

## 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.



## 2018 Annual Report

This year we are planning to create a combined narrative budget and annual report. The good news is that you will not have to write the typical report unless something new or unusual happened in your area of ministry. Instead, we will be focusing on the **total number of volunteer hours** and the **financial investment** for all area's of ministry and work within the church.

This will require a concentrated effort! We are asking all areas of ministry to track volunteer hours from Jan. 1, 2018 to Dec. 31, 2018. For example, if 10 choir members met for a 2 hour practice the total number of volunteer hours for that practice would be  $10 \times 2 = 20$  hours. If that same group of 10 choir members then sings in church on Sunday morning for 1 hour the total number of hours for the week would be 20 hours (practice) + 10 hours (Sunday morning) = 30 hours.

Although we don't expect exact numbers we are hoping you can provide a number that is close enough to be meaningful. You might want to designate someone in your group to develop a tracking sheet to begin collecting this information right away since it will be easier to calculate hours as the year progresses.

I will be touching base with ministry leaders over the next month to answer any questions you might have. Thank you in advance for your support of this new initiative.

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## Announcements Sunday, April 22, 2018

### This Week...

Thursday, Bible Study 10:00 - 11:00 am

Thursday, Choir - Sanctuary 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Friday, Youth Group 7:00 - 9:00 pm

### Jody Connors' Office Dates and Hours at Okotoks United Church

**April 3, 4, 9, 18, 19, 23 and 30**

**11:00 am – 2:00 pm**

## Food for Fun

**Next Food for Fun: Sunday, April 22nd.** What it is? It's 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 April.

## Bible Study

Join us on Thursdays from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. No biblical knowledge

## 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.

## 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](mailto:okcongregationalcare@telus.net) or contact the church office at 403 938-4357.



## DeWinton's Mother's Day High Tea in the Country

**When:** Saturday, May 12th

**Seating Time:** 1:45 **Tea Served:** 2:00

**Where:** DeWinton Community Centre

**Tickets:** \$25/person

The DeWinton United Church is once again hosting the Mother's Day High Tea in the Country. Call Eileen Jewitt at 403-938-7856 for tickets. Donations will go to the School Lunch Program and Rowan House. Also volunteers are needed for this event. Please contact Mark Dutkoski at (403)640-9723 or email address [mark-dut2015@gmail.com](mailto:mark-dut2015@gmail.com) as a contact for anyone interested in volunteering.



## High River Baptist Church-The Master's Singers

The Master's Singers will be performing at the High River Baptist Church to bless their community and church family with a concert on Sunday, April 29th at 7:00 pm. Check out their ministry in music at [www.themastersingers.org](http://www.themastersingers.org). There is no admission charge but there will be a free will offering opportunity. For more information please call Brian Draper at 403-570-0410.

## 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 April

April 22 - Prayer Rock, Youth Forum

April 29 - Jesus Heals

## Nursery

There are some old and broken toys in the Nursery that need to be taken to the dump. I am looking for a volunteer with a truck or van that could take these items to the dump. The fee for the drop-off will be refunded.

Given that we are having to dispose of some of our older and broken toys we are looking for some specific toy donations. We are in search of: large play kitchen, toy cars, Kid's table and chairs. If you are able to help with removal or have some donations, please contact Candice at [cndcsutton@gmail.com](mailto:cndcsutton@gmail.com)

## Mac & Cheese Lunch

**When:** Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> **Time:** Noon - 1:00

**Where:** Crystal 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!