Riverbend United Church
Exploring Faith, Engaging Community

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Friday, December 23rd	8:30 am	E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting room)
Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th	5:00 pm 6:30 pm 8:00 pm	**Candlelight worship service with Choir** **Candlelight worship service with Choir** **Communion Candlelight worship service**
Christmas Day Sunday, December 25th	**10:30 am** **10:30 am** 12:30 pm 3:00 pm	**Contemplation (Sanctuary)** **Conversation & Coffee (Chapel)** Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Al-Anon Family Group (Boardroom)
Boxing Day, Monday, December 26th		**Office & building closed**
Tuesday, December 27th		**Office & building closed**
Wednesday, December 28th		**Office & building closed**
Thursday, December 29th		**Office & building closed**
Friday, December 30th		**Office & building closed**
Saturday, December 31st	8:00 pm	Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary)
New Year's Day Sunday, January 1st	**10:30 am** 12:30 pm 3:00 pm	**RUC Service (Sanctuary)** Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Al-Anon Family Group (Boardroom)
Monday, January 2nd		**Office & building closed**
Tuesday, January 3rd	9:00 am 8:30 am 2:30 pm	**Office re-opens** E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting room) **Crafting (Chapel)**

Christmas offerings The Official Board of Riverbend United Church has decided that a portion of the Christmas Eve offerings will support Riverbend Rocks and the Edmonton Food Bank. This contribution will be to support organizations working to address food insecurity in our local community and across Edmonton.

Pastoral care During the holiday season the office is closed and staff are taking a much needed break. Valerie is in town and available for pastoral care. You can reach her by calling her cell or by calling the church office at 780.430.7275 and pressing extension <2>. Valerie will return your call as soon as she is able.

No Room in the Inn —This year No Room in the Inn has chosen the **Canadian Mental Health Association - Edmonton Region** for its 2022 campaign. This project will allow the 108 individuals and families residing in CMHA Edmonton housing properties better access to the buildings, and increase the security of the properties & their tenants. Learn more at edmonton.cmha.ca/NRII.

Donation envelopes – Do you require donation envelopes for 2023? If you would like to use donation envelopes for the coming year please contact the Church office at 780.430.7275 on or after January 3rd, when the office re-opens.

Gifts with Vision The United Church of Canada provides Mission & Service support to partners for their ongoing work in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, the Middle East, and right here in Canada. Gifts with Vision turns gift giving into an opportunity to do something extra for our church partners by giving gifts to friends or family to support specific partner activities. With your gifts, we help create healthy places to live, promote justice, provide social services, and enliven worship. Check out the online gift catalogue at giftswithvision.ca.

Healthy Relationships is a unique and exciting virtual support group offered by Cornerstone Counselling whose objective is to help women ages 18 to 23 build a foundation for strong, healthy relationships. This group focuses on building awareness surrounding healthy relationships, communication skills, boundaries, and self-esteem. The group will run every Tuesday evening from **January 3rd** to February 7, 2023 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Registration is **free** but space is limited so register early here or on their website at: www.cornerstonecounselling.com.