



March 22 to April 1, 2024



Friday March 22	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:00 p.m.	E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting room) <b>WeCan Food Basket Society (Narthex)</b> Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary)
Saturday March 23	10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	<b>RUC Men's Walking Group (Boardroom)</b> Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Private rental (Lower level hall & kitchen)
<b>Palm Sunday,</b> March 24	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	<b>RUC Lenten Book Study (Chapel)</b> <b>RUC Worship Service (Sanctuary)</b> Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Al-Anon Family Group (Boardroom)
Monday March 25	7:00 p.m.	<b>Handbell Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)</b>
Tuesday March 26	2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	<b>Reflective Crafting (Chapel)</b> <b>RUC Book Club (Chapel)</b>
Wednesday March 27	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<b>Wednesday Walkers (Chapel)</b> <b>Restorative Yoga (Lower level hall)</b>
<b>Thursday</b> March 28	7:30 p.m.	<b>RUC Choir rehearsal</b>
<b>Good Friday</b> March 29	10:30 a.m.	Office & building closed <b>Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)</b>
Saturday March 30	10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	<b>RUC Men's Walking Group (Chapel)</b> Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Children Ministry Set Up (Lower level hall)
<b>Easter Sunday</b> March 31	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	<b>Easter Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary)</b> Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Al-Anon Family Group (Boardroom)
<b>Easter Monday</b> April 1		Office & building closed

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

### Save the date

- **Good Friday**, March 29  
10:30 a.m. service
- **Easter Sunday**, March 31  
10:30 a.m. service
- **Annual General Meeting**  
April 14 following  
worship service

# Riverbend United Church ~ News & events

**Men's Walking Group** The Men's Coffee and Walking group meets this Saturday, **March 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Punch Jackson will speak about the Men's Sheds program, a non-profit organization that builds and promotes casual spaces for all men to connect, create and socialize in a positive environment. To add your name to the email list for the men's group events, please contact the Church office.

**2024 Church Directory** We are updating our Church Directory and would like to include your current contact information to share with other members of the Congregation. Please fill out one of the cards in the Church or [click here](#) to submit a form to return to the office. You will only be included in the Directory and able to receive a copy if you submit your contact information. The Directory will not include pictures and will not be posted online. The last day for submission of your information will be **Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**.

**Riverbend United Church Care Team** Join us in welcoming members of the newly formed Riverbend United Church Care team:

- Holly Ruryk, Care Coordinator
- Jamie Bain
- Sheila Basford
- Judy Brotto
- Sandy LaPointe
- Georgianna McDavid
- Maureen Miller
- Mary Neden
- Janet Pattison
- Daina Sparling



Care Team members will have a heart symbol on their name tags to easily identify them. Members of the Care team will make phone calls or visits, send cards and generally assist with care and keeping in touch with members of the Congregation as needed.

**RUC Annual General Meeting** Save the date for RUC's AGM to be held on April 14th following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. [Click here](#) for a copy of the 2023 Annual Report & Financial information.

**RUC Scam reminder** We want to remind you to be careful about ongoing scams. It's possible that someone may try to "scam" you using Valerie or the Church's phone number, email, and name, either through text or email in very convincing ways. Don't fall for it. No one from the Church will ever ask you for money in this way. In addition, there are many other scams coming by text, email or phone from:

- Amazon i.e. "An i-phone was ordered on your account ..."
- Government of Canada "Your climate change check can't be deposited ..."
- Canada Revenue Agency "Your tax refund can't be deposited ..."
- UPS or USPS "Your package arrived at the warehouse but can't be delivered because of an incorrect address ..."
- Your bank "We think we've detected a security breach in your account; click here..."
- Someone pretending to be a grandchild needing help

**NEVER** click a link from an unknown source. Never give information over the phone. If you receive a phone call, text, or email from a company or bank or agency, hang up and call the company yourself.

**Outdoor Way of the Cross** on Good Friday, **March 29th** at 10:00 a.m. at 99 Street and 107 Avenue NW. The 44th annual Outdoor Way of the Cross invites people to think about the relevance and importance of the Gospel message in our world today. The walk will once again take place in person, along the streets of Edmonton's inner city. It will include six stations, and each station will offer a reflection on an aspect of the overall theme that highlights both a challenge and a source of hope, woven together with music. People of all faith traditions are welcome. The 1.5-kilometre walk is reasonable for most ages and levels of fitness and ability. Free street parking is available near the start location. Light refreshments will be provided at Hope Mission (106 Avenue and 99 Street) after the final station. For more information, contact Marguerite Watson at [marguerite.watson@telus.net](mailto:marguerite.watson@telus.net) or visit the Way of the Cross [website here](#).