



# Riverbend United Church Announcements



November 29<sup>th</sup> to December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Friday, November 29 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 am	Ghana Methodist Church (Meeting room)
<b>Advent I, Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10:30 am 12:30 pm</b>	<b>Worship Service (Sanctuary)</b> Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary)
Monday December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:30 am 8:30 am 10:30 am 5:30 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 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) <b>Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)</b> <b>Ministry &amp; Personnel Meeting (Library)</b> <b>Journey Toward Truth &amp; Reconciliation (Chapel)</b> Adult Literacy Club (Meeting room)
Tuesday, December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8:30 am 1:30 pm 4:30 pm	E2 Academy (Boardroom) <b>Reflective Crafting (Chapel)</b> Elite Kids Dance (Lower level hall)
Wednesday, December 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am 9:00 am 4:00 pm 4:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	E2 Academy (Boardroom) <b>Wednesday Walkers (Gathering area)</b> MacGregor Tutoring Services (Meeting Room) Elite Kids Dance (Lower level hall) Pathfinders (Boardroom) <b>Book Study (Chapel)</b>
Thursday, December 5 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am 12:00 pm 4:00 pm 7:00 pm	E2 Academy (Boardroom) E2 Academy (Kitchen) MacGregor Tutoring Services (Meeting Room) <b>Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)</b>
Friday, December 6 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am 10:00 am 4:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	E2 Academy (Boardroom) <b>WeCan Food Basket order (Library)</b> <b>WeCan Food Basket order (Library)</b> Edmonton Chinese Dance Academy (Lower level hall) Ghana Methodist Church (Chapel)
Saturday, December 7 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am 12:30 pm 12:30 pm 5:30 pm	Little Kickers Soccer (Lower level hall) MacGregor Tutoring (Meeting room) Riverbend Art Group (Lower level hall) Brander Gardens Community Dinner (Lower level hall)
<b>Advent II, Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:30 am 11:30 am 12:30 pm</b>	<b>Worship Service (Sanctuary)</b> <b>Young Families luncheon (Lower level hall)</b> Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary)

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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 schedule of church use through the week. If you would like to be included, please contact the office with your email address.

**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](mailto:ruc.giftcards@gmail.com).

**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](mailto:judi@royalpage.ca); or Erin James at 780.987.4702.



**Christmas Healing Service** Join us on Thursday, **December 12th** at 7:00 p.m. for a Healing Service in the Chapel for those who are finding this holiday season difficult. All are welcome for this gathering meant to honour the grief and challenges in our lives and in our world.

## Our broader community

### United Church Christmas Events:

- **21<sup>st</sup> Annual Christmas Craft Fair** at Mill Woods United Church (15 Grand Meadow Crescent, Edmonton) on Saturday, **November 30<sup>th</sup>** 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 30<sup>th</sup>** from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- **Spirit West United Church Christmas Choir & Concert** on Sunday, **December 8th** at 6:30 p.m. entitled GREAT JOY! This year's concert is about God's many gifts, particularly the one of joy. By receiving God's love and sharing it with those around us we can spread the joy and make this world a better place. There will be song, piano, drums, flute and harps. Invite your family and friends for this special occasion. Donations gratefully accepted for the Spirit West sound system. Spirit West is a scent-free zone, located at 7003 - 199 Street.
- **Carols and Bells** concert at St. Andrew's United Church in Spruce Grove (1A Fieldstone Drive) on Sunday, **December 15<sup>th</sup>**, at 2:30 and 7:00 p.m. The concerts will share a wonderful selection of the music of the season as presented through the unique expression of English handbells. A freewill offering will be received at the concert and a \$500 donation from concert proceeds will be directed to the Coordinated Suicide Prevention Program. A time of fellowship with refreshments will be held following the concerts.

**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 14<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto: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, complimentary coffee, apple cider and Christmas treats. Donations will support the E4C School Lunch Program. Concerts are:

- Wednesday, **December 4** will feature Christmas Goes Broadway with Ron Long and Kimberley McMann, Gail Olmstead on piano.
- Wednesday, **December 11** is a Christmas Jazz concert with the A/B Trio