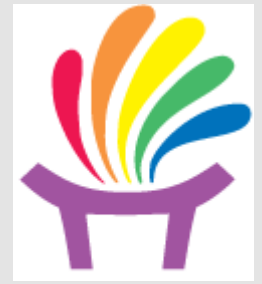




Riverbend United Church Announcements



January 25th to February 3rd, 2019

Friday, January 25 th	8:30 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	E2 Academy (Boardroom, Meeting room & Youth room) Edmonton Chinese Dance Academy (Lower level hall) Ghana Methodist Church (Chapel)
Saturday, January 26 th	8:30 am	Little Kickers Soccer (Lower level hall)
Sunday, January 27th	9:15 am 10:30 am 11:30 am 12:30 pm	Book Study (Chapel) Worship Service (Sanctuary) AFFIRM meeting (Boardroom) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary)
Monday, January 28 th	8:30 am 10:30 am 5:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	E2 Academy (Boardroom, Meeting room & Youth room) Southside Duplicate Bridge (Lower level hall) Discover Coding Zone (Boardroom) Tourette's Support Group (Youth room) 32 nd Girl Guides (Lower level hall) Handbell Choir (Sanctuary) Adult Literacy Club (Meeting room)
Tuesday, January 29 th	8:30 am 12:30 pm 2:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:45 pm	E2 Academy (Boardroom, Meeting room & Youth room) Restorative Yoga (Lower level hall) Reflective Crafting (Chapel) Elite Kids Dance (Lower level hall) Winter Movie Series (Chapel)
Wednesday, January 30 th	8:30 am 4:00 pm 6:00 pm	E2 Academy (Boardroom, Meeting room & Youth room) Elite Kids Dance (Lower level hall) Tourette's Support Group (Youth Room)
Thursday, January 31 st	8:30 am 7:30 pm	E2 Academy (Boardroom, Meeting room & Youth room) Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Friday, February 1 st	8:30 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	E2 Academy (Boardroom, Meeting room & Youth room) Edmonton Chinese Dance Academy (Lower level hall) Ghana Methodist Church (Chapel)
Saturday, February 2 nd	8:30 am	Little Kickers Soccer (Lower level hall)
Sunday, February 3rd	10:30 am 12:30 pm 4:30 pm	Worship Service with Handbell Choir (Sanctuary) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Art of Living Foundation (Lower level hall)

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RUC: An Affirming Congregation

Please mark your calendars for our **Celebration of Affirming Service** on March 3rd at our regular 10:30 a.m. time. The congregation will be presented with a certificate from Affirm United and we hope to involve as many elements of our diverse and affirmed community as possible in this special service.

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January Book Study join us on Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. in the Chapel for the **Parables of Jesus**. Valerie will reference two books, the *Short Stories of Jesus* by Amy Jill Levine and *Revisiting the Parables of Jesus* by Lisa López Smith (no purchases required). Next session is on Sunday, **January 27th**.

Taking Care of the Flock! Our team of Care Visitors is always trying their best to keep track of the Riverbend United flock, but sometimes misses out on important news about members and friends. If you are aware of happenings that you think our congregational care team could respond to, you can pass on the news (in confidence) to Rev. Valerie Oden at 780.983.1238 or Joanne Olson at 780.436.1482.

RUC Movie Series Join us for our fourth *Annual Winter Movie Series*, to be held Tuesday nights in the Chapel beginning at 6:45 p.m. The next evening will be **January 29**, then February 5th. Come to one or all of the films! The evenings are led by film buffs Jack Jarvis and Lori Stuart who for several years have hosted a film course at Naramata Centre, and Lori is currently teaching a course on the Spirituality of Pop Culture at St Stephen's College. Their choices are always entertaining, thought-provoking and lead to interesting discussion as the audience puts on their critic's hat and rates the offering. Popcorn is provided!

Lenten Book Study On Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 10:00 a.m., you are invited to share in a discussion of *Singing a Song of Faith*, written as a Lenten Study of this new poetic theological statement of our general church. We begin on Sunday **March 17th** and meet for 4 weeks, through to Sunday, April 7th. Copies of the book will be available beginning March 5 for \$12 from the church office. (If you cannot attend a Sunday morning group and would like to see an additional Wednesday evening session please let Valerie know.)

WECAN Food Basket Society is a not-for-profit co-operative dedicated to providing quality food to families at a reasonable cost, with more than 30 Depots in and around Edmonton. This month, a team from RUC took over coordination of the Riverbend / Terwillegar Depot from Rev. Dan Wold of Holy Trinity Anglican Church, who ran the program for many years with lots of help from local volunteers. WECAN harnesses the power of bulk buying to offer produce baskets (3 types of fresh vegetables + 3 kinds of seasonal fruit = \$10) and meat baskets

(2 -3 cuts of freshly frozen meat = \$15; pork-free available) for sale each month. The official 'order' and 'pickup' days are typically the 1st and 3rd Fridays each month, but we are able to extend ordering/pickup to the following Sundays (after service). Members of our congregation are encouraged to give WECAN a try—the food quality is excellent, and a co-op thrives with lots of community participation! Your generous financial donations also allow us to purchase additional baskets for distribution to families of limited means in our neighbourhood. Watch for the WECAN donation can to appear occasionally to help you deal with your loose change! Helpers are welcome! For more information, call/text/email Irene Meglis at 780-289-8894 or imeglis@shaw.ca. Upcoming 2019 order/pickup Fridays are **February 8 / 22** and **March 8 / 22** – look for the order table in church on the Sundays immediately following these dates.

Our broader community

English as a Second Language the Intercultural Ministry of the United Churches in Edmonton is hosting English-as-a-Second-Language classes from **January 16 to March 20, 2019**. Classes are held on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Edmonton Korean United Church (9624—74 Avenue NW). This free program is designed for immigrants, newcomers or refugees who are interested in learning to speak English in their everyday lives. All are welcome, contact YoonOk Shin by phone at 780.903.6339 or at intercultural@shaw.ca.

Contemplative Practices Seeking an escape from the world? A time of quiet reflection? Are you seeking a space where you can reflect, recharge, and ground yourself? Then join **Robertson-Wesley United Church** for Contemplative Practices. This drop-in program is open to everyone. You will be invited into a space where a variety of meditative, artistic exploration stations with printed instruction will be set up, so that your time is self-lead.

- March 10, 2019 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. **Discernment** - Purpose and Meaning and Call
- April 20, 2019 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. **Easter Vigil** - Faith Talk—What do I Believe?

Make Tax Time Pay E4C is offering confidential tax preparation on **March 23rd & 24th** and **April 20th & 21st** at Riverbend United Church for families who meet maximum income and other criteria. They are looking for two volunteers from Riverbend United Church to help out. Interested? Contact Sharon Gritter at Brander Gardens ROCKS at 780.884.570.