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## Our Church

◆ **Christmas pictures:** Do you have photos of Christmas events around the church? Please share them by sending them to the Church email address above. They will be used in our YouTube Christmas services. Thank you!

◆ **Soup for the soul** The Turkey Team's underlying goal has been to build community, and this is often achieved through food. Our winter COVID initiative is to provide a delicious soup meal to every household in the Brander Gardens ROCKS community – all 98. To do this, we are giving you the opportunity to buy a soup meal for yourself AND for a Brander Gardens friend. For \$25 you will receive 2-32 oz. containers of fresh Kirkland Signature Broccoli Cheddar soup (gluten free) or Chicken Tortilla soup, a dozen buns, fruit and home made cookies.

◆ **To order:** Phone the church at 780.430.7275 by **November 25th**

◆ **To pay:** Either E-transfer the funds, drop off a cheque at the church, or pay at the door when your soup is delivered

◆ **To receive:** Pick up your soup meal at church on November 28 or arrange for free delivery with a smile.

**Questions?** Email or phone Christine at [ens.christine@gmail.com](mailto:ens.christine@gmail.com) or 435.0302

◆ **Isaac's Honey sales:** Isaac's honey has raised \$345 so far for Riverbend United Church. Isaac is still short of his goal however he still has a little over a dozen jars of local, organic, raw honey

left! To quote Ivy Meier, "It isn't good, it's heavenly". Taste the difference! Email Matthew at [mschoenh@telus.net](mailto:mschoenh@telus.net) to place your order.

◆ **2021 Disciplines:** The final deadline for ordering a copy (\$20.00 each) of the 2021 Disciplines devotional is **November 25th**. A total of 10 copies have been pre-ordered, and four are still available. Please call the office at 780.430.7275 if you are interested.

◆ **Grocery Card Sales:** Doug Michalko will be at the Church on December 1st and 15th from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. if you are interested in purchasing grocery gift cards.



◆ **Invitation to Sing with the RUC Choir** A few people have been wondering if the RUC Choir is open to adding some extra voices to our Sunday recordings. And that answer is, YES! If you love to sing and are interested in joining our "virtual" group, please send Paula Roberts, our Music Director, a quick note at [paularoberts@shaw.ca](mailto:paularoberts@shaw.ca). Paula will be happy to describe our process. It is not necessary to attend our Thursday choir Zoom sessions in order to participate.

- ◆ **Christmas Outreach** – As in previous years, the Outreach Committee is planning to assist approximately 20 people who are in difficult housing situations. The Committee will be delivering Christmas gifts to 10 women who live permanently in “Our Place” and to about 10 adults residing temporarily in another group home. Because of the pandemic, we plan to keep it simple this year by having the committee purchase the actual gifts.

Please consider making a financial donation by December 1 in one of three ways:

- \* Mail a cheque to the church or put it in the offering and indicate that it is for the Outreach Christmas project.
  - \* Call the office at 780.430.7275 if you would like us to pick up your donation, or
  - \* Send your donation by e-transfer to [contactus@riverbendunited.org](mailto:contactus@riverbendunited.org). Please designate your donation to Outreach Christmas Project. You will receive a tax-deductible receipt for your donation (minimum \$20 for a receipt) at the end of the year.
- ◆ A second Outreach initiative is the collection of new socks for adults or children. Please put them in the box in the Narthex with the egg cartons and we will take them to the Bissell Centre when there are enough. Costco is a good source for bulk socks. Thank you so much from your Outreach Committee. For further information contact Judi Cook at 780.435.0838 or by email at [judi@royalpage.ca](mailto:judi@royalpage.ca) or call Erin James at 780.987.4702.

## Our Broader Community

- ◆ **Clothing request** The 24-7 Centre at the Edmonton Convention Centre is in great need of new or gently used indoor and outdoor clothing for adults and children. Until one month ago, only new donations were being accepted so the usual stockpile does not exist. Please bring your donations to the Church on Monday or Wednesday mornings or drop them off if you attend Sunday worship services. We will set up a playpen in the

foyer for your donations. For further information or if you would like your donations picked up, please contact Judi Cook at 780.435.0838 or by email at [judi@royalpage.ca](mailto:judi@royalpage.ca) or Erin James at 780.987.4702.

- ◆ **The GANG** [edmgrandmothers.org](http://edmgrandmothers.org) is a group of Edmonton grandmothers and their supporters who raise awareness and funds for grandmothers in Sub-Saharan Africa who are raising their orphaned grandchildren due to the AIDS pandemic.

Normally this non-profit, volunteer group of grannies hosts a one day *Shakers and Makers Market* - full of incredible hand crafted items - in partnership with the Eastside Grannies from Sherwood Park. Because of COVID-19 the market has moved online...quite a feat for the group!!! Check out the online store at [edmgrandmothers.org](http://edmgrandmothers.org) for a wonderful selection of Christmas, birthday and "gift to yourself" items! Advent calendars, baby clothes, kitchen decor, quilted wall hangings, wraps and shawls, scarves, hats and mittens, tote bags, the list goes on! Over 200 unique items with new, original, one-of-a-kind items being added almost daily.

Visit often - you never know when you'll find the PERFECT item for yourself or someone you love. And - you'll know you're helping to support a worthy cause...all of the profits from the online store sales go to The Stephen Lewis Foundation. Check out their website at: [www.stephenlewisfoundation.org/](http://www.stephenlewisfoundation.org/)

