




Riverbend United Church Announcements

March 9th to March 18th, 2018



Friday, March 9 th	8:30 am 10:00 am 4:30 pm 7:00 pm	E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting Room) WeCan Food Basket order placement (Library) WeCan Food Basket order placement (Library) Ghana Methodist Church (Chapel)
Saturday, March 10 th	9:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 noon 1:00 pm 7:00 pm	Little Kickers Soccer class (Lower level hall) Ghana Methodist Church (Boardroom) Riverbend Art Group (Youth Room) MacGregor Tutoring Services (Boardroom) Paint & Pinot Evening (Lower level hall)
Sunday, March 11 th	10:30 am 12:30 pm	Service Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary)
Monday, March 12 th	8:30 am 10:30 am 3:30 pm 4:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting Room) Southside Duplicate Bridge (Lower level hall) MacGregor Tutoring Services (Meeting Room) Discover Zone Coding (Boardroom) Bell Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary) 32nd Girl Guides (Lower level hall) Adult Literacy Group (Meeting Room) Finance Committee (Boardroom)
Tuesday, March 13 th	8:30 am 1:00 pm 1:30 pm 3:00 pm 3:30 pm 4:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting Room) Women of Riverbend United (Gathering area) Spiritual Formation "Prayer blanket" (Chapel) E2 Academy (Kitchen) McGregor Tutoring Services (Meeting Room) Elite Kids Dance (Lower level hall) Spiritual Formation "Prayer blanket" (Chapel) Official Board Meeting (Boardroom)
Wednesday, March 14 th	8:30 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 3:30 pm 4:00 pm 6:00 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) Tourette's Support group (Boardroom) Lenten Book Study (Chapel)
Thursday, March 15 th	8:30 am 12:30 pm 1:30 pm 3:30 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting Room) 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, March 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)
 March 17	9:00 am 1:00 pm 7:00 pm	Little Kickers Soccer class (Lower level hall) MacGregor Tutoring Services (Boardroom) RUC Youth "Pyjamas & Cereal" (Lower level hall)
Sunday, March 18 th	10:30 am 12:30 pm	Service Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary)

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Riverbend United Church
Annual General Meeting
Palm Sunday,
March 25th following the
10:30 a.m. service



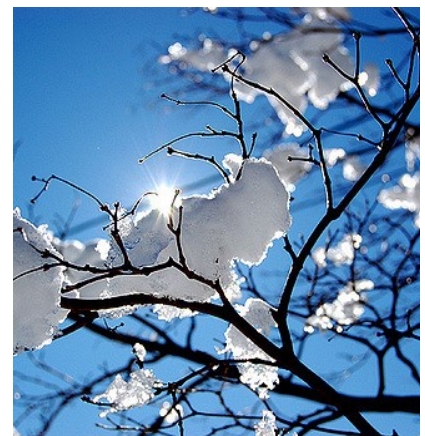
Holy Week, Easter Services

Palm Sunday
March 25th 10:30 a.m.

Seder Dinner
March 28th 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday
March 30th 10:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday
April 1st 10:30 a.m.



Riverbend United Church Community

RUC Bridge night: the next RUC bridge night is Friday, **March 16th**. Set up is at 6:30 and play starts at 7:00 p.m. If you wish to play, kindly email Kay Quon at quonline@shaw.ca.

Paint & Pinot — a fundraising paint party: Be inspired to create art and then take home your masterpiece! On Saturday, **March 10th** from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. join our very own Donna Chamberland, watercolour artist, for guided step-by-step instructions towards the completion of your very own work of art. Wine and appetizers will be served. No experience necessary, all supplies provided. Tickets are \$50 per person, and a few are still available from Christine Ens at 780.435.0302 or by email at ens.christine@gmail.com

Seder Dinner: March 28th Passover is the great Jewish feast of redemption and liberation, the memorial of the Israelites' deliverance from their bondage in Egypt. The word Passover means "deliverance," since in the story of the Exodus Yahweh "*passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt*" (Ex. 12:27). Passover is a festival of great rejoicing, which reveals how God "*led us from captivity to freedom, from sadness to joy, from mourning to feasting, from servitude to redemption, from darkness to brilliant light.*" In the Christian tradition the Passover Seder is also believed to be when Jesus instituted the Eucharist. Gathered around the supper table with his disciples, Jesus told them, "*I have longed to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; because, I tell you, I shall not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.*"

Join us on Wednesday **March 28 at 6:00 p.m.** as Dr Doug Spaner leads us through the traditional ritual of the Seder meal. This will be followed by a full meal that would be typically enjoyed in a Jewish home complete with Matzo ball soup, gefilte fish as well as beef brisket and dessert. Tickets are available in the office or after church: \$20/person, \$50/family, children 12 and under free. Please call Christine [780.435.0302](tel:780.435.0302) or ens.christine@gmail.com for questions.

Refugee Life Jacket Project: The Refugee Settlement Committee, with the approval of the Official Board, is committed to a new refugee project. We are endeavoring to supply 20 infant and 20 youth life jackets to Doctors Without Borders. This group has a rescue ship named Aquarius whose home port is Sicily, Italy. The ship's sole purpose is to rescue refugees on the high seas. It does so by identifying vessels carrying refugees and then sending zodiac boats out from the ship with a supply of life jackets that are immediately placed on those in distress. Once safe with flotation devices, the zodiacs deliver the refugees to Aquarius where their medical needs are met. These life jackets are then reused to rescue other refugees.

The Fundraising Committee for Doctors Without Borders would welcome the donation of **40 safety-approved life jackets** from Riverbend United Church. Although Doctors Without Borders has an adequate supply of adult life jackets, infant and youth life jackets are desperately needed. Questions? Please email David James at dthej@hotmail.com or approach him after Sunday service. Life jacket donations can be placed in the baby crib in the narthex. Cash donations are also appreciated and can be left in the church office. Thank you!

Calling all knitters or crocheters! The Spiritual Formation Committee is knitting or crocheting 'prayer squares' or prayer shawls for Lent. Join us Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout Lent at 1:30 and / or 7:00 p.m. Interested? Please email Joanne Little at littlejl@telus.net, Carolyn Miller at carolynwmmiller@gmail.com.

Our broader community

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

Little Kickers Soccer Program "*Planting the seeds for grassroots soccer*". Little Kickers offers soccer programmes that engage children through fun and creative play, and promotes the development of a wide range of early learning skills. The focus is very much on fun and offers informal professionally-run training classes for children ages 18 months to seven years of age. Check out www.LittleKickers.ca for more information or visit their Facebook group at: www.facebook.com/littlekickersedmonton



Make Tax Time Pay E4C is offering confidential tax preparation on **March 23, 24** and **April 20 and 21** at Riverbend United Church. Families must meet maximum income and other criteria. Please call 780.439.9394 for additional information, to make appointments, and to obtain a list of documents you will need to bring with you.