# Riverbend United Church

Exploring Faith, Engaging Community



## October 30 to November 8, 2026

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| Friday<br>October 30 | 7:30 p.m. | All Points West concert (Sanctuary, Music Room, Boardroom & Lower hall) |
| Saturday<br>October 31 | 10:00 a.m.<br>10:30 p.m. | **Men's Discussion Group** (Chapel)<br>Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) |
| **Sunday**<br>November 1 | 10:30 a.m.<br>12:30 p.m.<br>3:00 p.m. | **Sunday Worship** (Sanctuary)<br>Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary)<br>Al-Anon Family Group (Boardroom) |
| Monday<br>November 2 | 6:30 p.m.<br>7:15 p.m. | **RUC Handbell Rehearsal** (Sanctuary)<br>Viva Dance Company (Lower hall) |
| Tuesday<br>November 3 | 11:00 a.m.<br>2:00 p.m.<br>5:00 p.m.<br>6:30 p.m. | **Transitions Group** (Gathering area)<br>**Reflective Crafting** (Chapel)<br>Elite Dance (Lower hall)<br>All Points West Choir (Sanctuary) |
| Wednesday<br>November 4 | 9:00 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m.<br>11:00 a.m.<br>2:30 p.m.<br>5:00 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m. | **Walkers & Talkers: Walking**<br>**Walkers & Talkers: Coffee** (Gathering area)<br>**Yoga** (Lower hall)<br>E2 Academy Cooking Class (Kitchen)<br>Elite Dance (Lower hall)<br>**Riverbend Men's Shed** (Boardroom for cribbage) |
| Thursday<br>November 5 | 10:00 a.m.<br>1:00 p.m.<br>6:30 p.m.<br>7:30 p.m. | **Not Falling for You** (Lower hall)<br>**Not Falling for You** (Lower hall)<br>Condominium AGM (Lower hall)<br>**RUC Choir Rehearsal** (Sanctuary) |
| Friday<br>November 6 | 7:00 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m. | **Ensemble rehearsal** (Sanctuary)<br>**RUC Youth Event** (Youth room) |
| Saturday<br>November 7 | 10:00 a.m.<br>7:30 p.m. | **Men's Discussion Group** (Chapel)<br>**Marvelous Music concert** (Sanctuary) |
| **Sunday**<br>November 8 | 10:30 a.m.<br>11:30 a.m.<br>12:30 p.m.<br>3:00 p.m. | **Sunday Worship** (Sanctuary)<br>**Librarian available** (Library)<br>Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary)<br>Al-Anon Family Group (Boardroom) |


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## SAVE THE DATE

for an evening of
Marvelous Music
Sunday, **November 7**
at 7:30 p.m.

Free concert, donations accepted

# Riverbend United Church - News & Events

**For All Saints Day** Sunday, **November 1** we are creating a "Tree of Saints" during worship. You will be invited to write the names of the Saints who have shaped your life on the card in the worship bulletin. If you bring the card forward for Communion, it will be placed on the Tree. If you are joining us online, place the name(s) in the live chat and a card will be made for you. Or email: valerie@riverbendunited.org if it's later in the week. The Tree of Saints will be among us until Christmas Eve, first in the Narthex and then in the Chapel.

**Grocery card sales** on November 1st and every second Sunday in November. A percentage of card sales is donated back to the Church. This is an easy fundraiser thanks to all the efforts of Doug & Nicola Whitnack. Thank you!

**Transitions Group** Riverbend United Church invites you to join the "Transitions Group" on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 a.m. for friendship and support. The group originally began as a Grief Support Group and has transitioned to offer support for all of life's many changes. Newcomers are always welcome to join for fellowship and conversation. Contact the church office at 780.430.7275 or Rev. Valerie for additional information.

**Outreach Committee** In addition to back to school donations for the Food Pantry we are suggesting protein items such as beans, tuna and dried beans. We continue to collect any winter items which are distributed to inner city programs. This holliday season the Outreach Committee will again be supporting Operation Friendship for seniors in need. Toiletry items, socks, hot chocolate, etc. are needed. Monetary donations will be used to purchase jeans, sweatpants and other items. Monetary donations can be made to the church.

**Another Evening of Marvelous Music** Saturday, **November 7th** at 7:30 p.m. Please reserve the date for a free concert of Marvelous Music! The band features about 15 musicians of all ages from RUC and includes 3 flutes, 2 horns and a steel pan! As always, we will be playing favorite pop tunes from the 50's to today (but mostly from the 70's). We will include songs by: Paul McCartney, Michal Jackson, Bob Marley, Paul Simon, Dolly Parton and many others. As always, the concert is free and no tickets are required, but donations are accepted and much appreciated. Hope to see you and your friends there!

**New librarian availability** Don't forget that there will be a librarian available in the Library each Sunday morning **following** worship. Feel free to stop in to browse available books and create an account to take them out.

**Christianity 101** Questions worth Exploring on 3 Sundays: **November 22, 29 & December 6** from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Whether you grew up in the church, are relatively new to a faith journey, or simply want a refresher, join us for three short, informal sessions in the Chapel exploring Christian faith through a United Church lens. We'll combine a little teaching with conversation, questions, and room for differing viewpoints. No prior knowledge is needed. Led by Rev. Valerie.

- **November 22** — The Bible: What is it, and how do we read it today?
- **November 29** — Jesus: Who was he, and why does he matter?
- **December 6** — God: What do we mean when we talk about God?

Have a question you've always wanted to ask? Send it in ahead of time! Your questions will help shape our conversations. You can submit a question to Valerie or place it anonymously in the designated question box in the narthex (foyer). Planning to come? Please sign-up in the narthex or you can email valerie@riverbendunited.org. Feel free to just show up as well. Come curious. Leave with a few new ideas, some good questions, and perhaps a desire to keep exploring. Held in the Chapel, to the right after the elevator. Online option-- do you prefer a Zoom version of this class? Let us know and we'll consider offering an additional time on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning November 25th. Email valerie@riverbendunited.org if you're interested in that option.

**All Points West Chamber Choir** presents *After Nightfall* a concert on Friday, **October 30th** at 7:30 p.m. at Riverbend United Church. This spooky season, get your chills with All Points West Chamber Choir as they present an evening of eclectic choral music dedicated to darkness, death, and things that go bump in the night. Featuring works by the living (Orbán, Monk, Whitacre, Stroope, Mäntyjärvi) and the undead (Gesualdo, Pearsall, Lotti), you'll hear divine and devilish soundscapes of choral works that span centuries. Whether it's the music of angels, demons, or some cartoonish Halloween fun, this concert has something for everyone. Come in your best costume and you could win a prize – concerts like this come along only once in a "boo" moon. Tickets are $25.00 at the door or available here.