



Riverbend United Church Announcements

March 23rd to April 1st, 2018



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| Friday, March 23 rd | 8:30 am 10:00 am 4:00 pm 4:30 pm 7:00 pm | E2 Academy (Boardroom & Meeting Room) WeCan Food Basket pick-up (Kitchen) Make Tax Time Pay (Boardroom, Meeting Room, Library) WeCan Food Basket pick-up (Kitchen) Ghana Methodist Church (Chapel) |
| Saturday, March 24 th | 9:00 am 9:00 am | Little Kickers Soccer class (Lower level hall) Make Tax Time Pay (Boardroom, Meeting Room, Library) |
| Palm Sunday, March 25 th | 10:30 am 12:30 pm 2:00 pm 4:30 pm | Service & Annual General Meeting Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) Grandview service (offsite) Art of Living Foundation yoga (Lower level hall) |
| Monday, March 26 th | 10:30 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm | Southside Duplicate Bridge (Lower level hall) Bell Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary) Adult Literacy Group (Meeting Room) |
| Tuesday, March 27 th | 1:30 pm 7:00 pm | Spiritual Formation "Prayer blanket" (Chapel) Spiritual Formation "Prayer blanket" (Chapel) |
| Wednesday, March 28 th | 9:00 am 6:00 pm | Wednesday Walkers (Gathering Area) Seder Dinner (Lower level hall) |
| Thursday, March 29 th | 1:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm | Spiritual Formation "Prayer blanket" (Chapel) Spiritual Formation "Prayer blanket" (Chapel) Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary) |
| Good Friday, March 30 th | 10:30 am | Office closed Service |
| Saturday, March 31 st | 9:00 am 5:00 pm | Little Kickers Soccer class (Lower level hall) Private booking (Lower level hall & kitchen) |
| Easter Sun- day, April 1 st | 10:30 am 12:30 pm | Easter Service Ghana Methodist Church (Sanctuary) |

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March 25th 10:30 a.m.

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

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

Riverbend United Church **Annual General Meeting**
Palm Sunday, **March 25th** following the 10:30 a.m. service
All documents & financial information available online at:

www.riverbendunited.org//2018/03/19/annual-general-meeting-march-25-2018/

Riverbend United Church Community

Grandview Service: on Sunday, **March 25th** at 2:30 p.m. Riverbend United Church is sponsoring a small worship service at the Grandview Retirement Centre (6215 124 Street NW). We would appreciate it if a couple of church volunteers could meet us at 2:00 p.m. to help porter residents from their rooms to the service. Thank you!

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 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.

Gentle Yoga at Riverbend United: Beginning **April 3rd**, Riverbend United Church will be hosting an 8-week "Gentle Yoga" class on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the lower level hall. Registration deadline is March 30th, cost \$50.00, payable to Riverbend United Church. This class is geared to those who have no or limited yoga experience and/or may have experienced injuries or health problems. Our instructor, Carole Angeles, began her yoga journey over 18 years ago and teaches "in a way that makes it accessible to everyone, regardless of age, experience, or level of mobility." Her classes offer students a safe and supportive environment. Carole teaches full-time including Hatha, beginner yoga, all-levels yoga, chair yoga, and children's yoga, with experience as well in mindfulness, meditation and restorative-type practices. Please call 780.430.7275 to register & bring a yoga mat to class.

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 infant and youth life jackets** from Riverbend United Church. 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

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

Make Tax Time Pay E4C is offering confidential tax preparation on **March 23rd & 24th** and **April 20th & 21st** 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.

Office Administrator needed: Robertson-Wesley United Church is looking for a full-time Office Administrator. The position reports to the Ministry and Personnel Committee of the church. Please respond with resume and cover letter in a single file to mprwuc@gmail.com. Competition closes Friday, **March 23rd**.