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Riverbend United Church & community activities — June 3 to 12, 2022

Friday June 3	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon	E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting room) Secret Sweets (Kitchen) E2 Academy (Chapel) **WECAN Food Basket (Library)**
Saturday June 4	8:30 to 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.	Wellness Junkies (Hall) Elite Dance (Hall) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary)
Sunday June 5	10:30 a.m. 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.	**RUC Worship (Sanctuary)** Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Al-Anon Family group (Boardroom)
Monday June 6	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting room)
Tuesday June 7	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting room) **Transitions group (Chapel)** **Crafting group (Chapel)** Elite Kids Dance (Hall) Elite Kids Dance (Hall)
Wednesday June 8	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. 5:00 to 8:30 p.m.	E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting room) Secret Sweets (Kitchen) **Wednesday Walkers (Gathering area)** Private rental (Sanctuary) Elite Kids Dance (Hall)
Thursday June 9	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting room) E2 Academy (Hall) **Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)**
Friday June 10	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.	E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting room) Secret Sweets (Kitchen) E2 Academy celebration (Sanctuary & Hall)
Saturday June 11	8:30 to 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.	Wellness Junkies (Hall) Elite Dance (Hall) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary)
Sunday June 12	10:30 a.m. 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.	**RUC Worship (Sanctuary)** Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Al-Anon Family group (Boardroom)

New Members If you are thinking of joining the church to become a member please contact Valerie or send an email to the church office at contactus@riverbendunited.org. We'd love a chance to welcome you when we receive new members later this month.

Outreach Committee We are again providing Father's Day lunch at the Bissell Centre on **Sunday, June 19**. We hope to buy and deliver designated pre-purchased foods in about 300 lunch bags. This is 100 more than last year as two other organizations no longer serve Sunday lunches in the inner city. We need at least $1200 in donations. Please consider making a donation prior to **June 12** in one of three ways:

- Drop off a cheque or cash at the church. Please call first to ensure that the church is open 780.430.7275. If the office is closed, you can put a cheque in the mailbox in an envelope marked "Outreach Committee".
- Send an e-transfer to contactus@riverbendunited.org and designate your donation to the Outreach Committee.
- Mail a cheque to the church and indicate that it is for the Outreach Committee.

You will receive a tax-deductible receipt for a minimum $20 donation. Thank you so much from your Outreach Committee. For further information or if you wish your donation picked up please contact the church office at 780.430.7275.

Reverend Valerie's Sabbatical Every attempt is being made to ensure RUC runs smoothy as Valerie is enriched by her sabbatical time away in August, September and October. Please see the upcoming issue of The Front Pew for more details.

Count room volunteers are needed once or twice a month to help count the offering following Sunday services. We also need a Count Room Coordinator (to schedule counters and manage paperwork), and a new Giving Steward (responsible for entering all donations in the ICON software and issuing tax receipts). For more information, please leave a message for Kristen Michalko at the church office.

RUC Archives seeks a new steward. Do you have a pulse on the people and events at Riverbend United Church? Keeping track of the life of the church matters as we are currently living through future generation's "history". Perhaps you have an hour or two to help occasionally - you could bring a friend or two, it's more fun to share the "remember when" moments. Please call or send a note to the church office if this resonates with you.

Lay Readers wanted, no experience necessary. If you'd enjoy helping to lead our worship services by reading Scripture, please let Valerie know. Everyone is welcome to serve in this way!

Ukrainian refugee project Riverbend United Church is exploring how it might help with the Ukrainian crisis, over and above the generous contributions already made by members of the congregation. We are looking at everything from a fundraising campaign for a family already in Edmonton to sponsoring a refugee family that has had to flee. Would you be interested in leading or helping with this initiative? If so, please contact Marv Severson or the Church office.

Summer Shared Worship with St. Paul's This summer we are entering into an arrangement with St. Paul's United Church (11526 — 76 Avenue NW) to share in worship leadership. **In July RUC will lead worship at St. Paul's** with members from both churches in attendance. In August, St. Paul's will provide worship at our church, and their members will join us. July services will be held at St. Paul's; there will be **no worship in July at Riverbend**.

Garage sale After a two-year hiatus due to COVID, we are resuming our fall garage sale! This year's date is Saturday, **August 27th**. The garage sale provides a significant boost to our church finances. As well, it provides a real service to members of our community who have looked forward to donating goods or stocking up at this pivotal time of the year. We are in need of many volunteers to make the sale run smoothly — your help for as short or long a time as you wish would be greatly appreciated. The full list of volunteers needed will be posted in the next edition of Front Pew. Please contact the Church office if you can help, thank you!

Solar Panel update Epcor has signed back the standard tie-in agreement, which means the official system "hand over" from the contractor can be scheduled as soon as Friday. While we are in the process of booking this, with certainty by this time next week we will be officially producing solar power! Thank you for your commitment to this important project.

Discover Coding Summer Camps Learn, Code, Create, Repeat! Discover Coding is offering camps that empower your child to be a technology maker at Riverbend United Church from August 8 to 19th. Visit discovercoding.ca/courses to see the camp offerings and other locations running all summer long. See you this summer!

Star Garden Planting Season The Star of the North is developing a urban garden focused on increasing access to fresh produce for those in need within our community. We are looking for volunteers to help us plant hundreds of seeds in early June. Enjoy getting your hands dirty and learning about no-till, mulch-based gardening techniques. Contact our garden coordinator, Clint Porritt at programs@staroftheNorth.ca or 780.459.5511 to get involved.