

Riverbend United Church

Exploring Faith, Engaging Community



April 17 to 26, 2026

Friday April 17	7:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	RUC Library Team (Library) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary)
Saturday April 18	8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Made by Maud (Kitchen) Men's Discussion Group (Chapel) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary)
Sunday April 19	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	Sunday Morning Contemplation (Chapel) RUC Worship (Sanctuary) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Al-Anon Family Group (Boardroom)
Monday April 20	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Karate Class (Lower level hall) Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Tuesday April 21	11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Transitions Group (Gathering area) Reflective Crafting (Chapel) Elite Dance (Lower level hall) All Points West Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Wednesday April 22	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 April 23	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	Not Falling for You (Lower level hall) Devonshire service (Offsite) RUC Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Friday April 24	6:30 p.m.	All Point West Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Saturday April 25	10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Men's Discussion Group (Chapel) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) All Points West Choir concert (Sanctuary)
Sunday April 26	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	Sunday Morning Contemplation (Chapel) 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.



May 3 - Newcomers Welcome

May 7 to 9 - RUC Garage sale

May 10 - Mother's Day

Riverbend United Church - News & Events

The RUC Legacy Fund Riverbend United Church is extremely fortunate to have received a significant gift from the estate of Leslie Berezowsky that has been invested with and managed by the United Church of Canada Foundation. This enabled the congregation to establish an endowment fund for the purpose of providing enriching ministry to the Riverbend United community through funded projects sponsored by members of the church. The interest from the endowment is used to fund the projects.

Donations to the endowment are very welcome; as the endowment grows, so will the new ministry RUC can provide to our Riverbend community. If you would like more information, please contact David Olson, Legacy Committee Chair or call the church office.

Ministry and Personnel Committee update Reverend Valerie has requested, and has been granted, a 12 week compassionate leave of absence to spend time with her ailing mother this summer. The 12 week leave is comprised of vacation time, study/renewal leave, paid compassionate leave and an unpaid leave of absence.

Valerie will be in the pulpit on June 14th, and will begin her leave the following day. She will be back to work on September 8th, resuming worship leadership on September 13th. Plans are being made to fill the pulpit during this leave. Our shared worship arrangement with St Paul's will continue this summer and this will cover 4 weeks in July. Plans are already in place for the last two Sundays in June, and with St Paul's summer leadership, that leaves 6 Sundays to coordinate. Details on how pastoral care needs will be met will be forthcoming. If you have any questions, please consult with Ministry and Personnel Chair, Christine Ens, or any member of the committee.

Sunday Morning Contemplation Every Sunday, we will have "Sunday Morning Contemplation" in the Chapel from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. If there are newcomers, we will spend the first 5 minutes explaining some contemplative practices to try. There will then be a 15-minute silent meditation period. In the remaining 10 minutes, we will do an abbreviated Lectio Divina (sacred reading) of one of the scripture readings for the week, with discussion to follow. All are welcome!

Lay leaders needed Would you enjoy being a Lay Leader for worship? It means reading the Scriptures and leading other parts of the service as you wish. Please sign up in the narthex (foyer). No experience necessary!

Newcomers welcome If you're new to the church in the last year, please join us on Sunday, **May 3rd** in the Chapel after worship to learn more about the church and meet some leaders and other newcomers. Sign up in the narthex (foyer).

Upcoming Sundays

- April 19: The Road to Emmaus: Faith and the Growth of Faith with Charles Hitschfeld
- April 26: Whole Community Worship with Carolyn Miller — An intergenerational service celebrating creation and the beauty that surrounds us everyday.
- May 3: "An Unfolding Creation" 4-week sermon series. Creation is not finished. It is still unfolding —across the universe, across life, and in us. What might we discover when we look more closely — through both faith and science — at the story of creation?



Save the date AND your stuff!! Spring cleaning is in the air!!! Our annual **Garage Sale** is fast approaching, and we are very interested in leftover items you may no longer need. Donations for the garage sale can be brought to the Church beginning Sunday, **May 3rd** following worship. The sale will take place from May 7th to 9th and many volunteers are needed to make this another great success. Volunteer sign-up sheets for a variety of positions are now available.