



January 30 to February 8, 2026

Friday January 30	7:00 p.m.	RUC Youth Group (Offsite)
Saturday January 31	10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Men's Discussion Group (Chapel) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary)
Sunday February 1	10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	RUC Worship & Communion (Sanctuary) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Al-Anon Family Group (Boardroom)
Monday February 2	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Karate Class (Lower level hall) Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Tuesday February 3	11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Transitions Group (Gathering area) Reflective Crafting (Chapel) Elite Dance (Lower level hall) All Point West Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Wednesday February 4	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Walkers & Talkers (Gathering area) Yoga class (Lower level hall) E2 Academy (Kitchen) Elite Dance (Lower level hall)
Thursday February 5	7:30 p.m.	RUC Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Friday February 6	5:00 p.m.	Memorial luncheon set-up (Lower level hall)
Saturday February 7	11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Rev. Ray Olsen Memorial Service & Luncheon (Sanctuary & Lower level hall) RUC Youth (Lower level hall)
Sunday February 8	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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Name tags

Please sign up for a name tag if you don't have one. It will be printed for you for next Sunday.



Have questions
about
the church?
Look for people
with the red
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stickers on their
name tags.

Riverbend United Church ~ News & events

RUC Youth Group event on Friday, **January 30th** at 7:00 p.m. at the Flying Canoe Festival in collaboration with youth from St. Paul's and Robertson-Wesley United. Youth are welcome to come solo or with their families. Please reach out to Nathan for more details.

Lay leaders are those who help Valerie in worship by reading the scriptures and leading other parts of the service. If you would enjoy serving in this way, please sign-up in the narthex. You will receive the service and the readings in advance. Thank you!

RUC Pop-up Choir Yes! It's happening! Our Pop-Up Choir is back to welcome ALL RUC singers on Sunday, **February 15th**. Whether you're an experienced vocalist or simply love to sing while vacuuming, we'd love to have you join us! We'll have a short introductory rehearsal after church on Sunday, February 8th, followed by our main rehearsal on Thursday, February 12th, at 7:30 p.m. No auditions required and no long-term commitment — just show up and sing! We'll provide printed music, PDFs, and a few MP3s you can play on your computer or phone. All voice types are welcome. Please add your name, voice part (if you know it), and your email address to the sign-up sheet in the narthex. All rehearsals are in the Sanctuary on:

- Sunday, February 8 following worship
- Thursday, February 12 at 7:30 p.m. (rehearsal)
- Sunday, February 15 at 9:45 a.m. (Sunday's anthem!)

Grocery Card sales continue every Sunday before and after worship. Thank you Doug and Nicola for their help with this important ministry.

Tax Receipts for 2025 If you have made financial contributions to Riverbend United Church in 2025 we will issue you a tax receipt in February. If your address has changed this year please call or email the office to ensure we send the receipt to the right address. If your contributions were made by Interac e-transfer please include a physical mailing address so we can send your tax receipt.

Outreach Food Pantry continues to welcome your donations for the food pantry. This month the focus is on school snacks including granola bars, cheese and cracker snack packs, fruit cups, fruit leather, oatmeal and cereal. Please feel free to drop off your donations in the cardboard Food Pantry bin near the coat racks. Thank you.

Uncharted senior youth retreat: February 14-16, Kananaskis "Uncharted" is a retreat for youth ages 16-17, and this year it's at Camp Chief Hector in Kananaskis. Registration has been extended, so there's still time to sign up, but it will be closing soon. Bursaries are available and we encourage you to use them! Enter CHART25 or CHART50 for 25% or 50% off, or send us an email at firstthird-ministry@united-church.ca for the 75% and 100% codes. Don't let money be the barrier to attending! For more information, or to register, you can e-mail [Kevin Guenther Trautwein](mailto:Kevin.Guenther.Trautwein@united-church.ca) or [check the website here](#). Please share with your communities!

Kirk Centre cooking classes on Saturday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Join them for:

- Mediterranean on February 7
- Gnocchi on February 28

To register call the office at 780.438.6619.