

# valerie's message

June 24, 2022

Please join us for worship in person at 10:30 or [click here](#) for the livestream on YouTube.

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Dear Friends:

This week in worship, we'll be led musically by **The Ensemble** and I will tell more of my planned sabbatical journey following the model of Jesus going away to pray. We'll also share in the **Sacrament of Baptism** so please sign the baptism card as you enter the narthex. And we'll enjoy a virtual Pet Blessing as we honour the gifts of creation. This is our last service at RUC until August, as we will be **worshipping at St. Paul's UC through the month of July**.

After worship, all are invited to an end of season **celebratory picnic for all ages** with tables and chairs and food and drink provided along with fun activities for all. Bring your hat and sunscreen! In this **Sun Day Fun Day** event, we will also share the joy of the solar panel project completion and give thanks for all who came together to make it happen. I hope you will join us!

As I prepare to be away from you July through October for holidays and sabbatical, a once every five years event for a congregation and a minister, I find my heart so filled with **gratitude for you**, for the privilege of serving in ministry with you. I am confident that the plans the Sabbatical Committee members have put in place will keep you **spiritually nourished** through the slate of solid worship leaders and **well-cared for** through the pastoral care of Rev. Tom Sawyer and Dr. Joanne Olson. I will hold you in my heart in this time, and I ask for your prayers as well.

**In our prayers** this week:

- We lift up **Paul and Janet Fung** as we celebrate the life of Paul's mother [Sylvia Fung](#) on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at the church.
- We remember **Sharon Hoekstra** whose healing journey is proving extraordinarily challenging for her body after going through brain surgery before Easter. Please keep Sharon and her adult children Gavin and Elaine in your prayers.
- We also remember **Irene Meglis** who sustained a shoulder injury this week. Irene was recently honoured for her volunteer service to the community through the WeCan Food program.
- Our eldest member **Ella Symington** at 101 years moved to the Edmonton General Continuing Care last month. She recently broke a hip and I invite you to remember her in your hearts.



Let's remember **all our elders** in our prayers. They do their best to worship with us online, and they remain vital members of our congregation. I leave you with two photos from recent visits with Beth Corus (who turned 100 last fall) and Bruce Dafoe. Aren't they bright spirits?

Please remember that we will worship at [St. Paul's UC](#) (11526—76 Ave NW, Edmonton) each Sunday in July at 10:30 a.m. In August, the people of St. Paul's will worship with us at Riverbend.

Warmly,

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