## **Okotoks United Church School Lunch Program**

The School Lunch Program has made arrangements with the Okotoks Bottle Depot to have bottles donated to the program. If you are recycling your bottles and cans please consider directing funds to the Okotoks United Church School Lunch Program. Thank-you.

## **Seder Haggadah (Passover Meal and Liturgy)**

On **Thursday March 29**<sup>th</sup> **from 5:30 – 7:30** the Worship Team will host a Seder meal to commemorate Jewish Passover, the festival Jesus observed with his disciples before his betrayal, crucifixion and resurrection. This is an opportunity to recall an important Jewish festival dedicated to freedom from slavery in Egypt and remember that liberation for all people is something we have in common with our Jewish brothers and sisters. This year we will be selling tickets at a cost of \$5.00 to cover costs of the meal. Please see Heather Puttee or the office for tickets.

## **Easter Sunday Pancake Breakfast**

Okotoks United Church Men's Group invites our congregation to our Second Annual Easter Morning Pancake Breakfast. Pancakes, sausages, and coffee served with a smile in the church foyer following service. All are welcome!

# Announcements Sunday, March 25, 2018

### This Week...

Thursday - Seder Haggadah - 5:30 - 7:30 pm Thursday - Choir - Sanctuary - 7:00 - 9:00 pm Friday - Good Friday Service - 10:45 am Sunday - Sunrise Service at Big Rock - 7:00 am

### **Lenten Conversations**

Beginning Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, Julia will host a one-hour Lenten Conversation from 6:30 – 7:30 in the Board Room (upstairs). This will continue through the season of Lent. Topics will focus on the subject of the sermon that week and go from there. No need to sign up, just drop in. This is an opportunity for some rich discussion through the Lent season (and before Julia leaves for sabbatical).

### **2018 Easter Events and Services**

Maundy Thursday Seder Haggadah, March 29 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Good Friday Service, March 30 at 10:45 am

### Easter Sunday Services - April 1

7:00 am – Sunrise Service at Big Rock (Glacier Erratic) on Hwy 7 towards Black Diamond

Easter Breakfast Men's Group (Okotoks) following Sunrise Service

DeWinton Easter Service - Communion 9:00 a.m.

Okotoks Easter Service - Communion 10:45 a.m.

### **Congregational Care Team**

Reaching out, supporting, encouraging and compassionately caring for one another is part of being a faith community. Sometimes, regardless of age or life stage, we all need help and support to get through life's challenges. And so, we serve one another through kindness, humility, patience and gentleness - always aware of God's great love. Our Congregational Care Team invites you to reach out for our confidential spiritual and compassionate care, contact okcongregationalcare@telus.net or contact the church office at 403 938-4357.

## Mission Possible Charity Concert with Windmill Theatre Players

To support our on-going partnership with our charities in the Dominican Republic we will be hosting the WTP performing songs from "The Adams Family" on Saturday April 14th @ 7:00 pm. Tickets are available each Sunday at the Mission Possible table or during the week at the church office. Tickets are \$10.00 for an individual and \$25.00 for a family. Doors will open at 6:00 pm and the concert will begin at 7:00 pm. Come out and enjoy the wonderful talents of the Windmill Theater Players and your chance to win some wonderful silent auction prizes. For more information or to donate a silent auction item please contact Gary Dzurka @ 403-938-4662.

## **Gospel Night**

Come and listen as many choirs from the Foothills present Gospel Night. An evening of Gospel and Praise Music. No charge but there will be a Free Will Offering for intermission snacks. **Sunday April 15th, 7 pm Okotoks United Church**. All are welcome!

## **Bible Study**

Join us on Thursdays from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. No biblical knowledge required. All are welcome. Please be advised that Bible Study has been cancelled for Thursday, March 29th.

### **Kids' Ministry**

Just a reminder, children under the age of 4 need a parent/adult to join them up in our Sunday School. Thank-you for your cooperation.

#### Schedule for March

March 25 - Intergenerational Service Palm Sunday

## **Healing Pathways Ministry**

The Healing Pathways Ministry will provide sessions on the first and third Monday of each month from 1 to 4pm. Please contact Gisela Dyck at 403 938-2506.

## **A Great Night Out**

Come and join us for 'A Great Night Out'
Saturday April 21, 2018 at the DeWinton Community Hall
Doors open at 5:30. Buffet dinner at 7:00

Cash bar, fashion show, silent auction. Entertainment by: 'Ain't Mizbehavin (Jazz singers featuring our own Pat Reader-Downey) and Malcolm Russell-Magician! Tickets at church office-\$50.00 cash or cheque. Silent Auction items are gratefully accepted at the church office, and will receive a tax deduction. We appreciate your support!

### **Mac & Cheese Lunch**

When: Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> Time: Noon - 1:00 Where: Chrystal Ridge Golf Club Tickets: \$30/person

Hope you will join us to raise funds for the Okotoks Food Bank to purchase meat for their clients. Lunch is ready by 11:45am. Bring your staff and friends for a fun Spring Luncheon. Call Sandi Kennedy at 403-710-4200 for tickets. This event is sponsored by the Okotoks Rotary Club. See you at the lunch!