



May 1 to 10, 2026

Friday May 1		
Saturday May 2	10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Men's Discussion Group (Chapel) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) RUC Youth pizza & movie (Lower level hall)
Sunday May 3	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	Sunday Morning Contemplation (Chapel) RUC Worship (Sanctuary) Newcomers welcome (Chapel) Garage sale set-up (Lower level hall) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Al-Anon Family Group (Boardroom)
Monday May 4	10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Garage sale donations accepted Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Red Dress day Tuesday May 5	10:00 a.m.	Garage sale donations accepted
Wednesday May 6	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Walkers & Talkers (Offsite) Garage sale donations accepted
Thursday May 7	10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Garage sale donations accepted RUC Garage sale open to public
Friday May 8	2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	RUC Garage sale open to public
Saturday May 9	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	RUC Garage sale open to public
Mother's Day Sunday May 10	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

Spiritual Book Drive! The Library Team has begun planning the RUC library renewal, and the first step is hosting a Spiritual Book drive. If you have spiritual books at home that are collecting dust, please consider leaving them in the bin in our library! Thanks in advance!

Coming May 3 Join us for “An Unfolding Creation” a 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?

Men’s Shed Lawn Bowling Club The West End Seniors Men’s Shed has invited the Riverbend Men’s Shed to an Open House at the Commonwealth Bowling Club (11420 - 139 Street NW) on Saturday, **May 9th** at 10:00 a.m. Please confirm you will be attending by contacting David James or the Church office by Thursday, May 8th. For additional information or any questions contact Grant Schneider at 780.952.2673.

Outreach for Mother’s Day RUC will once again be collecting items for Mother's Day. With the rising costs of providing for babies please consider donating diapers, baby wipes, formula, baby food, snacks, pablum, etc. Monetary donations can also be also be dropped off at the church. Donations will be accepted up to and including Sunday, **May 17**.

Riverbend United Church Community Garden Fiona and Steve Bamforth have been looking after the Church Community Garden (two 4’ x 8’ raised beds on the east side of the church) since 2019 and would like to pass the hoe and spade on to other gardeners this year. Anyone is welcome to harvest and Riverbend Rocks also receives some of the produce. We have learned what works well and what people like to see (everyone loves carrots, no one likes kale, rabbits aren’t fussy). Call or email the office to leave a message for Fiona or Steve.

Ladies Walking Group and Coffee Time Ladies, come for a walk on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. or coffee at 10:00 a.m. For those interested in walking, meet in the church parking lot at 8:50 a.m. We walk for about an hour in the neighbourhood. Or, join us for coffee at 10:00. Bring your own beverage. All ladies are welcome to drop in for this social time. Contact the church office for more information. We look forward to meeting you, Glynis, Patti, Georgianna & Dorothy.

Sunday Morning Contemplation in the Chapel on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. We will spend the first 5 minutes explaining some contemplative practices followed by 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!

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).

Graduate Sundays, May 17 & 24 Do you have any graduates or family members celebrating a school accomplishment? Perhaps a senior graduating from Grade 12, or a proud student graduating from university or college? Please let the office know so we can acknowledge their success on May 17 or 24.



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. Volunteers are especially needed on sale dates, May 7th to May 9th.