



June 6 to June 15, 2025

Friday June 6		RUC Youth (Lower level hall)
Saturday June 7	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	MacGregor Tutoring (Boardroom) Men's Discussion/Walking Group (Chapel) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary)
Sunday June 8	10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	RUC Worship—100th Anniversary (Sanctuary) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Al-Anon Family Group (Boardroom)
Monday June 9	5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Elite Dance Kids (Lower Hall) Private Booking (Sanctuary)
Tuesday June 10	11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Transitions Group (Gathering area) Private Booking (Lower Hall) Reflective Crafting (Chapel) Elite Dance Kids (Lower Hall)
Wednesday June 11	10:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Walkers & Talkers (Gathering area) Private rental (Sanctuary) Elite Dance Kids (Lower Hall)
Thursday June 12	7:30 p.m.	RUC Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Friday June 13	5:00 p.m.	E2 Academy graduation ceremony (Hall & kitchen)
Saturday June 14	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	MacGregor Tutoring (Boardroom) Men's Discussion/Walking Group (Chapel) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Outreach Committee (Chapel)
Sunday June 15	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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Have questions about
the church?
Look for people
with the red "Ask Me"
stickers on their
Name tags.

Save the Date

**RUC Choir
Hymn Sing**

Sunday,
June 29th

Riverbend United Church ~ News & events

Ice cream Please join us for ice cream after worship to celebrate the birth of the church on Pentecost and the birth of the United Church of Canada 100 year ago!

Thank you to everyone who helped host the Northern Spirit Region Annual Meeting last week. Special thanks to Diane Trenn, Jacqueline Hunt and Jill Spaner for coordinating the event, and to Don Trenn, Patti Hunter, and Christine Ens for being sub-coordinators. It took 40 volunteers covering 75 shifts! Our guests were so very appreciative of the warm hospitality shown. In addition, Rob Beghin worked for months preparing for the Audio Visual needs and he and Nathan Mills ran the complex hybrid meeting with incredible skill. The Ensemble provided stunningly beautiful music for the Saturday morning Opening Worship. Thank you to all!

100th Anniversary celebration at Fort Edmonton Park on Sunday, **June 8th**. Please see Insert for details.



Next Sunday—June 15th We welcome Rev. Dr. Catherine MacLean who will share details with us about the United Church Centennial project called “*A Place at the Table*”. This project expresses hope for the United Church moving into the future. Find out more: <https://united-church.ca/a-place-at-the-table>

RUC Church Directory The 2025 Church Directory will be available for pick-up on Sunday, **June 15th**. Please stop by the table in the Narthex to pick up your copy.

Centering Prayer Reprise Sunday, **June 22** at 9:30 a.m., join Graham Gaine in the Chapel if you'd like to share in a Centering Prayer experience or learn more about it. All are welcome.

Blue envelopes in today's Bulletin are for special offerings that are going to the United Church of Canada Foundation in honour of the 100th anniversary of the United Church.

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., and although we are approaching our target we are in need of a bit more. Please consider making a monetary donation as soon as possible by leaving a cheque in the collection plates during service, dropping it off at Church or by sending an e-transfer to contactus@riverbenuited.org.

RUC Past Board Chairs Thank you to these fine leaders for keeping the church healthy, vital, and relevant through the decades, as together we seek to follow God's vision for Riverbend United Church.

- 2006 - 2007 David Olson
- 2007 - 2008 Deborah Hesje and Jill Spaner
- 2008 - 2009 George Irwin
- 2009 - 2010 Ray Hawrelak
- 2010 - 2011 Dave Rumbold
- 2011 - 2012 Lynne Wolford
- 2012 - 2013 Bev Sawyer
- 2013 - 2014 Laurie Simonar
- 2014 - 2017 Christine Ens
- 2017 - 2020 Matthew Schoenhardt
- 2020 - 2022 Marv Severson
- 2022 - 2025 Joan Robinson
- 2025 - Patti Hunter

Hymn Sing We are excited to announce what is becoming a “traditional” Hymn Sing Worship Service on the **June 29th**, the last Sunday in June. Each year, we try out a different “method” for choosing the hymns we will sing, and this year we have invited our many volunteer groups to make suggestions! Join us on June 29th for a wonderful variety of favourite hymns! This will also be the last Sunday the choir will lead our hymns before we break for the summer.



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James Allan	David James	Richard Pawsey
Janet Brown	Erin James	Dawn Power
Brent Bymoan	Sandy LaPointe	Holly Ruryk
Donna Chamberland	Tom LaPointe	Rev, Tom Sawyer
Eric Chang	Joanne Little	Marv Severson
Johanne Duchesne	Glynis Maley	Linda Soucy
Christine Ens	Jennifer Martin	Don Trenn
Chrissie Gardener	Glenda McLaren	Doug Whitnack
Stephanie Gardener	Christy Middleton	Nicola Whitnack
Diane Hawrelak	Carolyn Miller	Gail Windjack
Dorothy Hitschfeld	Ron Monk	Orie Windjack
Marion Hobbs	Dennis Nolan	
Patti Hunter	Janet Pattison	

Wednesday Walkers & Talkers who put together the 150+ Hospitality bags.

Ensemble: Doug Spaner, Marv Severson, Annika Schoenhardt, Joanne Little, Ayanna Rocke, George Irwin, Jon Spaner, Joel Fleck and Randy Nelson.



Sunday, June 8

100th Anniversary Celebration

Today, we honour the 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada in worship at 10:30 a.m., including ten RUC Board Chairs taking part in the service. After worship, join us for ice cream and fellowship.

This afternoon, we are invited to Fort Edmonton Park to join St. Paul's UC in anniversary festivities. Worship there is at 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. and ice cream (again!) is offered under the Big Top tent at 3:00 p.m. An admission discount is provided for United Church members.

Sunday, June 15

Rev. Dr. Catherine MacLean

Catherine will share with us the UC Centennial Focus, *A Place at the Table*. This national project includes a bold reimagining of DaVinci's *The Last Supper* as inspiration in a way that celebrates the diversity of the United Church as we move into the future welcoming all.

Sunday, June 29

Choir-Led Hymn Sing

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.

St. Paul's United Church is at 11526 – 76 Avenue NW, Edmonton