



May 2 to May 11, 2025

Friday May 2		
Saturday May 3	10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Men's Discussion & Walking Group (Chapel) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary)
Sunday May 4	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	RUC Worship (Sanctuary) Celebration of Krystal Manuel (Gathering area) RUC Garage sale set-up (Lower level hall) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Al-Anon Family Group (Boardroom) Terwillegar Riverbend Soccer Association (Boardroom)
Monday May 5	9:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Garage Sale Set Up (Lower Hall and Lobby) Handbells (Sanctuary) RUC Spiritual Formation (Chapel)
Tuesday May 6	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	Garage Sale Set Up (Lower Hall and Lobby) Transitions Group (Chapel) Reflective Crafting (Chapel) E2 Academy (Kitchen)
Wednesday May 7	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m.	Garage Sale Set Up (Lower Hall and Lobby) Walkers & Talkers (Chapel) Private rental (Sanctuary)
Thursday May 8	9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Garage Sale Set Up (Lower Hall and Lobby) RUC Garage Sale open (Church) RUC Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Friday May 9	9:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Garage Sale Set Up (Lower Hall and Lobby) RUC Garage Sale open (Church)
Saturday May 10	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	RUC Garage Sale open (Church) RUC Garage Sale clean-up RUC Youth event (Lower level hall)
Sunday May 11	10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	RUC Worship (Sanctuary) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Al-Anon Family Group (Boardroom)

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Annual Garage sale

Donations accepted
beginning Sunday, May 4th.

Sale Dates

May 8: 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.
May 9: 2:00 to 8:00 p.m.
May 10: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Riverbend United Church ~ News & events

Celebration of Krystal's ministry with our Children!

After over 5 years of commitment and dedication to the children of RUC, Krystal is stepping down. Please join us on Sunday **May 4th** to celebrate Krystal's strong leadership. There will be a presentation during the service, followed by cake and coffee so that you will have an opportunity to share your personal greetings. We are pleased to have Alec Gallant on our team to continue with our Children's Ministry.

RUC Garage Sale coming up! This Sunday, **May 4** marks the beginning of an intense week of receiving, sorting, pricing, and sales in preparation for our Annual Garage Sale. A lot of work is needed before the three-day sale itself, and we **really need volunteers** to help make it a success. Opportunities are noted below, and sign-up sheets are in the narthex (lobby).

- **May 4** moving & setting up tables downstairs after church so there is space for donations; also, donations may be brought by those attending church that day
- sorting, pricing, and placing goods **May 5 to 7th and Thursday May 8** (morning, before the sale starts); specific hours noted on the sign-up sheets
- sale volunteers to welcome and assist buyers **Thursday, Friday, and Saturday May 8 to 10th**
- packing up and replacing tables and chairs **Saturday May 10** as the sale ends.

We appreciate the efforts of so many volunteers who contribute toward the success of this event. Thank you.

Grocery cards The next dates for grocery card sales will be Sunday, **May 11** and Sunday, May 25th. Grocery cards are available in denominations of \$50, \$100.00 and \$500.00 and can be used at Safeway, Sobey's, IGA, FreshCo and others. They are a Church fundraiser and a percentage of sales made is returned directly to Riverbend United Church.

Graduate Recognition will be held in worship on Sunday, **May 11th**. If you are a grad or have a graduate in your family, please email the church office by **May 5** to receive pertinent information.

Riverbend United Church Directory Don't forget to send us your contact information if you weren't in the last Directory or have changes to your contact information. Deadline is **May 16th**. Please call the office at 780.430.7275 or send an email to contactus@riverbendunited.org.

Calling all Young Families! Please join us on Sunday **May 25** after worship. We'll share in a light lunch then the children and youth will have activities and games while the parents meet with Valerie. RSVP by signing up on the sheet in the narthex (foyer) or send a note to contactus@riverbendunited.org. Questions? See Adam Brennan-Smith, Alec Gallant or Nathan Schoenhardt.

New Outreach Committee initiative with Basically Babies, an organization that provides layettes to 1000 needy Albertan families with newborns every year. The layette box contains about 120 pieces of clothing and other baby supplies to provide most items required for the first year of life. Most needed are snowsuits, sleepers, bibs, shoes (size 0 to 6), infant socks, infant tights and storybooks. All clothing should be size 0 to 24 months and can be new or gently used. See [Donating Baby Clothing & Supplies – Basically Babies](#) for the full list of what is needed. Please put your donations in the playpen in the church foyer by **May 19**, or make a monetary donation by dropping off a cheque in the donation plate or by e-transfer to contactus@riverbendunited.org.

St. Stephen's College Day of Reflection On **May 5th** St. Stephen's is marking two centennials that fall near one another: the 100th anniversary of The United Church of Canada (in Summer 2025) and the 100th convocation of St. Stephen's College (was held in Fall 2024). The College and the Church have a long, winding, and intertwined history with one another. Join us as we explore the intersections, images, and ideologies that have shaped faith and education in Alberta over the past one hundred years. [Click here for details](#).



Upcoming Events

May 8 – 10

RUC Garage Sale

Thursday	May 8	4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Friday	May 9	2:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday	May 10	10:00 – 1:00 p.m.
	Clean up	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

There are many volunteer opportunities to pull off this huge fundraiser for the church. Thanks for whatever you can do! Please sign up in the narthex for a shift if you are able. And thank you!

Sunday, May 25

Young Family Event

Sunday after worship, light lunch provided.
RSVP: sign up in narthex or email the office.

May 29 – June 1

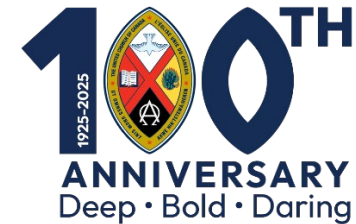
RUC Hosts the Northern
Spirit Region Meeting

- Your help hosting would be greatly appreciated!
- There are many opportunities for you to help provide hospitality to United Church representatives from the entire Region.
- “Grubby-hand” work is available too!

Sunday, June 1

10:00 am Worship begins

- The Region is providing worship that morning.
- The General Secretary of the United Church, Michael Blair, will be preaching.
- The service will be 1.5 – 2 hours long
- There will be *no* children’s Sunday School or Youth Discussion that day.
- The service will be livestreamed on the Region’s site. We will send the link. It will *not* be on our YouTube Channel.
- *Note the change in worship time for this Sunday only.*



Sunday, June 8

100th Anniversary Celebration

We’ll honour the 100th Anniversary of the United Church in worship at 10:30 am as usual. At 3:00 p.m. that afternoon, we are invited to Fort Edmonton Park to join St. Paul’s UC in their anniversary festivities. Admission discount provided for United Church members.

Sundays in July

RUC worships at St. Paul’s

Beginning July 6th and throughout July, the people of Riverbend United will worship at St. Paul’s United Church at 10:30 a.m. In August, the people of St. Paul’s UC will worship here with us. St. Paul’s birthed Riverbend in the mid-1980s and the two churches are in growing partnership.

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