Details may be found [here](#); registration information available next week.

"Faith-Filled Storytelling – An Intro to Godly Play" This is a Practically Prophetic Webinar - new Tuesday, March 22, 7pm

Godly Play is an innovative method of Faith Formation & Storytelling for childhood and beyond. Godly Play allows participants to experience faith-building stories through intentional storytelling and imaginative wondering. **Mary Nichol** currently serves as Coordinator of Education for Children's and Family Ministries for the Pacific Mountain Region of The United Church of Canada. She is committed to creating sacred and safe space for children to engage and deepen in their relationship with God. Please Save the Date & watch for Registration info at <https://livingskiesrc.ca/event/creative-storytelling-with-godly-play-practically-prophetic-webinar/>

Doors of our Heart: A Journey through Palm Sunday to Easter and Beyond - new

An Online Retreat Series over 5 Tuesdays Via Zoom - **March 29, April 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2022 (1:00-4:15 CST)**

Doors can be a metaphor for our lives...a symbol of who we are, how we live our lives out, and what our relationship with the Divine is like. As we explore lectionary readings, this retreat series invites us to open the door into the hearts of people who journeyed with Jesus from Palm Sunday through to Easter and beyond, and to creatively explore the doors of our own hearts along the way, that we might open them wider and wider to Divine love. *Leadership: Marg Janick-Grayston* Full information can be found at: <https://www.freeflowwellness.ca/retreats>

An Imagination Pilgrimage for the Soul: Knitting our Lives into the Sacred Landscape of the Earth - new

An Online Retreat Series over 5 Thursdays Via Zoom - **March 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28, 2022 (2:00-5:30 CST)**

Pilgrims seeking to deepen their connection with the Divine often find spiritual connection under God's clear blue sky by lakes, at vistas, on mountains, and in sacred gardens. During this time when travel has become challenging for many people, this retreat series provides an opportunity to take an IMAGINARY pilgrimage across Canada, in the company of others, and to reflect on ways that the natural landscapes we encounter might ruminate with our lives and connect us spiritually. *Leadership: Marg Janick-Grayston* Full Information can be found at: <https://naramatacentre.secure.retreat.guru/program/an-imagination-pilgrimage-for-the-soul-reflecting-on-the-landscapes-of-our-lives/>

3. Into the future:**Youth Confirmation Weekend (grade 9 & up) – new**

April 1-3, 2022 at St. Andrew's College, Saskatoon

A great weekend to share, learn, laugh, and grow in our faith together. Details & Registration info are quickly coming together, and it'll all be posted at <https://livingskiesrc.ca/event/youth-confirmation-weekend-2022/>

Spring Senior Youth Retreat - grade 9 & up – new

May 13-15, 2022 at Moose Jaw??? (we're working on the details)

Finally! Mark your calendars because the Spring Senior Youth Retreat is on its way! Let's get together for an amazing weekend of laughter, friendship, faith, music, and any other other good things we can come up with. We're gonna learn some cool stuff about our own unique Personality & Leadership Types. You know, all those things that make each of us beautiful, frustrating, remarkable, and kinda weird all at the same time? Yeah, that stuff. Details & Registration info are quickly coming together for this one too, and it'll all be posted at: <https://livingskiesrc.ca/event/spring-senior-youth-retreat/>