



# Riverbend United Church Announcements

February 28<sup>th</sup> to March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020



Friday, February 28 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting room) Ghana Methodist Church (Chapel) Edmonton Chinese Dance (Lower level)
Saturday, February 29 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Girl Guides bottle drive (Parking lot)
<b>Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10:30 am 12:00 noon 12:30 pm</b>	<b>Worship Service (Sanctuary) Annual General Meeting (Sanctuary)</b> Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary)
Monday, March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:30 am 9:00 am 9:00 am 5:30 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting room) Southside Duplicate Bridge (Lower level hall) Occupational Therapist (Family room) Discover Coding (Boardroom) Girl Guides (Lower level hall) <b>Handbell Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)</b> Adult Literacy Club (Meeting room) <b>Ministry &amp; Personnel (Library)</b>
Tuesday, March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8:30 am 10:30 am 1:00 pm 1:30 pm 4:30 pm	E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting room) <b>Grief Support Group (Chapel)</b> <b>Restorative Yoga (Lower level hall)</b> <b>Reflective Crafting (Chapel)</b> Elite Kids Dance (Lower level hall)
Wednesday, March 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 & Meeting room) <b>Wednesday Walkers (Gathering area)</b> MacGregor Tutoring (Meeting room) Elite Kids Dance (Lower level hall) Pathfinders (Boardroom) <b>Lenten Book Study (Chapel)</b>
Thursday, March 5 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am 4:00 pm 7:30 pm	E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting room) MacGregor Tutoring (Meeting room) <b>Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)</b>
Friday, March 6 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am 10:00 am & 4:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting room) <b>WeCan Food Basket order placement (Library)</b> Ghana Methodist Church (Chapel) Edmonton Chinese Dance (Lower level)
Saturday, March 7 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm	MacGregor Tutoring (Meeting room) Private booking (Lower level hall & kitchen) Ghana Methodist Church (Chapel)
<b>Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:30 am 12:30 pm</b>	<b>Worship Service (Sanctuary)</b> Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary)

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## Save the Date(s)!

- ◆ Sunday, **March 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Annual General Meeting
- ◆ **Don't forget daylight savings time begins Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, move your clocks ahead one hour!**
- ◆ Saturday, **March 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Celtic concert & dessert buffet
- ◆ Sunday, **March 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Young Families Luncheon



## Riverbend United Church

**Annual General Meeting** Join us for our next AGM on Sunday, **March 1st** immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. At this meeting we will elect the church's Official Board, and review the 2019 Financial Statements and the proposed 2020 Budget. Please join us for this short meeting and a chance to discuss the financial health and future plans for the church.

**Grief Support:** Join Valerie and others in a small group journey through the wilderness of grief during Lent. We will meet on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. for 5 weeks, from **March 3rd** to March 31st. Loss comes to us in different ways. We will give space for the different forms of grief in a supportive and positive environment.

**RUC Lenten Study:** *The Naked Now* by Fr. Richard Rohr, held Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., from **March 4th** to April 1st in the Chapel. Rohr is the founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation and a global leader in spiritual awakening. This book explores how to let our ego come to rest and how to enhance our spiritual awareness without sacrificing reason. Dr. Doug Spaner and Rev. Valerie Oden will co-facilitate this 5-week journey. Books will be available in the church office for \$23.00 beginning March 20. Please sign up in the foyer if you would like us to order one for you.

### Outreach Committee initiatives

- Thanks to all who donated gifts for the Christmas Party at "Our Place" (a home for women who cannot live independently due to mental health issues). The party was a great success and the women were truly delighted with the many generous gifts.
- Improved literacy skills markedly increases the chance of a child eventually being a happy, successful adult. We are collecting new or gently used books for children of all ages (infants to teens) to donate to inner city families. There is a marked bin in the narthex where you can leave books. We will deliver the books as they accumulate. If you have questions, please contact Joan Robinson at 780.988.9325 or email her at [jr3@ualberta.ca](mailto:jr3@ualberta.ca).

**Worship feedback** One of the responsibilities of the Spiritual Formation Committee is to review worship; providing feedback and assistance to Valerie. To help us with this task a new email account has been set up which we hope will be used to share any thoughts you may have about a particular worship service, worship series, or any ideas on what you would like to see within worship. The email address is [worshipfeedback@riverbendunited.org](mailto:worshipfeedback@riverbendunited.org). Valerie and the committee are always very happy to discuss any aspect of worship in person, this is simply another tool.

## Our broader community

**TAX TIME** Riverbend United Church is partnering with E4C to help low-income families get their taxes done. Volunteers are needed to greet and help families with their taxes. Your help is needed on March 27, 28 and April 24 and 25. For more information, please contact Sharon, [bgrocksone@live.com](mailto:bgrocksone@live.com) or call her at 780.884.0570.

### The WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE - A Lenten Retreat

*Bishop Emeritus Fred Henry* The Message of Christ talks to every stage of the life process. The old hear the call to integrity and wisdom, the middle-aged to generativity and responsibility, the young to identity and intimacy. To find Christ at every stage in our lives is to find ourselves! This retreat, led by Bishop Emeritus Fred Henry, will take place Friday, **February 28**, 7:00 p.m. to Sunday, March 1, 1:00 p.m., at Providence Renewal Centre, Edmonton (3005 119 Street NW). For more information, contact the Centre, 780-701-1854.



**World Day of Prayer 2020** on Friday, **March 6th** at 1:00 p.m. St. Thomas More Catholic Church (210 Haddow Close NW) is hosting this year's World Day of Prayer Service. The service was written by the women of Zimbabwe and the theme is "Rise! Take your mat and walk". Join them for this ecumenical service which is celebrated in 170 countries around the world and more than 2,000 communities in Canada. A reception and opportunity for fellowship will follow. If you would like to assist with the service or need more information, please contact Jean Ashdown at 780.435.1861 or email her at [ashdownj@telus.net](mailto:ashdownj@telus.net).

### Retreat: The Art of Creating More Time for What We Love

This 4 day retreat offers an opportunity to explore numerous themes through creative processes, and to experience some blocks of free time, living from a perspective of "Time Prosperity." The retreat will be held **March 12 to 15**, 2020, at Knox United Church, Killam AB (4930 49 Street). Registration deadline is **February 1st**. Cost will be \$150 to \$200. For further information, call 780.385.3955, or email [united.dkr@gmail.com](mailto:united.dkr@gmail.com).

### Waskatenau United Church: Celebrating 100 Years

Waskatenau United Church is celebrating its 100th Anniversary on Sunday, **July 5th**, 2020. Contact Charlotte Roch at [charlotteroch@mcsnet.ca](mailto:charlotteroch@mcsnet.ca) for more information.