



November 21 to 30, 2025

Friday November 21	10:00 a.m. 9:00 p.m.	Private rental—Boardroom Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary)
Saturday November 22	10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Discussion Group (Chapel) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Ensemble Rehearsal (Music Room) RUC Youth Event (Lower level hall)
Sunday November 23	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 November 24	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Karate (Lower level hall) Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) Spiritual Formation (Chapel)
Tuesday November 25	11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Transitions Group (Gathering area) Reflective Crafting (Chapel) E2 Academy (Kitchen) Elite Dance (Lower level hall) All Points West Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Wednesday November 26	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Walkers & Talkers (Gathering area) Restorative Yoga (Lower level hall) Elite Dance (Lower level hall) Condo Meeting (Sanctuary)
Thursday November 27	11:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Devonshire service (Offsite) Wellness Junkies (Lower level hall) RUC Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Friday November 28	5:00 p.m.	Memorial Luncheon set - up (Lower level hall)
Saturday November 29	10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Men's Discussion Group (Chapel) Jamie Bain Memorial Service (Sanctuary)
ADVENT I Sunday November 30	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	RUC Worship (Sanctuary) Young Family event and Pageant rehearsal (Chapel & Lower level hall) 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 these dates!

November 30 - Advent I
December 7 - Christmas Café
December 14 - Children's
Christmas Program
December 14 - Carol Sing at
4:00 p.m.

Riverbend United Church ~ News & events

Grocery cards will be available for purchase following worship services on:

- November 23 and 30
- December 7, 14, 21 and 28.

You can purchase a grocery card in \$50, \$100 or \$500 denominations to be used at a variety of grocery stores. This Church fundraiser is an easy way to help our faith community.

Sanctuary decorating Help decorate the sanctuary for Advent! Do you have a bit of free time and a willingness to help decorate the sanctuary? Please join us on Monday, **November 24** at 10:00 a.m. for 2 to 3 hours. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

Outreach Food Pantry suggestions for December are protein items such as beans, legumes, peanut butter and canned fish/meat. We are continuing to collect items for the cold weather for those in need in the inner city. This year the Outreach committee will be supporting Operation Friendship, a 55+ seniors program for those in need. Monies will be used to purchase sweatpants/joggers, long underwear and toiletries. Financial donations can be made at the office or to Holly Ruryk and Erin James.

A Pastoral Letter from Regional Alberta United Church Leaders regarding the provincial government's invocation of the notwithstanding clause in their labour dispute with the Alberta Teachers Association. Printed copies of the United Church Regional leaders position letter are available in the narthex or by [clicking here](#).

Family Event & Christmas Pageant Rehearsal Join us after service on Sunday, **November 30th**, from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., for a special Family Fellowship Event! During this time, our children and youth will participate in a full dress rehearsal for the upcoming Christmas Pageant on December 14th, practicing with Alec Gallant, Children's Ministry Lead. This is an exciting opportunity for the kids to bring their roles to life and prepare for the big performance! While the children rehearse, parents are invited to spend time in fellowship and conversation with Rev. Valerie. It's a wonderful chance to connect, share, and enjoy community as we look forward to the Christmas season. We'll also have muffins, snacks, and refreshments available for everyone. Join us for an afternoon filled with joy, community, and the spirit of Christmas!

New members will be received on **December 7th**. Please contact Rev. Valerie for more information.

Edmonton Opera will be hosting the 4th annual Rumbold Vocal Prize Recital for emerging Canadian opera singers on Friday evening, **November 21st** at the U of A Horowitz Theatre. Tickets are available online at <https://www.edmontonopera.com/rumbold-2025>

Christmas Bazaar at Grace United Church (6215—104 Avenue NW, Edmonton) on Saturday, **November 22nd** from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Come and find new and "new to you" gifts, crafts, Christmas items and a children's shopping opportunity! Baking, preserves and food products will also be available. Lunch is \$12.00, \$5.00 for children under 12.

Spirit West Craft & Bake Sale Spirit West United Church Ladies Group is holding a Craft and Bake sale on **November 23rd** from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. There will be lots of baking and crafts so come do some of your Christmas shopping! Kids can make their own Christmas crafts at a craft table Bring your friends and spread the word. Address: 7003 190 Street NW. For more information please call the Church office at 780.481.1406.

Christmas Market at Pilgrim United Church (9008—135 Avenue NW) on Friday and Saturday, **December 5** (10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.) **and December 6** (10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) Get into the holiday spirit! Discover unique handcrafted gifts, festive décor, home baking and more at the annual Christmas Market. For more information call the Church office at 780.476.5202.

Accommodation needed Quite, professional woman, early 40's looking to rent a furnished room with private bath in the Riverbend/Terwillegar area. Responsible, tidy and respectful. Employed full time. Budget \$500 to \$800 / month. Open to arrangements that include house sitting, pet care, or light help around the home. References available. Contact Elina at elinaboesen@gmail.com.