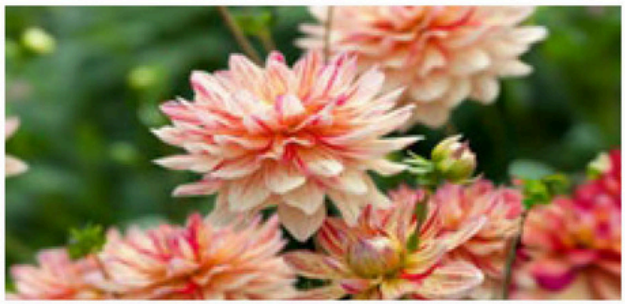
Riverbend United Church

Exploring Faith, Engaging Community



October 9 to 18, 2026

Friday October 9	12:00 p.m.	Private Rental (Kitchen)
Saturday October 10	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 p.m.	Private Rental (Kitchen) **Men's Discussion Group** (Chapel) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary)
Sunday October 11	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	Private Rental (Kitchen) **World Religions Book Study** (Chapel) **Sunday Worship** (Sanctuary) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Al-Anon Family Group (Boardroom)
Monday October 12		**Thanksgiving** **Office Closed**
Tuesday October 13	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Elections Alberta Advance Polling (Lower hall) **Transitions Group** (Gathering area) **Reflective Crafting** (Chapel) **Library Team Meeting** (Library) All Points West Choir (Sanctuary) **RUC Board Meeting** (Boardroom)
Wednesday October 14	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Elections Alberta Advance Polling (Lower hall) **Walkers & Talkers: Walking** **Walkers & Talkers: Coffee** (Gathering area) Riverbend Men's Shed (Boardroom & Chapel) **Ensemble Rehearsal** (Sanctuary)
Thursday October 15	9:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	Elections Alberta Advance Polling (Lower hall) **RUC Choir Rehearsal** (Sanctuary)
Friday October 16	9:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Elections Alberta Advance Polling (Lower hall) All Points West Choir (Sanctuary)
Saturday October 17	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 p.m.	Elections Alberta Advance Polling (Lower hall) **Men's Discussion Group** (Chapel) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary)
Sunday October 18	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	**World Religions Book Study** (Chapel) **Sunday Worship** (Sanctuary) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Al-Anon Family Group (Boardroom)

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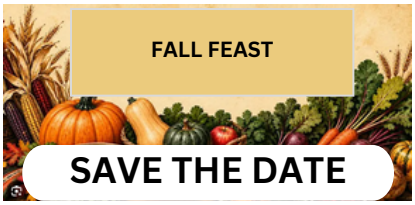

Sunday, October 25
5:30 p.m.
All are welcome!

Riverbend United Church - News & Events

World Religions A fall Book Study focused on Comparative Religions of the World led by Jacqueline Hunt began on Sunday, **October 4th** and continues weekly at 9:30 a.m. until October 25th. From the ancient banks of the Ganges to the hills of Jerusalem and the temples of Kyoto, humanity has been on a 4,000-year quest to understand its place in the cosmos. We see the differences in ritual, text, and theology, but what if the most profound story is one of shared wisdom and a common search for truth? This 4-week study will look at the main religions of the world, exploring beliefs, spiritual traditions, sacred texts, practices and theories. Join us to explore these questions. The book *Comparative Religion Summarized* ($25.00 CAD) is available through the office. Please sign-up on the Book Study sheet in the Narthex if you are interested and would like to purchase the book.

Grocery card sales on **October 18th** 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!

RUC Fall Feast Sunday **October 25th** Doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m. Join us for a turkey supper with all the trimmings plus an extensive pie buffet. Reserve your seat after church or in the office - $20.00 per person; $60.00 family; Children 12 & under free. A volunteer signup is posted in the narthex if you might be keen to bake a pie, roast a turkey, or assist at the dinner. Questions? Contact Christine Ens or Jill Spaner.

Outreach Committee is looking for Food Pantry donations to support students back at school. Granola bars, fruit cups, crackers, juice boxes, peanut butter, tuna, cereal, etc. would be appreciated. Also, to start off our winter clothing drive we are supporting the Brander Gardens Rocks initiative to provide warm winter items for those in need. Food or donations can be left in the boxes in the Narthex.

FREE Community dinner at Kirk Centre (13535 - 122 Avenue NW) on Thursday, **October 15**. Doors open at 5:45, dinner served at 6:00 p.m. Join them for a Tex-Mex style dinner. Call 780.438.6619 to register.

Epilepsy Alberta North Purple Pumpkin Event and 1st-ever Talent Show & Showcase on Saturday, **October 24** at St. Andrew's United Church (9915 - 148 Street NW, Edmonton). Open to the public for great family fun. Get creative with pumpkin decorating from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and a talent show from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. Talent show registration deadline is October 13th. This is a celebration of *Talent, Courage & Community*. For more info: epilepsyalbertanorth.ca



The Cosmopolitan Music Society's Handbell program is excited to be launching their newest Handbell Ensemble, Echoes. It is for adults interested in learning to ring handbells, even if they do not read music. The weekly program runs every Wednesday until early June.

Learn about YouthTREK, a youth retreat for junior-high age students, happening in Camrose, AB from **October 23-25**, 2026. Led by Kevin Trautwein, Northern Spirit Region, this retreat is targeted at junior youth, senior youth are welcome as volunteer leaders. Cost: $100/person (transportation not included), further subsidies may be available. Additional information or register at: https://app.amilia.com/store/en/chinook-pacific-uccan/shop/activities/6986436

