



Announcements — November 18th to 27th, 2022

Friday, November 18 th	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 9:00 p.m.	E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting room) Secret Sweets (Kitchen) WeCan Food Basket pick-up (Narthex) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary)
Saturday, November 19 th	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Elite Dance Studio (Lower hall) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary)
Sunday, November 20th	10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	RUC Worship Service (Sanctuary) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Al-Anon Family Group (Boardroom)
Monday, November 21 st	8:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting room) Girl Guides (Boardroom) Funeral luncheon set-up (Gathering area) Handbell choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Tuesday, November 22 nd	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.	E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting room) Memorial Service for Marj Kearney (Sanctuary) Reflective Crafting (Chapel) Elite Dance (Lower hall)
Wednesday, November 23 rd	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting room) Wednesday Walkers (Chapel) ESL class (Lower level hall & kitchen) Private rental (Sanctuary) Elite Dance (Lower hall)
Thursday, November 24 th	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting room) Advent & Christmas décor (Sanctuary) Devonshire Service (Offsite) Wellness Junkies (Lower hall) Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Friday, November 25 th	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting room) Secret Sweets (Kitchen)
Saturday, November 26 th	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Elite Dance Studio (Lower hall) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) RUC Youth Group bowling night (offsite)
Advent I Sunday, November 27th	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	RUC Worship Service (Sanctuary) RUC Gratitude luncheon (Lower hall) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Al-Anon Family Group (Boardroom)

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REMINDER

Riverbend United Church mortgage campaign will run the entire month of November 2022. Our objective is to raise \$100,000. Details available at www.riverbendunited.org



Christmas services & events

November 27 — Advent I
December 18 — Children's program
December 18 — Christmas Carol Sing
December 24
* Candlelight worship at 5:00 p.m.
* Candlelight worship at 6:30 p.m.
* Communion candlelight worship at 8:00 p.m.
December 25 — Contemplation & Conversation at 10:30 a.m.

Advent devotionals Are you interested in an Advent devotional this year? [Click here](#) to order the e-book *Advent Awakenings: Daily Devotions for the season of Advent* or go to UCRDstore.ca. This collection encourages reflection on the true meaning of the Christmas season — reminding us to exchange material gifts for spiritual ones.

Outrageous Faith: Advent at RUC Advent is a time to prepare for the birth of Christ. We clear the way for something outrageously new. Advent begins on November 27th and it culminates on Christmas Eve. Please join us in the Chapel on Sunday, **December 4th** at 9:30 a.m. for Advent Coffee and Conversation. What is an outrageous faith filled with hope, peace, joy, love and light?

Outreach Committee Christmas Initiative As in previous years, the Outreach Committee will be delivering Christmas gifts for women living in the “Our Place” and “Buffalo Den” group homes. Your donations will allow the committee to purchase gifts. We are hoping to collect \$1500 this year.

Please consider making a donation (by **December 1st**) in one of three ways:

- Mail a cheque to the church or put it in the offering plate at the back of the church and indicate that it is for the Outreach Christmas project.
- Call the office to have your donation picked up, or
- Send us your donation by e-transfer to contactus@riverbendunited.org. Please designate your donation to Outreach Christmas Project.

You will receive a tax-deductible receipt for a minimum \$20 donation. A new initiative is that we will take gently used magazines (less than one year old) to the women. There will be a box at the back of the church starting Oct 30 if you have any to donate. Thank you so much from your Outreach Committee. For further information please contact Judi Cook at 780.435.0838 or by email at judi@royalpage.ca or Erin James at 587.488.0657.



Searching for Christmas Elves! This is a busy time of the year as the Church prepares for Advent and the Christmas season. Are you willing to help out with one of our many projects? We could use some assistance with:

- Decorating the Sanctuary on Thursday, November 24th at 9:00 a.m.
- Providing food for the Choir between the 5:00 and 6:30 p.m. services on December 24
- Folding extra Christmas bulletins & inserts

If you think you could help please call the Church office at 780.430.7275 or sign-up on the Volunteer Sheet in the Narthex. Thank you!

Grace United Church Fall Bazaar Saturday, **November 19th**, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Grace United Church (6215 - 104 Avenue NW). Bake sale, new and new-to-you gifts, crafts and Christmas items. Lunch \$10 (adults), \$5 (children under 12). Santa will be visiting from 11-1!

Spirit West United Church Fall Supper and Silent Auction Spirit West United Church invites you to a fun-filled night on **Saturday, November 19th** to enjoy a Ham Supper with all the trimmings and a fun and exciting silent auction. Doors open at 5:00 pm for a social hour and to start the silent auction. Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. Further details, including pricing, are available on our website spiritwest.org or by calling the church office at 780.481.1406 or by email at spiritw@telus.net.

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols for Advent and Christmas A benefit for the University of Alberta Student Support on **November 28 at 7:30 p.m.** at Winspear Centre. Join in this festive tradition heralding Advent and Christmas through scripture readings and song. Thrill to the music of the University of Alberta Mixed Chorus and Handbell Ringers. Sing carols along with the Davis Concert Organ! All seats: \$25 at Winspear Box Office, or at <https://my.winspearcentre.com/8889/8890>.