



July 31 to August 9, 2026

Friday July 31	9:00 a.m.	SmartKidz Heritage Club (Lower level hall & kitchen)
Saturday August 1	10:30 a.m.	Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary)
Sunday August 2	10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	Sunday Worship (Riverbend United Church) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Al-Anon Family Group (Boardroom)
Monday August 3	Heritage Day	Office & building closed
Tuesday August 4	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Nutrition Health Camp (Lower level hall & kitchen) Transitions Group (Gathering area) Reflective Crafting (Chapel) Elite Dance (Lower level hall) Library Team (Library)
Wednesday August 5	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Nutrition Health Camp (Lower level hall & kitchen) Walkers & Talkers: Walking Walkers & Talkers: Coffee (Gathering area)
Thursday August 6	9:00 a.m.	Nutrition Health Camp (Lower level hall & kitchen)
Friday August 7	9:00 a.m.	Nutrition Health Camp (Lower level hall & kitchen)
Saturday August 8	10:30 a.m.	Ghana Methodist Church Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Sunday August 9	10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	Sunday Worship (Riverbend United Church) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Al-Anon Family Group (Boardroom)

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Welcome to all members of
St. Paul's United Church
and anyone else
joining us today.

We're glad you're here!

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

Riverbend United Church - News & Events

Pride Parade This year Edmonton's Pride Parade will be held on Saturday **August 22nd**. The Northern Spirit Region is hosting an entry for Affirming congregations to walk together. This year every participant needs to be registered, with wristbands provided on the day, and space is limited to 100 people. If you would like to participate in the walk please either let the church office know or use the sign up sheet in the Narthex so that we can arrange registration. The Parade starts at 1:00 p.m. with line up beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Rev. Valerie continues her Leave of Absence in Colorado, returning on **September 8th**. If you are in need of Pastoral Care please contact the office and we will put you in touch with one of the United Church ministers who are covering for Valerie this summer. Quality worship has been arranged by the Spiritual Formation Committee, who have secured a great line-up of worship leaders.

Summer Worship We are blessed with wonderful worship leadership into early September. Please see the schedule below:

- August 2 — Dawn Power & Carolyn Miller
- August 9 — Annika Schoenhardt
- August 16 — Matthew Schoenhardt
- August 23 — Rev. Hugh MacGregor
- August 30 — Rev. Dr. Catherine MacLean
- September 6 — Rev. Dr. Catherine MacLean

Rev. Valerie returns to lead us in worship on Sunday, September 13th.

Letter from Northern Spirit Region Executive Please see the letter [here](#) from the Executive of the Northern Spirit Region regarding the upcoming Alberta fall Referendum.

United Church Women Fall Rally Join St. Albert United Church (20 Green Grove Dr, St. Albert) on Saturday, **September 12** when it hosts the 2026 UCW Fall Rally. Theme: Hope in our Changing World; Speaker is Rev. Chelsea Masterman. Registration is \$10.00 from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m., sessions run until 4:00 p.m. Please bring your own lunch.

Edmonton weather The wettest summer on record in Edmonton has meant ground saturation and flooding on roads, creeks and in some Edmonton and area homes and businesses. Please be careful when waters rise quickly and stay safe.

Ladies Walking Group and Coffee Don't forget to join us for a walk on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and/or coffee at 10:00 a.m. All ladies are welcome to drop in for this social time.

What might Christianity in the future look like? The Institute for Contemplative Ecology (I4C) is hosting sustained engagement into this question taking the following position: *"the current moment of ecological crisis could inform and catalyze the transformation of Christianity into an earth-based ecologically grounded spirituality."* Join them **September 11 to 13, 2026** for the first retreat in a series to explore this position focusing on the theme "Christian animism". Can a radically transcendent theology of a God whose spirit is above and beyond creation be reconciled with a worldview that sees spirit as radically imminent in a living earth? What is the relation of the Christian spirit to nature, to the earth? Rev. Shawn Sanford Beck, author of the book *Christian Animism*, will co-facilitate this retreat with I4C Director Christopher Peet. Let's explore these questions humbly and prayerfully at the beautiful natural setting of the CHANGE Centre in Gainford, Alberta. The CHANGE Centre is a 130-acre rural wellness and land-based learning retreat space, roughly an hour west of Edmonton on the banks of the Pembina River. Questions or interested in participating? Please email I4Cecology@gmail.com.

