



November 24 to December 3, 2023

Friday November 24	8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	E2 Academy (Boardroom and Meeting Room) RUC Youth Group (Spirit of Hope)
Saturday November 25	10:00 a.m.	Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary)
Sunday November 26	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	RUC Service (Sanctuary) RUC Children's Choir (Sanctuary) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Al-Anon Family group (Boardroom)
Monday November 27	8:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	E2 Academy (Boardroom and Meeting Room) Christmas Decorations Set up (Sanctuary) 32nd Girl Guides (Lower level hall) RUC Handbell rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Tuesday November 28	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.	E2 Academy (Boardroom and Meeting Room) Transitions Group (Chapel) Reflective crafting (Chapel) Elite Dance Studio (Lower level hall)
Wednesday November 29	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	E2 Academy (Boardroom and Meeting Room) Wednesday Walkers (Chapel) Private rental (Sanctuary) Elite Dance Studio (Lower level hall)
Thursday November 30	8:30 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	E2 Academy (Boardroom and Meeting Room) RUC Choir rehearsal
Friday December 1	8:30 a.m.	E2 Academy (Boardroom and Meeting Room)
Saturday December 2	10:00 a.m.	Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary)
Sunday December 3	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	RUC Service & Baptism (Sanctuary) Young Family Event (Lower Hall) RUC Children's Choir (Sanctuary) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Al-Anon Family group (Boardroom)

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Christmas services & events

- December 3** Advent I
- December 3** Young Family event
- December 10** Blue Christmas service
- December 17** Community Christmas Carol Sing

December 24 Services

- * Worship service at 10:30 a.m.
- * Candlelight and Choir worship at 5:00 p.m.
- * Candlelight, Choir and John Tessier, soloist at 6:30 p.m.
- * Communion candlelight worship at 8:00 p.m.

December 31 — 10:30 a.m. Worship service

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RUC Advent Journey: Bless the Advent We Actually Have by Kate Bowler. This free guide includes daily reflections and optional activities.

Click [this link](#) for online access or pick up a photocopy in the Narthex if reading on screen isn't your thing. Or visit courses.katebowler.com. **Options for discussion: Sunday mornings** in person beginning Dec. 3, led by Jill Spaner. **Zoom conversation** Wednesdays at 7:00 pm Dec. 6, 13, & 20, led by Valerie Oden. Or join a **WhatsApp** phone chat group and read and share messages at your leisure. See Joanne Little with questions about this option. **Sign up** in the narthex or contact the office.

Young Family Event Sunday Dec. 3 after worship. Come connect with other parents as children and youth enjoy some activities. Lunch provided.

Blue Christmas Service Sunday, Dec. 10 at 4:00 pm -- Join us for a quiet service with gentle carols, designed for those experiencing grief, transition, or difficulty in the holiday season.

2024 Riverbend United Church Donation Envelopes If you wish a set of envelopes for 2024, please sign up on the designated sheet in the narthex or send an email to the Church office advising how many envelopes you wish to have. Thank you for being part of our congregation!

RUC Men's Walking Group will meet again on Saturday, **December 9** at 10:00 a.m. at Freson Bros, 5139 Mullen Road. Please meet in the cafe at 10:00 a.m. followed by a local walk by the river valley, distance to be determined by the ability and wishes of the attendees, or skip the walk if you wish.

Yoga classes resume January 2024 Restorative Yoga classes led by Susan Brooks will begin Wednesday, **January 10th** at 11:00 a.m. Please call the office at 780.430.7275 to register.

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" permanent group homes. Due to ongoing concerns about respiratory viruses in group homes, we are no longer able to continue our tradition of sharing a meal with the residents. However, we will continue making Xmas gift bags for each resident. We also hope to enable the homes to have some fun together by offering funding for movie tickets and money for the women to go out for dinner one evening. The committee will purchase the items for the gift bags. Please consider making a donation (ideally by December 1) 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 us if you would like us to pick up your donation, 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. Thank you so much from your Outreach Committee. For further information please call the office to leave a message for Judi Cook or Erin James.



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