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.



Healing Pathway 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.



Poinsettias

We have a number of poinsettias that are no longer needed and are free to a good home. Please help yourself to one after Sunday's service.

Turkey Pot Pies

The Harmony Group will be making their turkey pot pies on Tuesday, January 16th, 2018. The cost is \$6.00 per pie and pick up will be from 12:00 - 2:00 on the same day. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the Foyer and you pay when you pick up your pies. Thank you.

Good News from the School Lunch Program

Every day, 44 school children receive healthy and nutritious lunches made by our wonderful School Lunch Program volunteers. It was reported that a child who is participating in the School Lunch Program used to have a very low nutrition lunch and that he was not doing well in school and had difficulty focusing on school work. After a few weeks of receiving healthy and nutritious lunches his teacher remarked that his focus and school work had greatly improved. Thanks for your continued support of this program!

Announcements Sunday, January 14, 2018

This Week...

Monday - Healing Ministry - 2nd floor - 1:00 - 4:00 pm Thursday - Bible Study - Chapel - 10:00 - 11:30 am

Saturday - Making Okotoks "Dementia Friendly" - Sanctuary -5:30 - 6:30

Food for Fun

Next Food for Fun: Sunday, January 14th. Food for Fun is an opportunity for people to gather for fellowship and conversation. Each month we need 6 **NEW** people to sign up to bring soup (enough for 20 people), serve it and clean up after. Buns will be provided. Set-up will be taken care of. If we share the load, we hope that people will only have to do it once a year. Sign-up on bulletin board for January's Food for Fun.

Making Okotoks "Dementia Friendly"

Family Tear - a play that is a powerful portrayal of one family's experience with dementia will be performed on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary - Okotoks United Church. Please join us for this free community event - everyone welcome! Also provided at this event are refreshments, community resources and

encouragement.

For more information please contact Jennifer Mallamo, Dementia Friendly Coordinator, Okoby email at Jennifer.mallamo@thebsf.ca

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.

Upper Room

Copies of the January/February Upper Room are available on the literature table for \$3.00 each.

Bible Study

Join us on Thursdays from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. No biblical knowledge required. All are welcome.

2018 Offering Envelopes

The 2018 offering envelopes will be available for pick up from the literature table in the Foyer. Please note that starting January 2018 some envelope numbers may have changed for a few people. Be sure to check what your number is on your new envelopes to make sure you are using the correct one on any other envelopes, documents etc. if necessary.

If you are currently on the list for envelopes but no longer require them or would like to start using envelopes, please notify the office via email at okunited@telus.net as soon as possible. Thank you.

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 November/December

January 14 - Popsicle Stick Church

January 19 - Youth Group

January 21 - Pretzel Prayer

January 28 - Candlelight Prayer



It's Time to Sing!

We would love to have you come sing with us. Practices are held Thursday nights at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary at the church. All are welcome, no matter your musical ability. We love to just have fun!



Reader's Digest Book

If you borrowed a Reader's Digest Christmas book recently, could you please return it as it is on lone to us and it is now due. Thank you.

Donations to Benevolent Fund

Over the Christmas holidays the various Recovery Groups donated \$500 to the Benevolent Fund. This will enable us to continue helping those in the community who need temporary assistance. Thank you all for your continued support of this ministry.