

Riverbend United Church

Exploring Faith, Engaging Community



January 5 to 14, 2024



Friday January 5		
Saturday January 6	10:00 a.m.	Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary)
Sunday, January 7	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	RUC Worship Service (Sanctuary) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Al-Anon Family group (Boardroom) Private rental (Boardroom)
Monday January 8	8:30 a.m. 5:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting room) 32nd Girl Guides (Lower hall) Handbell Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary) Spiritual Formation (Chapel)
Tuesday January 9	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting room) Transitions Group (Chapel) Reflective Crafting (Chapel)
Wednesday January 10	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m.	E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting room) Restorative Yoga (Lower level hall) Private rental (Sanctuary)
Thursday January 11	8:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting room) Karate class (Lower level hall) Wellness Junkies (Lower level hall) RUC Choir rehearsal
Friday January 12	8:30 a.m.	E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting room)
Saturday January 13	10:00 a.m.	Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary)
Sunday, January 14	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	RUC Worship Service & Baptism (Sanctuary) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Al-Anon Family group (Boardroom)

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Have questions about the church?
Look for people with the red "Ask Me" stickers on their Name tags.



Riverbend United Church ~ News & events

Men's Walking Group The next meeting of the men's Coffee and Walking group will be on Saturday, **January 6** at 10:00 a.m. at McDonalds in Riverbend Square. We will start with coffee and conversation, and end with an optional walk. To add your name to the mailing list for the men's group events, please contact the church office.

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 for this 8-week class. Cost is \$96.00 payable directly to Riverbend United Church.

Outreach Committee The Outreach Committee has become aware that there are residents of group homes looking for volunteer jobs to put on their CV to boost their chances of getting paid employment. Many of these people were recently hospitalized, homeless or living in shelters. If you know of a potentially appropriate job or have questions about this, please contact Alexander Sharp at E4C, a non-profit organization focused on the elimination of poverty, by calling 780.722.3541 or emailing him at ASharp@e4calberta.org.

Donation envelopes – Do you require donation envelopes for 2024? If so please contact the Church office at 780.430.7275 on or after January 2nd, 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 spe-

cific 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](https://giftswithvision.ca) at giftswithvision.ca.

The Front Pew—Winter 2023 edition is available online [here](#). A few printed copies are also available in the Narthex.

Care Coordinator Please join us in welcoming Holly Ruryk, the new Care Coordinator at Riverbend United Church. Holly has been worshipping at Riverbend United for 11 years, is a very active volunteer on the Outreach committee and the Turkey Team, and is one of the driving forces behind our annual Garage Sale. A retired nurse, Holly now enjoys spending more time with her family, especially her grandkids. Her interests include mastering the banjo and pickleball! Holly is looking forward to her new role and can be reached via email at carecoordinator@riverbendunited.org. Please say "Hello" if you have a chance.

Covenanting Service at St. Paul's United, Edmonton. A covenanting service for Reverend Anna Constantin, Senior Minister, and Reverend Candace McNeill, Minister of Faith Formation, and the Congregation of St. Paul's United Church, Edmonton, will take place on **Sunday, January 7, 2024** at 2:00 p.m. The covenanting service will take place at St Paul's United Church (11526 – 76 Avenue NW, Edmonton). A reception will follow the service. Everyone who can attend will be most welcome. For those unable to attend, greetings can be sent to the Church address, or through the church website ([click here](#)).