Riverbend United Church

Exploring Faith, Engaging Community

November 1 to November 11, 2024

Friday November 1	12:30 p.m.	Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Saturday November 2	9:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	**NO Men's Walking Group today** Private rental (Kitchen) **Marvelous Music Concert (Sanctuary)**
Sunday November 3	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	**RUC Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)** **RUC Children's Choir (Music Room)** Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Al-Anon Family Group (Boardroom) Private rental (Sanctuary)
Monday November 4	6:30 p.m.	**Handbell Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)**
Tuesday November 5	11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	**Transitions Group (Chapel)** **Reflective Crafting (Gathering area)** Elite Dance (Lower Hall)
Wednesday November 6	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	**Wednesday Walkers (Chapel)** **Restorative Yoga (Lower hall)** Private Rental (Sanctuary) Elite Dance (Lower Hall)
Thursday November 7	5:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Wellness Junkies (Lower Hall) **RUC Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)**
Friday November 8		
Saturday November 9	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Private rental (Kitchen) **Men's Walking Group (Chapel)**
Remembrance Service Sunday November 10	10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	**RUC Worship (Sanctuary)** Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Al-Anon Family Group (Boardroom)
Monday November 11		**Remembrance Day** **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

Marvelous Music Concert
November 2nd at 7:30 p.m.

Riverbend United Church ~ News & events

Marvelous Music Please join us on Saturday, **November 2nd** at 7:30 p.m. for another evening of Marvelous Music featuring musicians from RUC, including a 6-piece string group. This year we are featuring peace songs as well as other favorite songs from the 60's and 70's. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated with proceeds going to the church mortgage fund.

Youth Event Friday, **November 15**, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church. Youth grades 7-12 are invited to gather with other UC youth groups. Let Darryl Sparling or Valerie know you can come! If you need a ride, let us know.

Advent Book Study: *The First Christmas – What the Gospel Really Teach About Jesus's Birth* Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. from **November 17th** to December 15 to bring new meaning into the Christmas story. Sign up in the narthex to order your copy, $22.00 each. Kindle and Kobo e-books are available for $12.00. This book by Marcus Borg and John Crossan shines the light on our traditional scriptural story with scholarship and wisdom. You're welcome to the discussion even if you don't read the book.

Grocery cards Riverbend United Church is once again selling Sobeys/Safeway grocery cards. Grocery cards will be available before and after Sunday services in the narthex. We have $50, $100 and $500 denominations available. Payment accepted by cheque, cash or e-transfer.

RUC Daily Reflections for Advent Do you enjoy reading daily reflections/devotionals? Have you ever wished you could contribute a reflection? The Spiritual Formation Committee is producing a booklet of daily reflections for Advent, written by members of this faith community. Would you like to write a reflection for inclusion? Please email spiritualprojects24@gmail.com with your submissions by **November 12th**. Questions? speak to Carolyn Miller, Valerie, or any member of the committee.

Men's Walking Group The men's group will not meet this week, join us instead Saturday, **November 9th** when we chat for a bit and then have an optional walk. Interested? contact the office.

Outreach Committee projects The Outreach Committee has been busy with a number of initiatives. Please help with one or all of these projects as you are able and inclined. Thank you in advance.

- **Women's Shelters:** With Christmas rapidly approaching the Riverbend United Outreach Committee is preparing for it's annual support of two women's shelters in the inner city. We are asking the congregation to assist so that we can brighten the lives of these women once again. Your financial donation can be made by e-transfer, leaving a cheque in the offering plate or speaking to Judi Cook or Erin James.
- **Winter clothing:** We are collecting winter items for people in need. A collection box can be found in the Narthex.
- **Food pantry collection:** The Outreach Committee is also responsible for the Food Pantry located outside the church. Items needed for the winter months include pasta, rice, dry beans/lentils, crackers, dry soup, instant noodles, cereal, peanut butter, granola bars, etc. Donations can be placed directly in the Food Pantry or dropped off in the collection box in the narthex.

Rumbold Vocal Prize Recital On Friday, **November 8th** Edmonton Opera will be hosting the 3rd annual Rumbold Vocal Prize Recital for emerging Canadian opera singers at 7:00 p.m. at the Myer Horowitz Theatre, University of Alberta. The Rumbold Vocal Prize was endowed by Grace and Arnold Rumbold of Riverbend United Church and provides experience, exposure and over $30,000 in prizes to four outstanding Canadian classical vocalists. Four finalists from across Canada and a University of Alberta vocal student have been chosen to participate in this year's week-long development experience, featuring internationally renowned Canadian soprano Wendy Nielsen. Free tickets for the Recital are available online at https://www.edmontonopera.com/rumbold-vocal-prize.