Advent

Hope, Peace, Joy and Love

Announcements
December 13 to 22, 2024

Friday December 13	6:00 p.m.	Wellness Junkies (Gathering Area)
Saturday December 14	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	Private Booking (Kitchen) **Men's Walking Group (Chapel)** Private rental (Lower Hall)
Advent III—JOY Sunday December 15	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	**Advent Study (Chapel)** **RUC Worship & Children's program (Sanctuary)** Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Al-Anon Family Group (Boardroom) **Community Christmas Carols (Sanctuary)** Private Booking (Sanctuary)
Monday, December 16	6:30 p.m.	**RUC Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)**
Tuesday December 17	11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	**Transitions Group (Chapel)** **Reflective Crafting (Gathering area)** Elite Dance (Lower Hall)
Wednesday December 18	10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	**Wednesday Walkers (Chapel)** Elite Dance (Lower Hall)
Thursday December 19	5:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Wellness Junkies (Lower Hall) **RUC Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)**
Friday December 20	1:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	Private rental (Kitchen) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary)
Saturday December 21		**No Men's Walking Group today**
Advent IV—PEACE Sunday December 22	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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Christmas services

December 24

- Candlelight, Choir and John Tessier, soloist, at 5:00 p.m.
- Candlelight and Choir worship at 6:30 p.m.
- Candlelight and Communion worship at 8:00 p.m.

December 29

- 10:30 a.m. Worship service

Riverbend United Church ~ News & events

Advent 2024 To access Riverbend United Church's Advent 2024 information, please pick up material in the narthex, scan the QR code to the right, or click on this link. A Calendar of Events highlighting this season's Advent activities is available, as well as the Advent Devotional written by members of the Church. Check our webpage for an Advent playlist to accompany the devotional.

This **Advent** project is only possible because of the inspiration of the Spiritual Formation Committee and members of the congregation who graciously provided their reflections to share with members of the congregation.
Thank you!

REMINDER Join us for upcoming events including:

* Children's Christmas program on December 15th at 10:30 a.m.,
* Community Christmas Carol Sing-a-long on Sunday, December 15th at 4:00 p.m. and
* Christmas Eve Services on Tuesday, December 24th at 5:00, 6:30 and 8:00 p.m.

Ushers needed for Christmas Eve We are in need of ushers to assist with the Christmas Eve services at 5:00, 6:30 and 8:00 p.m. Do you think you can help? Please sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex or speak to Christine Ens. Thank you.

Grocery gift cards Riverbend United Church is selling Sobeys/Safeway grocery cards as a Church fundraiser. 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.

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 still 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.

Deep Winter Song XVIII A Mystical Solstice Evening of music and story. Join Martin Kerr, Gord Oaks and many other special guests on Saturday, **December 21st** at 7:00 p.m. at the Centre for Spiritual Living, (7621 —101 Avenue NW, Edmonton). Advance tickets: $30 (adult), $75 (family of 4). For further information check out Eventbrite.