



May 23 to June 1, 2025

Friday May 23		
Saturday May 24	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Private rental (Kitchen) Men's Discussion/Walking Group (Chapel) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) RUC Ensemble rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Sunday May 25	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 May 26	5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Elite Dance Kids (Lower Hall) Handbell rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Tuesday May 27	2:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	E2 Academy (Kitchen) Northern Spirit Region Annual General Meeting Set Up (Upstairs) Elite Dance Kids (Lower Hall)
Wednesday May 28	10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Walkers & Talkers (Chapel) Northern Spirit Region Annual General Meeting Set Up (Lower Hall)
Thursday May 29	ALL DAY	Northern Spirit Region Annual General Meeting (Building)
Friday May 30	ALL DAY	Northern Spirit Region Annual General Meeting (Building)
Saturday May 31	ALL DAY	Northern Spirit Region Annual General Meeting (Building)
Sunday June 1	10:00 a.m. ALL DAY	RUC Worship (Sanctuary) Northern Spirit Region Annual General Meeting (Building)

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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

June 1 worship led by the Northern Spirit Region is at **10:00 a.m.**

Riverbend United Church ~ News & events

Sunday June 1st Worship is at 10:00 a.m. We welcome representatives from United Churches across the province and beyond for the Northern Spirit Region Annual Meeting May 29 - June 1. The Region will lead worship on Sunday, June 1st with United Church General Secretary Michael Blair Preaching. The service is expected to last 1.5 to 2 hours. Children's activity packs will be available in the narthex but there will be no children's Sunday School or Youth discussion that day. The service *will* be livestreamed to the RUC YouTube Channel, as a change from previous announcements. Let's welcome our neighbours in RUC style! **Please note the start time of 10:00 am.**

Grocery card sales The next date for grocery card sales is Sunday, **May 25th**. These grocery cards are available in denominations of \$50, \$100.00 and \$500.00 and are a Church fundraiser.

Outreach Committee — Father's Day 2025 We will be providing over 200 bagged lunches on Father's Day (June 15) to the Bissell Centre. We need at least \$1500 in donations to buy the suggested foods. If we collect more than that, we will drop off extra lunches for the next day. Please consider making a monetary donation prior to **June 9**. There are three ways to make a monetary contribution:

- Drop off a cheque or cash at the church. Please call to ensure that the church is open and if not leave a cheque under the door in an envelope marked "Outreach Committee". Please call if you would like someone to come to your house to collect your donation.
- E-transfer to contactus@riverbendunited.org and designate your donation to Outreach.
- Mail a cheque to the church and indicate that it is for the Outreach Committee.

You will receive a tax-deductible receipt for a minimum \$20 donation. Thank you so much from your Outreach Committee. For further information please contact the church office at 780.430.7275.

Men's Discussion & Walking group The Men's group will meet again on Saturday, May 24th and resume regular gatherings on June 7th.

From the Heart: understanding the impacts of AB's anti-transgender laws May 30, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Riverbend United Church and online. Join us for personal stories of the impacts of Bills 26, 28, and 29 on Albertan athletes, teachers, parents, children, and church members. Learn together how we can take action in support of gender-diverse people. Behind the headlines and debates, what is happening for transgender people in Alberta? This isn't only a legal and legislative matter; it has lived impacts on people's bodies, minds, hearts, and spirit. We thank our speakers, who are joining us to describe the impact on their lives. We invite you to come with an open mind and heart, and hear their stories, no matter your opinion on this legislation. [Please see all details here.](#)

United Church of Canada 100th Anniversary celebrations Join us on **June 8th** to celebrate with worship at Riverbend United Church at 10:30 a.m. Then join Edmonton and the surrounding area United Churches at Fort Edmonton Park hosted by St. Paul's United Church:

- 10:30 a.m. worship service will also be offered at the Park in the Big Top (Midway) for folks who do not have a home congregation
- Additional worship services at McDougall Methodist Church are in the park at 2:00 and 4:00 p.m.
- Stop in for cake in the Big Top at 3:00 p.m.

Remember to ask for the admission discount when you arrive, simply mention that you are with the United Church 100th Anniversary event and receive a 20% discount on your admission tickets.

Summer cooking camp at Riverbend United Church from July 14 to 18, and August 11 to 15 for ages 9 to 12. This summer kids will learn how to cook by preparing foods from around the world. These dietician-led cooking classes will include nutrition and food education, outdoor games, daily lunch & snacks, an apron, cut-resistant gloves and a "take-home" mini herb garden. Registration is now open at www.nutritionhealthtours.com.