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Riverbend United Church & community activities — May 27 to June 5, 2022

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| Friday May 27 | 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. | E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting room) |
| Saturday May 28 | 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. | Wellness Junkies (Hall) Elite Dance (Hall) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) RUC Youth cantata rehearsal (Sanctuary) |
| Sunday May 29 | 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 (Boardroom) |
| Monday May 30 | 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. | E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting room) |
| Tuesday May 31 | 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 9:45 to 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. | E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting room) Garage Sale Committee meeting (Chapel) Transitions group (Chapel) Crafting group (Chapel) Elite Kids Dance (Hall) Condominium Association AGM (Sanctuary) Elite Kids Dance (Hall) |
| Wednesday June 1 | 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 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) Wednesday Walkers (Gathering area) Private rental (Sanctuary) Elite Kids Dance (Hall) |
| Thursday June 2 | 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. | E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting room) Secret Sweets (Kitchen) Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary) |
| Friday June 3 | 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon | E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting room) Secret Sweets (Kitchen) WECAN Food Basket (Library) |
| Saturday June 4 | 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. | 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 (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 in June.

Pentecost Seeking foreign language speakers for next Sunday, June 5, Pentecost. Would you read just a couple of verses of our story from Acts in a foreign language? Please let Valerie know!

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.

Solar Panel project Thank you for all your generous donations in support of the solar panel project. Our Congregation has made a tremendous demonstration of our Stewardship and commitment to "Live with respect in creation". Thank you!

Sabbatical for Reverend Valerie In accordance with United Church of Canada policy, Rev. Valerie will be on sabbatical in August, September and October, following her designated holiday time in July. In order to meet the needs of the congregation in Valerie's absence, a planning committee was struck including Christine Ens, Charles Hitschfeld, Peggy Robinson and Valerie Oden. The following matters have been considered:

- Summer Shared Worship Plan with St. Paul's - this summer we will enter into an arrangement with St. Paul's United Church (11526 76 Avenue) 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.
- Worship in September and October will be led by a variety of clergy and lay people.
- Emergency Pastoral Care will be provided by a few ministers on call, reacting to unanticipated needs.
- Proactive ongoing Pastoral Care will be provided by Tom Sawyer and Joanne Olson.

More details will be provided in the near future; please let anyone on the committee or the office know if you have any questions or concerns.

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.

RUC Archives seeks a new steward. Do you have a couple of hours a month to maintain and update RUC's archive material? Keeping track of the life of the church matters. We are currently living through "history" to future generations. Let's not let it get lost! Send a note to the church office if this resonates with you. Our thanks to previous archivists including Kay Quon and Glynis Maley for their work over many years.

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.

URGENT Garage sale storage The earliest date we can receive items for the garage sale was previously announced as Monday, August 22. However, we do not have storage room if people want to donate items before then. Do you have space to hold boxes and other items for a few months? Please contact the Church office if you can help, thank you.

AI-Anon Are you troubled by someone's drinking/addiction? Consider joining a new AI-Anon group in south-west Edmonton. They meet on Sunday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. in the Boardroom. Contact Paulette at 587.982.1267 for more information.

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.