

Advent

Hope, Peace, Joy and Love

December 5 to 14, 2025



Friday December 5	2:00 p.m.	Riverbend ROCKS (Hall & kitchen)
Saturday December 6	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:20 p.m.	Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Christmas Café set-up (Chapel) Dan Seibel (Lower level hall) RUC Youth event (Offsite)
ADVENT II Sunday December 7	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	RUC Worship (Sanctuary) Christmas Café (Chapel) M&P Training (Boardroom) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Al-Anon Family Group (Boardroom)
Monday December 8	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Made by Maud (Kitchen) Karate (Lower level hall) Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Tuesday December 9	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Made by Maud (Kitchen) Transitions Group (Gathering area) Reflective Crafting (Chapel) Elite Dance (Lower level hall) All Points West Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) RUC Board meeting (Boardroom)
Wednesday December 10	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Made by Maud (Kitchen) Walkers & Talkers (Gathering area) Restorative Yoga (Lower level hall) Elite Dance (Lower level hall)
Thursday December 11	5:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Wellness Junkies (Lower level hall) RUC Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Friday December 12	2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	E2 Academy (Kitchen) All Points West Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Saturday December 13	10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Men's Discussion Group (Chapel) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) All Points West concert (Sanctuary)
ADVENT III Sunday December 14	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	RUC Worship (Sanctuary) Christmas Café (Chapel) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Al-Anon Family Group (Boardroom) Christmas Carol Sing (Sanctuary)

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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!

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 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.

Christmas Café The Christmas café will be open Sunday following worship in the chapel from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Hope to see you there!

RUC Youth This Saturday, **December 6th**, RUC Youth are bowling at Bonnie Doon Bowling Lanes. The address is 8330 82 Avenue NW. Please meet inside at entrance 5, (on the central west side of the mall) at 7:20 p.m. The event will end just after 9:00 p.m.

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.

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.

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 Pilgrim 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, Prauliņš, 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](#).

Deep Winter Song ~ A Mystical Evening of Music and Story This enchanting celebration on Friday, **December 19th** at 7:00 p.m. explores and honors the mystery of the Winter Solstice, Christmas, and the magical, contemplative beauty of the winter season. Deep Winter Song is an acoustic evening filled with traditional and modern songs of winter, heartfelt stories, poetry, angelic voices, and immersive mystical moods. Highlights include captivating projections, a sacred sound journey, and a meaningful Solstice Fire Ritual. This celebration presented by Gord Oakes and friends features songwriter/singer Martin Kerr, at the Centre for Spiritual Living (7621 101 Ave NW, Edmonton) and will be live-streamed. For more details please check out [Eventbrite Details & Tickets](#).