



Announcements — May 19th to 28th, 2023

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| Friday, May 19 th | 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 9:00 p.m. | E2 Academy (Boardroom and Meeting Room) WeCan Food Basket Order Pick Up (Narthex) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) |
| Saturday, May 20 th | 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. | Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) RUC Youth Biblical Cake Making (Kitchen & Hall) |
| Sunday, May 21 th | 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m. | RUC Hymn Service (Sanctuary) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Al-Anon Family Group (Boardroom) |
| Monday, May 22 nd | 5:00 p.m. | Victoria Day— Office Closed Elections Alberta access (Lower Hall) |
| Tuesday, May 23 rd | 7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m. | Elections Alberta (Lower Hall) E2 Academy (Boardroom and Meeting Room) Transitions Group (Chapel) Reflective Crafting (Chapel) |
| Wednesday, May 24 th | 7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. | Elections Alberta (Lower Hall) E2 Academy (Boardroom and Meeting Room) Wednesday Walkers (Gathering Area) |
| Thursday, May 25 th | 7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 7:30 p.m. | Elections Alberta (Lower Hall) E2 Academy (Boardroom and Meeting Room) Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary) |
| Friday, May 26 th | 7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. | Elections Alberta (Lower Hall) E2 Academy (Boardroom and Meeting Room) Whitemud Citizens for Public Health (Sanctuary) RUC Youth Games Night (Off Site) |
| Saturday, May 27 th | 7:00 a.m. | Elections Alberta (Lower Hall) |
| Sunday, May 28 th | 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. | RUC Worship Service (Sanctuary) & Muffin Sunday Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) RUC Youth Event (Elk Island National Park) Al-Anon Family Group (Boardroom) |

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Look for people with the red
"Ask Me" stickers on their
Name tags.

Upcoming Events

- Hymn Sing ~ May 21st
- Muffin Sunday ~ May 28
- New members welcome & Congregational Picnic ~ June 11

Riverbend United Church news & events

Wednesday Walkers This walking group for women meets **every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.** for an hour-long walk in the neighbourhood. After the walk, we gather in the chapel for coffee time. All ladies are welcome to join us for walking or just for coffee. Come for coffee at 10:00, please bring your own. For walking, we meet in the church parking lot 5-10 minutes ahead of time. **Questions?** Call Glynis 780.439.1330, Dorothy 780.430.6656, Patti 780.430.6216, or Georgianna 780.453.3385.

Muffin Sunday Please stay following Whole Community Worship on Sunday, **May 28th** for Muffin Sunday. This is an opportunity to meet and connect with other members of Riverbend United Church. If you are interested and able to help us by providing one dozen muffins please contact Christine Ens or call the Church office at 780.430.7275.

New members will be received on June 11th If you would like to join the church please let Valerie or the office know and we'll be in touch.

Sun Day, Fun Day! Congregational Picnic on **June 11th** at 11:30 a.m., following the service. Join us for a simple picnic lunch on the church lawn to celebrate the beginning of summer! Tables and chairs will be set up outside, food and drink will be provided, as well as activities for children and youth. If we have poor weather, we will move to the basement. Please RSVP on the narthex sign-up sheet so we can plan for the food!

Outreach Committee We are again providing Father's Day lunch at the Bissell Centre on **Sunday, June 18**. Our goal is at least \$1,500 in donations. Please consider making a donation prior to June 11 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 under the door in an envelope marked "Outreach Committee". Please call if you would like someone to come to your house to collect your donation.
- **Send an Interac e-transfer** to the Church office at contactus@riverbendunited.org. Please desig-

nate 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 your minimum \$20 donation.

The Bissell Center is under-going major reconstruction in the kitchen area and our assistance is greatly appreciated. For further information please contact the church office at 780.430.7275. Thank you from your Outreach Committee.

Worship at St. Paul's This summer we will again be in partnership with the people of St. Paul's United Church for our Sunday worship. **In July we will lead worship at St. Paul's** and in August St. Paul's will lead worship at Riverbend. All services will be at the regular time of 10:30 a.m. St. Paul's is located at 11526 76 Avenue. Maps will be available in the narthex in June.

United Church news & events

Planted: With God in the Garden Series Join Clint Porritt in a 5-week series of outdoor urban gardening evenings combining ritual and reflection with hands-on good gardening practices and education around issues such as creation care and food security. Five Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 pm starting May 17. Registration: \$120. Register at 780.459.5511 or at www.starofthenorth.ca/planted

The School of Earth & Soul – Celtic Wisdom 3 July 25–27, in-person at Victoria College in Toronto, Ontario. Please join us for a three-day retreat on Celtic Wisdom with **John Philip Newell** and **Cami Twilling**. In 2016, John Philip Newell began a teaching initiative that is called The School of Earth & Soul. Its purpose is to reawaken awareness of the sacred in all things through the recovery of Celtic wisdom for today and to help translate this awareness into compassionate action. In July, Emmanuel College's Centre for Religion and Its Contexts is hosting the **Celtic Wisdom 3: Sacred Imagination** retreat, where participants will be invited to reawaken to the sacredness of the human imagination and compassionate action. [Please click here to visit the Centre's website for bios, fees, registration and schedule](http://www.emmanuel.utoronto.ca/the-centre-for-religion-and-its-contexts/continuing-education-events-and-courses/) or check out: <https://emmanuel.utoronto.ca/the-centre-for-religion-and-its-contexts/continuing-education-events-and-courses/>