



Riverbend United Church Announcements

February 16th to 25th, 2018



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Friday, February 16 th	8:30 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting Room) Ghana Methodist Church (Chapel) RUC Bridge night (Lower level hall)
February 17 th		
Sunday, February 18 th	10:30 am 12:30 pm 4:30 pm	Service — Whole Community Worship Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Art of Living Foundation (Lower level hall)
Family Day Monday, February 19 th		Office closed
Tuesday, February 20 th	8:30 am 1:30 pm 3:00 pm 3:30 pm 4:00 pm 7:00 pm	E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting Room) Spiritual Formation "Prayer blanket" (Chapel) E2 Academy (Kitchen) McGregor Tutoring Services (Meeting Room) Elite Kids Dance (Lower level hall) Spiritual Formation "Prayer blanket" (Chapel)
Wednesday, February 21 st	8:30 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 3:30 pm 4:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting Room) Wednesday Walkers (Gathering Area) E2 Academy (Kitchen) McGregor Tutoring Services (Meeting Room) Elite Kids Dance (Lower level hall) River City Preschool Board Meeting Lenten Book Study (Chapel)
Thursday, February 22 nd	8:30 am 10:30 am 12:30 pm 1:30 pm 3:30 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting Room) Devonshire service (Offsite) E2 Academy (Kitchen) Spiritual Formation "Prayer blanket" (Chapel) McGregor Tutoring Services (Meeting Room) Elite Kids Dance (Lower level hall) Spiritual Formation "Prayer blanket" (Chapel) Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Friday, February 23 rd	8:30 am 10:00 am 4:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting Room) WeCan Food Basket pick-up (Kitchen) WeCan Food Basket pick-up (Kitchen) Ghana Methodist Church (Chapel) RUC Bridge night (Lower level hall)
February 24 th		
Sunday, February 25 th	10:30 am 11:30 pm 12:30 pm 2:30 pm 4:30 pm	Service AFFIRM Committee meeting (Boardroom) Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Grandview service (Offsite) Art of Living Foundation (Lower level hall)

Weekly Services

The deadline for your weekly announcements is Wednesday at 12:00 noon. Please drop them off at the office or send them to: contactus@riverbendunited.org

Visit our website at www.riverbendunited.org

Please note: Rev. Valerie Oden is away from Feb. 14th to 20th. In her absence please contact Rev. Tom Sawyer at 780.991.9776 for emergency pastoral care.



Riverbend United Church Community

Calling all knitters or crocheters! The Spiritual Formation Committee will be knitting or crocheting 'prayer squares' for Lent. Join us beginning Thursday, **February 15th** at either 1:30 or 7:00 p.m. We will continue to meet every Tuesday and Thursday throughout Lent. We are also in need of an experienced knitter to help provide instruction to volunteers. Interested? Email Carolyn Miller at carolynwmiller@gmail.com or Joanne Little at littlejl@telus.net.

Spiritual practice of Walking: Lent has begun and people observe Lent in a variety of ways — some of you may be knitting as a spiritual practice during the 6 weeks of Lent. Others may want to try the spiritual practice of walking, reflecting and prayer as a part of your daily Lenten practice. *Walking to the Cross* is a 40-day devotional designed for the Christian season of Lent. We may still have a few weeks of cold and snow but there are always recreation centres and shopping malls for indoor walking practices. Before we know it the snow will be gone and we can easily walk outdoors again. Read more at: <https://store.churchhealth.org/products/walking-to-the-cross>

Joanne Olson, Parish Nurse

Lenten Book Study begins February 21st: *Speaking Christian: Why Christian Words Have Lost Their Meaning and Power— And How They Can Be Restored* by Marcus Borg. Join us as we follow Mr. Borg in exploring traditional Christian concepts like Salvation, God, Sin, and Heaven, asking how they can be used with meaning today. Rev. Valerie Oden will lead us on five Wednesday evenings beginning **February 21st** from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex by February 4 if you want the church to order a book for you. Cost \$18.00 each.

Our broader community

URGENT request for volunteer assistance: The WeCan Food Basket Society is looking for a coordinator for the Riverbend / Terwillegar Depot located at **Riverbend United Church**. Time commitment of about 9 hours/month would begin in February 2018. Interested? Email Dan Wold at dgwold@gmail.com

South Korea: From the Inside Out Garneau United "Church in the World Committee" invites you to a discussion about South Korea from the perspective of five young people from the Korean United Church Youth Group. Join them on Sunday, **February 18, 2018** at Garneau United Church (11148—84 Avenue) in the Ashbourne Chapel. Learn about their language, food and holidays. Get an inside look at what it's like to live where high-tech cities, rolling country sides, ancient Buddhist temples — and now the 2018 Winter Olympics — are woven together into a stunning tapestry of a country.

Enjoy a winter afternoon at Rundle's Mission Beach House: On Sunday, **February 25th** from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. enjoy the warmth of a bonfire outside with a wiener roast and hot chocolate, socialize with friends and neighbours, enjoy the natural setting with a walk outside, snowshoeing or cross country skiing on the trails. (Bring along your own equipment.) Michael Black will offer a ski waxing clinic. Hot chocolate, coffee and hot dogs will be supplied. The Beach House will be open for your convenience. For information or directions phone 780.389.2422 or email info@rundlesmission.org

Retrouvaille Program offers a lifeline for troubled marriages! Is your marriage in crisis? Communications problems? You are not alone. The next Edmonton Retrouvaille Program starts **March 16th, 2018**. Please email info@helpourmarriage.ca, call 587.598.4357 or click on www.helpourmarriage.ca for additional information.

Want to Make an Impact in Edmonton? The George Spady Society, an outreach ministry of the United Church of Canada, is recruiting volunteers for its Board of Directors. For more information email Melanie Doyle, Board Chair at melanie.doyle@live.ca or check their website at: www.gspady.org

Star of the North is looking for a part-time / casual assistant cook. Apply with resume & references to Lucie Leduc director@starofthenorth.ca or in writing to Executive Director, Star of the North Retreat Centre, 3A St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert, T8N 1K1.

Student Bursary Fund for UCC students in ministry training: The United Church of Canada prides itself on having highly educated individuals, but this comes at a cost of not only time and dedication, but also money. The **Student Bursary Fund Society** was established in 1991 in response to the ever increasing cost of education related to ministry. Thanks to the generosity of United Church members and various other groups this past year the sum of \$8,000 was presented to students in ordered ministry and designated lay ministers. The cost of education continues to increase and government and private funding continues to diminish, and in these times it is most important that we continue to offer both our prayerful and financial support to these students. You are invited to become a partner in this endeavour. If you are able please make a generous donation to the **Alberta Northwest Conference Student Bursary Fund Society**. For additional information please contact Bill Doyle, Executive Secretary, Alberta & NW Conference at bdoyle@anwconf.ca