Riverbend United Church

Exploring Faith, Engaging Community



November 13 - 22, 2026

Friday November 13	12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Nutrition Health (Lower hall & Kitchen) **RUC Youth Event** (Youth room & kitchen)
Saturday November 14	10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	**Men's Discussion Group** (Chapel) 18th Boy Scout pack Calgary (Lower level hall)
Sunday November 15	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	**Sunday Worship** (Sanctuary) **Librarian Available** (Library) **"Abuse Training & Ethics"** Staff Workshop (Chapel) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Al-Anon Family Group (Boardroom)
Monday November 16	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	Karate class (Lower hall) **RUC Handbell Rehearsal** (Sanctuary) Viva Dance (Lower hall)
Tuesday November 17	11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	**Transitions Group** (Gathering area) **Reflective Crafting** (Chapel) Elite Dance (Lower hall) All Points West Choir (Sanctuary)
Wednesday November 18	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	**Wednesday Walkers: Walking** **Wednesday Walkers: Talking** (Gathering area) Yoga (Lower hall) E2 Academy (Kitchen) Elite Dance (Lower hall) Riverbend Men's Shed (Boardroom & Chapel)
Thursday November 19	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	**Not Falling for You** (Lower hall) **Not Falling for You** (Lower hall) **RUC Choir Rehearsal** (Sanctuary)
Friday November 20		
Saturday November 21	10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	**Men's Discussion Group** (Chapel) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Private booking (Lower hall & kitchen)
Sunday November 22	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	**Christianity 101** (Chapel) **Sunday Worship & baptism** (Sanctuary) **Librarian Available** (Library) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Al-Anon Family Group (Boardroom)

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Christianity 101
9:30 a.m. November 22, 29 & December 6

Advent I November 29

Blue Christmas service
4:00 p.m. December 6

Christmas Carol Sing
4:00 p.m. December 12

Children's Christmas program
10:30 a.m. December 13

Riverbend United Church - News & Events

Next grocery card sales are on November 15 and November 29. A percentage of card sales is donated back to the Church. This is an easy church fundraiser thanks to all the efforts of Doug & Nicola Whitnack. Thank you!

RUC Youth The next RUC Youth event is scheduled for Friday, **November 13th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Church hall & kitchen. The youth will be participating in a baking challenge, when they will have to work together but some will be working "blind", others "deaf" and others "mute". Contact Nathan Schoenhardt or the Church office for more information.

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 is 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 and can be made to the church.

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.

West End Seniors events:

- Holiday Market Saturday, **November 14** from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (9629 - 176 St NW, Edmonton). The 7th Annual Holiday Market is even bigger this year! Over 50 vendors will be selling a variety of handcrafted and handmade goods such as jewelry, holiday decor, cards, wood crafts, art, baking, soups and honey. Lunch available for purchase in the cafe. Learn more: https://weseniors.ca/whats_new/holiday-market/
- Edmonton Holiday Light Tour, Tuesday, **December 15**, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. $25.00 per person. Hop aboard a warm, luxury coach bus, sit back, and relax as you tour the city's most dazzling seasonal light displays. Come with your friends, family, and neighbors to share in the holiday cheer! Learn more: https://weseniors.ca/wsac-calendar/edmonton-holiday-light-tour/

Christianity 101: Questions worth Exploring Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel:

- 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?

Please sign up in the narthex to indicate your interest. Online option: a Zoom version of this class is possible beginning Wednesday, November 25th at 7:00 p.m. Please email Valerie@riverbendunited.org to express interest and receive the link.

Front Pew Newsletter Don't forget about our quarterly newsletter **The Front Pew** where you can read about the many activities going on and share in the life and work of Riverbend United Church. The Christmas edition will be available on November 27th. We would also love to highlight stories from members of the congregation. Perhaps you or your pew-mate have a particular hobby, have attained a milestone in your life, or are involved in a community project that you would like to share with us all. We would love to hear from you! The deadline for submissions is Friday **November 20th**, please send them to the office at contactus@riverbendunited.org and they will be forwarded to the Front Pew editors.

