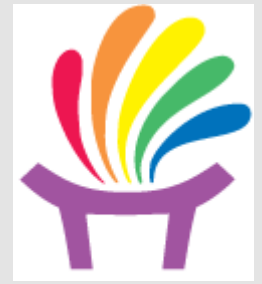




Riverbend United Church Announcements



December 7th to December 16th, 2018

Friday, December 7 th	8:30 am 10:00 am 4:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Office closed E2 Academy (Boardroom, Meeting room & Youth room) WeCan Food Basket order placement (Library) WeCan Food Basket order placement (Library) Edmonton Chinese Dance Academy (Lower level hall) Ghana Methodist Church (Chapel)
Saturday, December 8 th	8:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	Little Kickers Soccer (Lower level hall) Ghana Methodist Church meeting (Sanctuary) Riverbend Art Group (Lower level hall) Brander Gardens ROCKS (Lower level hall & kitchen)
Advent II - Peace Sunday, December 9th	10:30 am 11:30 am 12:30 pm 4:30 pm	Worship Service (Sanctuary) Newcomers Luncheon (Lower level hall) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Art of Living Foundation (Lower level hall)
Monday, December 10 th	8:30 am 10:30 am 5:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 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 (Offsite) Finance Committee (Boardroom) Adult Literacy Club (Meeting room)
Tuesday, December 11 th	8:30 am 12:30 pm 1:30 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	E2 Academy (Boardroom, Meeting room & Youth room) Women of Riverbend United (Gathering area) Reflective Crafting (Chapel) Elite Kids Dance (Lower level hall) Official Board meeting (Boardroom)
Wednesday, December 12 th	8:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 4:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm	E2 Academy (Boardroom, Meeting room & Youth room) Wednesday Walkers (Gathering area) Staff Meeting Elite Kids Dance (Lower level hall) Tourette's Support Group (Meeting Room) 31st Pathfinders (Lower level hall) Reflective Crafting (Library)
Thursday, December 13 th	8:30 am 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	E2 Academy (Boardroom, Meeting room & Youth room) Elite Kids Dance (Lower level hall) Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Friday, December 14 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, December 15 th	8:30 am 4:00 pm 7:00 pm	Little Kickers Soccer (Lower level hall) Community Christmas Carol Sing (Sanctuary) RUC Youth Christmas sleepover (Lower level hall)
Advent III - Joy Sunday, December 16th	10:30 am 12:30 pm 4:30 pm	Worship Service & Children's Christmas Pageant Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Art of Living Foundation (Lower level hall)

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Christmas Services Monday, December 24th

- * **5:00 p.m.** Candlelight service with Choir
- * **7:00 p.m.** Candlelight service with Choir & Handbells
- * **9:00 p.m.** Candlelight Communion Service

REMINDER

Don't forget to pick up your 2019 donation envelopes on the tables at the back of the Narthex.

Thank you!

to Ray Hawrelak for leading and coordinating the selection, purchase and installation of the new T-Coil hearing system!

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Newcomers Luncheon If you are new to the Church in the *last two years* please join us at a Newcomers Luncheon on Sunday, **December 9th** following the 10:30 a.m. service. Please call Valerie or Christine Ens 780.435.0302 to register or for more information.

Disciplines 2019: Are you interested in ordering the 2019 daily devotional "Disciplines"? If so please sign up no later than Sunday, **December 9th** on the sheet in the Narthex. Books will arrive before the end of December and the \$20.00 cost will be collected at that time.

Christmas music CD's: Once again we are offering a selection of Christmas music CD's which will be available by calling the Church office. They are:

- ◆ *Christmas Eve, Carols for Meditation:* with Ron Klusmeier on the piano and Marie-Andree Gray on the violin;
- ◆ *Love Uprising:* with Gord Oaks; and
- ◆ *Mummary & Mistletoe:* Christmas Piano Solo & Sing-Along by Mitchell Cox

These are beautiful Christmas CDs that would make lovely gifts!

2018 expense reimbursement deadline KBH Accountants, the church auditors, will be reviewing our financial statements on February 11th and 12th, and to be prepared we require all expense reimbursement requests to be submitted no later than Friday, **December 14th**. If you wish to be reimbursed for any expenses incurred during 2018 please submit your Cheque Request to the office by that date.

Community Christmas Carol Sing Join us on Saturday, **December 15th** at 4:00 p.m. for a Community Christmas Carol Sing. Come and enjoy all of your favourite Christmas carols.

Christmas Healing Service on Wednesday, **December 19th** at 7:00 p.m. The ministry staff of Riverbend United Church invite you to attend a special service of spiritual wholeness and healing during this time of preparation for Christmas. The purpose of this service is to share in, and reflect on, God's caring in the good times and, also, when life circumstances wound our spirits or the spirits of those we love. This intimate service will offer a meditative atmosphere for experiencing God's peace, love, hope and healing. The service will be held in the Riverbend United Church Chapel. Please contact Rev. Valerie or Joanne Olson for additional information.

January Book Study Beginning **January 13th**, join us on four Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. 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 purchase required).

Challenged to find a Christmas gift for someone special? Please think about the "Gifts with Vision" campaign that offers you an opportunity to give a gift and help change the world! Gifts are available starting at \$10.00. Check out www.giftswithvision.ca.

Our broader community

Music of Hope and Light! Service of Lessons & Carols at Robertson-Wesley United Church on Sunday, **December 9th** at 4:00 p.m. This is an afternoon of traditional congregational carols, scripture readings and music sung by the Robertson-Wesley choir. The music includes several traditional favourites and some newly composed music as well. Freewill offering accepted.

Christmas Presence: A Gathering of Hope, Peace and Love Join in an Advent celebration on Sunday, **December 9th** at Stony Plain United Church (5012 - 51 Avenue, Stony Plain). Doors open at 4:30 p.m.; advent supper of ham and scalloped potatoes from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.; caroling at 6:30 p.m.; Choir cantata *Christmas Presence* at 7:00 p.m. Adults \$20.00; children 6 - 11 \$10.00. Call 780.963.4745 for tickets.

Edmonton's Food Bank Magical Christmas Music Gala on Tuesday, **December 11th** at the Edmonton Inn Ballroom (11834 Kingsway Avenue) featuring Tom Jackson and his new Huron Carole. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; dinner at 6:30 p.m. show at 7:30 p.m. Dress: business attire. To reserve your tickets contact Annie Dietrich 780.425.2133 ext. 234 or email annie@edmontonsfoodbank.com

Deep Winter Song: A Mystical Evening of Music & Story Sunday, **December 16** at 7:30 p.m. at the Centre for Spiritual Living (7621—101 Avenue NW). Experience an evening of warmth, song and story, which serves to *enrich a sense of the sacred, of wholesome celebration, enjoyment and depth of heart with this busy month of December*. This is an acoustic musical presentation exploring the mystery of solstice, Christmas and the wonderful dark season of winter. Join in a reflection on both stillness and celebration, steeped in a sense of mystery and magic. Performer include Martin Kerr, Waymeta Ellis, Keri Lynn Zwicker, Sparrow Grace, Marcus Fund, Deborah Bortscher and other special guests. Tickets available at Eventbrite or Earths General Store (\$30 at the door; \$25 advance; \$75 family of four; 9 and under free.)