



**Sunday,
September 13, 2026**

Join us in person at Riverbend United Church on Sunday, **September 13th** at 10:30 a.m. or

click [here](#) to see our live-streamed service.

For the Fall Edition of The Front Pew, [click here](#)

Message from Rev. Valerie

September 11, 2026

Dear Friends,

As I rejoin the stream of ministry that is Riverbend United Church, I am grateful for the gift of time you offered me this summer to be with my mom. I'm also grateful for the gift of returning to you.

This Sunday we'll begin a new season together by reflecting on what it means to become present to this moment—to listen, to receive, and to trust what may emerge when we make a little space in our hearts and minds and lives. We'll lean into the story of [Elijah at Mount Horeb](#); Elijah learns there that God is not in the big dramatic things, but in the whisper, or the still small voice.

You're invited to remain after worship this week for the Welcome Back Café in the Chapel. Come and enjoy coffee and fellowship as we reconnect after the summer scatter. Thanks to our Care Team for hosting this event.

As I write this on Friday morning, the world is remembering the events of September 11th, 25 years ago. May we all pause and offer a prayer for peace today, for our neighbours nearby and for those across the globe.

Please see the new Front Pew newsletter, linked above and below. It's another beautiful issue marking the life and ministry of Riverbend United Church. Our thanks to our editors Christine Ens and Carolyn Miller.

Warmly,

valerie

IN OUR PRAYERS

- We celebrate with Paul and Janet Fung as their son **Trevor Fung** is married to **Chelsea Rita** on Saturday in the church.
- Please continue to remember **Arnold Rumbold** in your prayers as he remains in University of Alberta Hospital healing from surgery for a broken hip.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please click here for this week's [Order of Service](#)
- You can find this week's Announcements [here](#)
- For the Fall Edition of our Quarterly Newsletter, The Front Pew, [click here](#)