



Announcements — May 5th to 14th, 2023

Friday, May 5 th	8:30 a.m. 9:00 p.m.	E2 Academy (Boardroom and Meeting Room) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary)
Saturday, May 6 th	10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Elite Kids Dance (Lower hall) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary)
Sunday, May 7th	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	RUC Service & Communion (Sanctuary) Newcomers Welcome (Chapel & Gathering area) RUC Garage sale set-up (Lower hall) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Al-Anon Family Group (Boardroom)
Monday, May 8 th	8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	E2 Academy (Boardroom and Meeting Room) RUC Handbell rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Tuesday, May 9 th	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m.	E2 Academy (Boardroom and Meeting Room) Transitions Group (Chapel) Reflective Crafting (Chapel)
Wednesday, May 10 th	8:30 a.m. 3:30 p.m.	E2 Academy (Boardroom and Meeting Room) Private Rental (Sanctuary)
Thursday, May 11 th	8:30 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	E2 Academy (Boardroom and Meeting Room) Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Friday, May 12 th	8:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	E2 Academy (Boardroom and Meeting Room) RUC Garage Sale (Narthex & lower hall)
Saturday, May 13 th	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	RUC Garage Sale (Narthex & lower hall) RUC Youth mini-golf (offsite)
Mother's Day Sunday, May 14th	10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	RUC Service (Sanctuary) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Al-Anon Family Group (Boardroom)

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Upcoming Events

- Newcomers welcome ~ May 7th
- Garage sale set-up ~ May 7th
- Garage sale ~ May 12th and 13th
- Hymn Sing ~ May 21st

Riverbend United Church news & events

Newcomers Welcome May 7th following worship. Are you new to the church in the last year? We want to welcome you! Join us in the Chapel after worship on May 7 to meet other newcomers and some of the church leaders and learn more about RUC as we learn more about you. Please sign up in the narthex.



Save the Date for a Spring Garage Sale! The Spring Garage Sale is on Friday, **May 12th** and Saturday, **May 13th**. At this time our biggest need is for volunteers. We are looking for people to help set-up tables, sort & price items and assist on the sale dates. Can you help for a few hours in preparation for this large fundraiser? Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex, or available [online here](#) and you can choose which tasks and times work best for you. If you aren't able to commit to a specific day and time please drop in anytime and we'll be pleased to put you to work! Also, details re. what items we can accept are on our website. Thank you!

Hymn Sing! Join us at worship on Sunday, **May 21st** for a Hymn Sing featuring all of your favourite hymns. Please request your favourite hymn and tell us why you love it either online [here](#), or by signing up in the Church.

Riverbend United Name Tags If you haven't had an opportunity to sign-up for a pre-printed name tag you can still do so by adding your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. The name tags are magnetic and not harmful to fabric. Your donation towards the cost of the name tags would be appreciated but is not required.

United Church news & events

Join the Moose Hide Campaign on May 11
The [Moose Hide Campaign](#) is an Indigenous-led grassroots movement of men, boys, and all Canadians who are standing up against violence towards women, girls, and Two Spirit people. By wearing a moose hide pin and participating in Moose Hide Campaign Day on **May 11**, Canadians are making meaningful progress towards reconciliation and the creation of a country where violence against women and children is no longer allowed to flourish in the shadows. Take tangible action to end gender based violence in Canada and check out www.moosehidecampaign.ca.

The School of Earth & Soul – Celtic Wisdom 3 July 25–27, in-person, 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](#) or check out: <https://emmanuel.utoronto.ca/the-centre-for-religion-and-its-contexts/continuing-education-events-and-courses/>.