



November 15 to November 24, 2024

Friday November 15	9:00 p.m.	Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary)
Saturday November 16	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Private rental (Kitchen) Men's Walking Group (Chapel)
Sunday November 17	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	Advent Study (Chapel) RUC Worship (Sanctuary) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Al-Anon Family Group (Boardroom)
Monday November 18	11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Canadian Federation of University Women (Lower Hall and Kitchen) RUC Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)
Tuesday November 19	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 20	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Private rental (Kitchen) Wednesday Walkers (Chapel) Restorative Yoga (Lower hall) Private Rental (Sanctuary) Elite Dance (Lower Hall)
Thursday November 21	1:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	E2 Academy (Lower level hall) Wellness Junkies (Lower Hall) RUC Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Friday November 22		
Saturday November 23	10:00 a.m.	Men's Walking Group (Chapel)
Sunday November 24	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	Advent Study (Chapel) RUC Worship (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.

NOTICE

Riverbend United Church
Advent Devotionals
will be available for pick-up
on Sunday, **November 24th**.

Pick up your copy
or download it from
the RUC website.

Riverbend United Church ~ News & events

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 in the Chapel 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.

United Church Christmas fun!

- **Grace United Church Christmas Bazaar** at Grace United Church (6215—104 Avenue NW, Edmonton) on Saturday, **November 16** from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. New and "New to You" gifts, crafts, Christmas items and a Kids' shopping opportunity. Baking, preserves and food products on sale. Santa will arrive at 11:00 a.m. Lunch (\$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children under 12) is available.
- **Strathearn United Church Christmas Tea & Market** Saturday, **November 23rd**, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Strathearn United Church (8510—95 Avenue NW, Edmonton, elevator access at back door). Featuring: Christmas Tea \$5.00 (beverage and 2 treats – also gluten free); Bake Sale; Craft & Hobby Vendors (including wood carving, tatting, jewelry, honey, botanicals, Epicure, assorted sewn items, and more); Next-to-New Shop, Christmas items, Books & Puzzles.
- **Salisbury United Church Annual Bake Sale** Mark your calendars! Our annual bake sale is scheduled for Saturday, **November 23rd** from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. We are offering delicious baked goods for sale. Admission is FREE. Salisbury United Church is located at 2 Mission Street in Sherwood Park.

Grocery gift cards Riverbend United Church is selling Sobeys/Safeway grocery cards as a Church fundraiser with proceeds going to the Church mortgage. Grocery card sales will be available before and after service in the narthex every Sunday. We have \$50, \$100 and \$500 denominations available. Payment via cheque, cash or e-transfer.

Church decorating Volunteers are needed to help decorate the church for Advent. If you can help, please meet in the Sanctuary Thursday, **November 28th** at 1:00 p.m. Any questions please see Peggy Robinson or contact the church 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.
- **Operation Friendship for Inner City Seniors** Please donate new toiletries (razors, shaving cream, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner or liquid or bar soap) to the winter clothing box in the Narthex by December 15th.