

## Youth & Young Adults

Sometimes you hear the statement, “Young people are the future.” At Robertson-Wesley, we say, “Young people are the present”, because youth and young adults are as much a part of the congregation as older adults and seniors. Every age group is important and welcome to participate fully in the congregation.

## Inclusive Theology

Openness to youth and young adults is part of our desire for R-W to be a truly welcoming church that lives out a justice-centred and inclusive theology. We therefore welcome all people regardless of age, race, sexual orientation, gender, ability or economic circumstance. Everyone’s gifts are celebrated. All are welcome to exercise leadership. We also welcome theological diversity. If you have faith questions, this is the place to explore them.

## Sunday Morning Youth Discussion Group

On Sundays, youth Grade 7 and up meet downstairs in the youth room for worship where we explore the message of Jesus and our faith in engaging ways. Newcomers and visiting youth are welcome to take part.



## Youth Group

Youth also get together for a variety of activities, fun and fellowship. Youth from Grades 7 to 12 meet twice a month usually on Saturday evenings. On occasion there are Presbytery wide events that include United Church youth from across Edmonton. A full list of events is available upon request.

## Youth and Worship

Worship is an important element in a congregation and all age groups are welcome to participate.

There are several services throughout the year, called *Whole Family Worship*, which are very interactive services for all ages. Youth tend to sit together with their leaders on these Sundays and participate in leadership at these services on occasion.



## Confirmation

As part of the United Church of Canada, at R-W we offer baptism to adults and infants alike. Baptism is a sacrament by which someone is received into the fellowship of the church. While we do baptize older children and adults, quite often, people are baptized as infants or young children. When this is the case, our parents have made a faith commitment on our behalf. Thus when we are older, we make our own commitment as followers of Jesus by being confirmed. Confirmation is a time when we publicly declare our desire to live in Christ and practice our faith within the life and fellowship of the church. Confirmation brings full membership in the local congregation. This means that youth who have been confirmed have the same right and responsibility to vote as any other member of R-W.

Please contact Rev. Karen Bridges if you are interested in this program.



## Young Adults

At R-W, we recognize that people between 18 and 45, have their own unique needs and interests. With that in mind, we strive to offer programs that are created by and for “Young Adults.” Don’t worry if you’re in the “workforce” or you’re partnered and have young children, our programs are for you as well.

We have a variety of activities for Young Adults in the congregation that consist of seasonal programs, “God on Tap” which is a gathering at a local cafe for a pint or a hot beverage and some discussion, and other spiritual practices and movie nights with discussion. These activities will be announced a few weeks prior to the event in the bulletin and will be posted on Facebook, twitter, and on the church website. We encourage all young adults to participate in all programs offered at the church. If you want to be on the mailing list for these events, please contact Rev. Karen at [karen.bridges@rwuc.org](mailto:karen.bridges@rwuc.org)

### Opportunities to Grow

There are many ways to get to know people at R-W. Different events and activities are always being planned. You can meet people socially in various activities during the year.

There are also many opportunities for volunteering. Examples include the monthly Community Dinners for those who are financially struggling, the weekly Food Bank depot, Magic Pantry, Messy Wednesdays, and other one time events.

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