KIDS MINISTRY

Dec 20: Kid's Ministry Christmas Party

Dec 27: No Kids Ministry

YOUTH GROUP

Open to all youth ages 12 - 18

New schedule coming in January 2016!

CALLING ALL YOUTH!

Looking to get confirmed in the United Church? Confirmation classes start this January!

January 9th to the 30th (every Saturday) from 10:00am-12:00pm

Classes will span theological studies to history, all in preparation for confirmation at the Easter service. For more information please contact Candice or Julia. To register, please contact Denyse at the office.

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SUNDAY DECEMBER 20, 2015

WHAT'S HAPPENING??

Please be sure to check the OUC Church News Board and the Community News Board in the Foyer for all the exciting upcoming events!

BOOKING SPACE?

With all of the Church activities, ministries and outside events happening in the building it is important to check with Denyse in the office for availability and securing of space for any and all activities. This will help ensure that you have the space you need when you need it without booking conflicts.

Thank you in advance for keeping this in mind when you are planning your events, meetings and activities.

SERVICES FOR THE SEASON

Next Sunday – December 20th

Okotoks - 4th Sunday of Advent (Love)

DeWinton - Candlelight/Communion Service

at 6:00pm (note: there is no morning service in DeWinton on Dec 20th)

<u>Christmas Eve – December 24th Okotoks</u>

4:30pm Family Service

9:00pm Candlelight/Communion Service

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for your generous donations on White Gift Sunday. We will be able to help many people through the Christmas Season and in the coming year.

May you be richly blessed with the true gifts of the season! Prayers and Best Wishes to all as we celebrate the coming of Christ. Be safe and have a Meaningful, Life-Giving Christmas. Julia

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY JANUARY 31, 2016 - 2015 AGM

The Ministry board, responsible for all programs that relate to the life, worship and work of the congregation, is accepting nominations for the AGM on January 31, 2016. All board positions are 2 year terms. Meetings are held once a month. There are additional meetings with the Governing board. This is a fantastic opportunity to deepen your faith, learn more about your church and to further our mission: With Gods help we are: Following Jesus, Reaching Others and Changing Lives. If you are interested please contact Joanne Dzurka for more information at 403-938-3945 or dzurkaj@xplornet.ca.

**Please note nominations will not be taken from the floor at the AGM.

HEALING PATHWAY MINISTRY HOURS

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

UNITED CHURCH 100th ANNIVERSARY

The Centennial Committee will be having its first planning meeting on Wed. January 13, 2016 at 7:30-9 pm. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend. We will take the time to discuss our plans, identify areas of interest and schedule our meetings for the coming year. Looking forward to seeing you!

Joanne Dzurka at dzurkaj@xplornet.ca or 403-938-3945.



CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the office will be closed from December 24, 2015 - January 4, 2016 **Please contact Julia directly for pastoral emergencies only** at (403) 702-2249

2016 OFFERING ENVELOPES

2016 offering envelopes are available for pick up from the literature table in the Foyer. Please note these start on January 3, 2016, please do not use 2015 offering envelopes after December 2015.

If you don't have offering envelopes but would like them, please contact Denyse in the church office.

COUPLES DINNER CLUB

Time to rotate again. Starting in Jan. Buy 1 get 2 free.

Could you cook at home one month and then go out for the next 3 or 4 months? Hmm?

This is the best way to get to know others in your church family? Yah!!!

A dinner club is made up of groups of 3 or 4 couples so 6 to 8 people. We meet together in homes once a month for 3 or 4 months, then you rotate between groups so you can meet others. We will be getting together for the happiest happy hour you have ever been to on Sunday Dec 20th. I invite you to come and see what we are all about.

As well if any singles are interested in getting together for a single or single again dinner group, same idea 3 or 4 singles together and then again rotate with others, just need a leader. I will help to get you started. Would love to have you!

Hurry email me at carolkeen@shaw.ca or call 403-982-2847

WEEKLY MEDITATION GATHERING

Every Wednesday morning at 10:00am in the OUC Upper Fireside Room.

These gatherings are free, everyone welcome!

Please see the poster on the Community News Board for Special Guest appearances coming in 2016. These gatherings are cost by donation.

