

Regional Rambler

Living Skies Regional Council The United Church of Canada



March 2, 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.

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

1. This month:

Sacred Places and Spaces: March 2022 seminars on Ecumenical Stewardship

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.

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](#).

NEW - World Day of Prayer, Friday March 4 [Full details and resources here](#).

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

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+ programming to celebrate [PIE Day 2022](#).

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

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](#).

NEW - Lesser Evils book study, Tuesdays in the day, March 8-April 12

Please check the web link for time details. This year's Lenten book is full of reflections on how to wend your way through the dilemmas of every day living. [Click here for full details](#).

Ministry Personnel Gatherings

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

NEW - Wisdom of the Elders Lenten Series

Tuesdays (March 8 and running for eight weeks) at 7:00pm Mountain Beginning with Tony Snow and John Snow. [Details and registration are here](#). Or email Tony at tony.snow@hillhurstunited.ca.

Upcoming Covenanting Service

Sunday, March 13 – covenanting with Regina: Lakeview United Church, Yellow Grass United Lutheran Partnership and Carla Blakely **at 2:00pm**.

Updated P.I.E. (Pi) Day: Everyone Gets a Slice! March 14, 2022 7-8p.m.

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. *Regional Council delegates* and all who are curious about being Affirming are especially welcome. Sit down with a slice of your favourite dessert and join us on Zoom! Get to know your hosts, the Living Skies Regional Council Affirming Task Group. [Click here for details](#). [Here's the Facebook event](#).

NEW - Sacraments Elder training

Online training for new Sacraments Elders will be offered via Zoom at **7pm on March 14 and 21, and April 4 and 11**; current Sacraments Elders looking for a refresher are also welcome to join the whole series or just April 11. A mentor is recommended for those seeking initial licensing. To register, contact Bev Diebert at bdiebert@united-church.ca with your name, phone number, email address and community of faith.

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

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

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 [here](#)

NEW - Refugee support and sponsorship get together, 17 March 2022, 6:30PM Mountain Daylight/ CST

This has been a strange and difficult two years for refugee support and advocacy. Come out for support, conversation, and updates. We will be joined by Khwaka Kukubo, General Council Refugee Program Advisor, so bring your questions! Whether you're new to this or have been involved for years please join us. Sponsored by the Living Skies Refugee Task Group. Invited: Northern Spirit, Living Skies, and Prairie to Pine Regional Councils, and further afield if you wish. All welcome. [Register here](#) (this gives you the link and reminders automatically).

NEW - Our Story in Our Language, March 19, 10:00AM Central, Sandy Saulteaux Centre.

In a series of online multi-lingual conversations, we'll explore what community leadership training means for Indigenous communities of faith. All sessions start at **10:00 AM Central** on the second last Saturday of the month. (Please adjust for your time zone.) Tickets are \$25/session or \$75 for the 5-part series. [Full information and registration here](#).

NEW - Sacred Water: An Interfaith Conversation for World Water Day, March 22, 4:00PM MDT

Learn about diverse faith and spiritual traditions teach concerning the sacredness of water in a time of climate crisis, and how we can deepen our connection with it. Offered by Faith and the Common Good, a United Church partner. [Click here for registration and details](#).

“Faith-Filled Storytelling – An Intro to Godly Play” *This is a Practically Prophetic Webinar*

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/>

NEW - Contemplative Gatherings

Wednesday, March 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://bit.ly/3he6rxv> or <https://livingskiesrc.ca/invitation-to-contemplative-gatherings-jan-mar-2022/>

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

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

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/>

2. Next Month:

Updated Youth Confirmation Weekend (grade 9 & up)

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

A great weekend to share, learn, laugh, and grow in our faith together. **Cost: \$50/participant**

Register: <https://form.jotform.com/220593788574269> Full details and information are available at <https://livingskiesrc.ca/event/youth-confirmation-weekend-2022/>

3. Into the future:

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. We’re also looking for homegroup leaders and planning team members!

Details & info available at: <https://livingskiesrc.ca/event/spring-senior-youth-retreat/>