




Riverbend United Church Announcements

February 7th to 17th, 2020



Friday, February 7 st	8:30 am 10:00 am 4:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting room) WeCan Food Basket order placement (Library) WeCan Food Basket order placement (Library) Ghana Methodist Church (Chapel) Edmonton Chinese Dance (Lower level)
Saturday, February 8 th	12:00 noon 1:00 pm 7:00 pm	Riverbend Art Group (Lower level hall) MacGregor Tutoring (Boardroom) Ghana Methodist Church (Chapel)
Sunday, February 9th	10:30 am 11:30 am 12:30 pm	Worship Service - Handbells (Sanctuary) RUC Communications meeting (Boardroom) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary)
Monday, February 10 th	8:30 am 9:00 am 9:00 am 5:30 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting room) Occupational Therapist (Family room) Southside Duplicate Bridge (Lower hall) Discover Coding Zone (Boardroom) Handbell Choir (Sanctuary) Girl Guides (Lower level hall) Adult Literacy Club (Meeting room)
Tuesday, February 11 th	8:30 am 1:00 pm 1:00 pm 1:30 pm 4:30 pm 7:00 pm 8:30 pm	E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting room) Women of Riverbend United (Gathering area) Restorative Yoga (Lower level hall) Reflective Crafting (Chapel) Elite Kids Dance (Lower level hall) Official Board Meeting (Boardroom) Memorial service luncheon set-up (Lower hall)
Wednesday, February 12 th	8:30 am 9:00 am 1:00 pm 4:00 pm 4:30 pm 7:00 pm	E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting room) Wednesday Walkers (Gathering area) Ron Holgate Memorial Service (Sanctuary) MacGregor Tutoring (Meeting room) Elite Kids Dance (Lower level hall) Pathfinders (Boardroom)
Thursday, February 13 th	8:30 am 4:00 pm 7:30 pm	E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting room) MacGregor Tutoring (Meeting room) Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Friday, February 14 th 	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 15 th		
Sunday, February 16th	10:30 am 12:30 pm	Worship Service (Sanctuary) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary)
Monday, February 17 th		Family Day - Building & office closed

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Save the Date

- ◆ Sunday, **February 23rd**
Welcome reception for Krystal Manuel, Children's Coordinator
- ◆ Wednesday, **February 26th**
Lent begins "Steps to the Cross"
- ◆ "Tuesday, **February 25th**
Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner & "Ashes" Service
- ◆ Sunday, **March 1st**
Annual General Meeting
- ◆ Saturday, **March 14th**
Celtic Dinner & concert



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RUC is getting branded! Do you have communications or public relations skills? Or are you simply passionate about our connection to the community? Are you interested in helping the church for a short term project (6 months) which involves working with a team to create a new tag line and logo and overall “visual identity” in conjunction with the Official Board? If so, please let Christine Ens, Bev Sawyer or Valerie know of your interest. The first meeting will be **February 9th** after worship. Thank you!

RUC turns 40 this year! We are forming a planning team for a 40th Anniversary Celebration to be held in October. Would you like to serve in this way? Please let Valerie or the church office know. We'd love your great ideas!

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 or call her at 780.884.0570.

Youth Retreat Four United Church congregations are jointly planning a youth retreat from **February 7 to 9, 2020** at the River Lodge Retreat near Stony Plain, Alberta. The retreat will include team-building and ice-breaking exercise and activities and contain natural and outdoor elements as the mid-winter weather permits. We will explore spiritual practices, and talk about our spiritual journeys and social justice from a faith lens. This retreat will also provide an opportunity to look at the history of the United Church of Canada and prepare for spring confirmation. For more information, or to get registration information, please speak to Joel Fleck, Youth Ministry Coordinator at joeledwardfleck@gmail.com.

Covenanting Service A Covenanting Service for the Rev. Blaine Gregg and the congregation of Spirit of Hope United Church (7909 Whyte Avenue), will take place on Sunday, **February 9, 2020**. The covenanting will be part of the congregation's regular worship service at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

Movie Night: Treaty Talk - Sharing the River of Life Mill Woods United Church, (15 Grand Meadow Crescent NW) is hosting a movie night on **February 13, 2020** at 7:30 p.m. The film is *Treaty Talk - Sharing the River of Life*. A trailer for the film can be viewed at: <https://www.treatytalk.com/synopsis>. All are welcome.

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.

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, please call 780.385.3955, or email unit-ed.dkr@gmail.com.

Waskatenau United Church: Celebrating 100 Years Waskatenau United Church is celebrating its 100th Anniversary on Sunday, **July 5th, 2020**. Anyone who has had a connection with the church is invited to join us. Contact Charlotte Roch, by email to charlotteroch@mcsnet.ca, or by mail to Waskatenau United Church, PO Box 392, Waskatenau, AB, T0A 3P0.