



Riverbend United Church Announcements

November 22nd to December 1st, 2019



Friday, November 22 nd	8:30 am 10:00 am 4:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Office closed E2 Academy (Boardroom) WeCan Food Basket pick-up (Kitchen) WeCan Food Basket pick-up (Kitchen) Edmonton Chinese Dance Academy (Lower level hall) Ghana Methodist Church (Chapel)
Saturday, November 23 rd	8:30 am 1:00 pm	Little Kickers Soccer (Lower level hall) MacGregor Tutoring (Meeting room)
Sunday, November 24th	10:30 am 12:30 pm	Worship Service & Baptism (Sanctuary) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary)
Monday November 25 th	8:30 am 8:30 am 10:30 am 5:30 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	E2 Academy (Boardroom) Occupational Therapist (Family room) Southside Bridge (Lower level hall) Discover Coding Zone (Meeting room) Girl Guides (Lower level hall) Handbell Choir (Sanctuary) Adult Literacy Club (Meeting room)
Tuesday, November 26 th	8:30 am 1:30 pm 4:30 pm	E2 Academy (Boardroom) Reflective Crafting (Chapel) Elite Kids Dance (Lower level hall)
Wednesday, November 27 th	8:30 am 9:00 am 4:00 pm 4:30 pm 7:00 pm	E2 Academy (Boardroom) Wednesday Walkers (Gathering area) MacGregor Tutoring Services (Meeting Room) Elite Kids Dance (Lower level hall) Pathfinders (Boardroom)
Thursday, November 28 th	8:30 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm 7:00 pm	E2 Academy (Boardroom) Grandview service (offsite) Devonshire service (offsite) MacGregor Tutoring Services (Meeting Room) Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Friday, November 29 th	8:30 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	E2 Academy (Boardroom) Edmonton Chinese Dance Academy (Lower level hall) Ghana Methodist Church (Chapel)
Saturday, November 30 th		
Advent I, Sunday, December 1st	10:30 am 12:30 pm	Worship Service (Sanctuary) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary)

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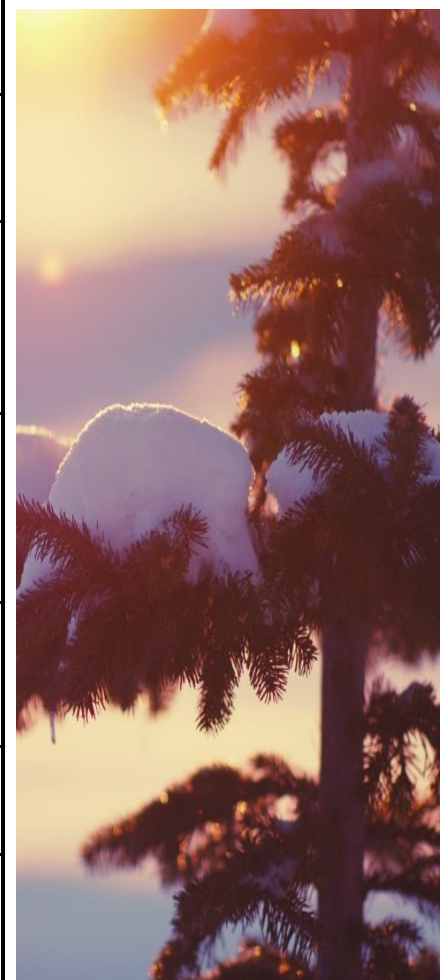
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Riverbend United Church

What's up at Riverbend United? There are many ways to learn about what is going on in and around Riverbend United Church. One of these is a weekly email sent on most Friday morning. This email typically includes a 'sermon teaser', links to the Riverbend United web page and the quarterly Front Pew, weekly announcements and a weekly schedule of church use through the week. If you would like to be included, please contact the office with your email address.

Upper Room Disciplines 2020 This is the last Sunday to sign up for the 2020 Disciplines. This best-selling devotional guide offers daily, lectionary-based scripture readings and reflections. Your payment of \$20.00 will be due when the books arrive in mid-December.

Christmas is Coming Now you can buy gift cards for more stores to help raise money for Riverbend United Church! You can continue to buy Safeway gift cards on Sundays, and can now also pre-order other gift cards. Orders will be collected the first Sunday of the month and available for pick up the following Sunday. A percentage of the value of the gift cards will be donated back to the church. Cards include: Superstore, Home Depot, Canadian Tire, Amazon.ca, Moxie's, Esso, Shell, Petro Canada and others. For more information, or to place an order please see Doug Michalko in the Narthex on Sunday mornings before or after church or email him at ruc.giftcards@gmail.com.

Property & Maintenance / Facilities recruitment Are you one of those people who think about what keeps a facility running mechanically? Do you have experience or interest in learning about mechanical systems? There is a wide range of things we need help with, as we move forward in developing a planned maintenance program here at Riverbend United. We will work with any skill level, time availability and interest; routine inspections, trouble shooting, scoping work, overseeing qualified technicians when needed, simple repairs and maintenance. If you have some time and interest, please contact Geoff Halferdahl, RUC Facility Team Leader at 587.989.7945.

Outreach Christmas Program The Outreach Committee is providing two women's group homes with Christmas gift bags as they have done in the past. You can help by:

- Signing up as a group or individual to "build" one or more gift bags;
- Bringing individual items for gift bags;

- Purchasing gift cards from RUC's new gift card fundraiser and donating them to the Outreach Committee;
- Making a directed financial contribution to RUC's Outreach Committee to support this project.

For additional information and details on items needed please contact: Judi Cook at 780.435.0838 or email her at judi@royalpage.ca; or Erin James at 780.987.4702.

Our broader community

Artistic Healing Workshop: What the Devil's Eating You? at Robertson-Wesley United Church (10209 23 Street) on Saturday, **November 23**, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This workshop led by Laura David Foster, Artist, Art Therapist and Clinical Counsellor, will explore how to move away from anxious thoughts, negative self-talk, and other thought distortions that hold us back from more meaningful purposeful living. For further information, or to register, please visit the church website: <https://www.rwuc.org/events/>.

United Church Christmas Events:

- **Fall Bazaar** at Grace United Church (6215 104 Avenue NW) on Saturday, **November 23rd** from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The bazaar will feature gifts, crafts, baking, preserves, lunch and a visit from a "Special Someone".
- **21st Annual Christmas Craft Fair** at Mill Woods United Church (15 Grand Meadow Crescent, Edmonton) on Saturday, **November 30th** from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Christmas Cookie Walk** at Chalmers-Castle Downs United Church (12315 - 132 Avenue NW) on Saturday, **November 30th** from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Discernment Day: Pathways to Ministry The Office of Vocation will be hosting an information event on the topic of pathways to ministry in the United Church. The Discernment Day will be held at St. David's United Church (4614 - 48 Street, Leduc) on Saturday, **December 14th** from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This event is open to anyone who has felt a yearning, a push, or a pull towards ministry leadership within the United Church of Canada. For further information please email kmedland@united-church.ca

Benefit Concert Series: Come Home to Christmas McDougall United Church (10025 101 Street) is hosting COME HOME TO CHRISTMAS, a Benefit Concert Series from 12:00 noon to 1:00 with free admission. Donations will support the E4C School Lunch Program. First concert is:

- Wednesday, **December 4** will feature Christmas Goes Broadway with Ron Long and Kimberley McMann, Gail Olmstead on piano.