



Sunday, June 1, 2025

Join us for a special worship at Riverbend United Church at **10:00 a.m.** on June 1st led by the Northern Spirit Region. Please [click here](#) for our live-streamed service on You Tube.

May 30, 2025

Message from Rev. Valerie

Dear friends:

The Northern Spirit Region will lead worship this Sunday, **beginning at 10:00 a.m.**, with General Secretary of the United Church Rev. Michael Blair preaching. When I asked my friend and colleague Catherine MacLean about him, she said, "Oh, can he preach!"

Communion will be served, and the service is expected to last 1.5 - 2 hours. I hope you can join us! It's a great chance to lend our hearts to the wider church, and experience the wider church in our midst.

Thank you to the *many* volunteers who have helped Riverbend United offer such gracious hospitality in hosting the Northern Spirit Region Annual Meeting this week. Special thanks to Diane Trenn, Jill Spaner and Jacqueline Hunt for leading our Planning Team.

They've worked hard for the last 5 months considering every detail, coordinating with the Region and inspiring the rest of us. We are also grateful for the sub-group coordinators: Don Trenn (Facilities), Patti Hunter (Hospitality) and Christine Ens (Kitchen.)

What a great way to enter our celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the United Church. Thank you to all.

Please see the Prayers and the Announcements below, and have a blessed weekend,

Valerie

IN OUR PRAYERS

- We give thanks for RUC member **Arnold Rumbold and his late wife Grace** and their generosity to the broader community. This is from the Winspear Centre: *"On Saturday, May 31st, the Winspear Centre will be celebrating Arnold and his late wife, Grace, and their ongoing legacy of giving to the arts. Their generosity has dramatically uplifted the Edmonton music community, and to celebrate their philanthropic spirit we will be formally naming the Winspear Centre concert hall choir loft in their honour."* We at RUC claim Arnold as one of our Choir Members, but they may not know that! Thank you, Arnold (and dear Grace), for your ministry beyond the church.
- **Marleen Henley** is recovering in Royal Alec Hospital. She would appreciate calls or visits. Contact the church office if you want her cell number.
- **Bob Hall** is in University Hospital recovering from an injury. Bob is Doreen Hall's husband, and Marleen Henley (above) is her sister. So let's keep Doreen in our hearts. She maintains a bright spirit even as her loved ones are in difficulty.
- **Gerry Young** is in Capital Care Norwood trying to gain strength. Gerry's gentle spirit is echoing in our pews even now, as we hold him in our hearts.
- **Jamie Bain** remains in frail health, is now at home, and we keep Jamie and his wife Megan in our hearts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- This week's Announcements are available [here](#)
- [Click here](#) for the shiny new **Summer Edition of the Front Pew** RUC Newsletter.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** The church office will be closed this Monday, June 2, to allow our staff to recuperate after the busy week hosting the Region.