

Advent

Hope, Peace, Joy and Love

November 28 to December 7, 2025



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. 3:00 p.m.	Men's Discussion Group (Chapel) Jamie Bain Memorial Service (Sanctuary) Memorial luncheon (Lower level hall)
ADVENT I Sunday November 30	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	RUC Care Team (Boardroom) RUC Worship (Sanctuary) Young Family event and Pageant rehearsal (Chapel & Lower level hall) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Al-Anon Family Group (Boardroom)
Monday December 1	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Karate (Lower level hall) Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Tuesday December 2	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 December 3	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Walkers & Talkers (Gathering area) Restorative Yoga (Lower level hall) Friends Oven (Kitchen) Elite Dance (Lower level hall)
Thursday December 4	5:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Wellness Junkies (Lower level hall) RUC Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Friday December 5	2:00 p.m.	Riverbend ROCKS (Hall & kitchen)
Saturday December 6	10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Discussion Group (Chapel) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Christmas Café set-up (Chapel) Dan Seibel (Lower level hall) RUC Youth event (Lower level hall)
ADVENT II Sunday December 7	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	RUC Worship (Sanctuary) Christmas Café (Chapel) 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 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.

The Front Pew The winter edition of Riverbend United Church's quarterly newsletter, The Front Pew is now available. It is always full of news, events and announcements going on in our Church community and neighbourhood. A few printed copies are available in the narthex, or find it online [here](#).

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 or Erin James.

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!

Case of mistaken identity!! Did you take home a black "puffer" jacket that wasn't yours? Please check, as Nathan (our AV technician) is missing his!! Thanks.

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

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.



All Points West Choir Concert This holiday season, join All Points West Chamber Choir as they present **Constellation**, a journey through the universe of Christmas music on Saturday, **December 13th** at 7:30 p.m. at Riverbend United Church. Experience diverse choral works from across the musical firmament that embody the yuletide spirit. Featuring works by living composers: Pärt, Balfour, Saindon, Praulins, Mealor, Maniano and many others, this concert presents lush, modern choral works from Christmas traditions that span centuries and cultures, whether from the Latin mass, modern carols, top 40, or a galaxy far, far away. Tickets (\$20 in advance, \$25 at the door) available from Choir members, at the door or on [online](#).

No Room At the Inn Campaign 2025 Every year the No Room in the Inn campaign raises money in support of an Edmonton area organization helping those experiencing housing challenges. Some of the donations from our Christmas offerings will go to this year's campaign whose focus is raising funds for WIN House!