

KID'S & YOUTH MINISTRY

February 28 Godly Play - Heather H.
March 4 Youth Group: Candice
March 6 Dean Salter: Michael Moose, Corrine
March 13 Curriculum, Youth Forum: Carol, Melanie
March 18 Youth Group: Nancy
March 20 Palm Sunday - Intergenerational

OUC SPRING GARAGE SALE

The spring garage sale will be held April 15 & 16. If you have items to donate, please contact Norm & Mary Willis at (403) 995-1055.

HEALING PATHWAY MINISTRY HOURS

The Healing Ministry will provide sessions on the **first and third Monday of each month from 1-4pm.**
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SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2016

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY EVENT AT OUC

Tuesday March 8 5:30 - 8:30pm

Guest Speaker

Becky Bradbury, Next Step Ministry
"Discovering Your Identity"

No cost, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Foyer, bring a pot luck dish and join us for a celebration of International Women's Day!

Contact Carol Price for more information
at (403) 982-4442 or carol.a.price@shaw.ca

LADIES NIGHT OUT - SATURDAY MARCH 5, 2016!

DeWinton Community Hall - Doors open at 5:30, Cocktails, 3 course dinner, silent auction, fashion show and entertainment!

This year we present "Crooning Through Time"
starring Robbie Maxwell
Tickets are \$45.00

Available in the church office, or after worship. **Exact cash or cheque gratefully requested.** For more information or to reserve your table of 8 or more, please call Heather at (403) 995-1141.

If you have reserved a table but not yet bought your ticket, please do so ASAP.

Did you know that silent auction donations are tax deductible?
Let us know what the value is of the donation, and it can be added to your church contributions.

ALL DONATIONS VERY GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED.

Just drop them off at the church office or contact Heather at (403) 995-1141 or Pat at (403) 938-7533.

SEDER MEAL

The Seder Meal originally planned for Ash Wednesday, February 10th, will be postponed to **Thursday, March 24th (Maundy Thursday)** to better reflect the season. Please sign-up on bulletin board if you wish to attend.

There will be no Ash Wednesday service.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Julia will be facilitating a **New Member's Class on Saturday, March 5th, 9:30 - 3:30**, for anyone who wishes to join the church. If you are interested in joining or just want to know more about the church, please plan to attend. You do not have to commit to joining at that time. There is no cost and all are welcome. Please sign-up on the bulletin board if you are planning to attend.

LENTEN CONVERSATIONS

Join Julia Wednesday evenings starting **February 10 - March 23** from **6:30 - 8:00 p.m.** for conversations on the theme of **Moving from Darkness to Light**. What are the issues that keep us up at night or keep us in fear and how do we move toward "resurrection" living. Please sign-up on bulletin board in foyer if you plan to attend any or all of the sessions.

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Are you curious about our church history or want to learn more?

Join Joanne for this 6 part series as we explore our past.

Bring your stories or just come to listen and learn. Everyone welcome!

Part I: The Early Years (1882-Union 1917)	Feb. 16/16	7:30-9:00pm
Part II: The Depression & World War II (1918-1947)	Mar. 15/16	7:30-9:00pm
Part III: The Growing Years (1948-1972)	April 19/16	7:30-9:00pm
Part IV-VI:	TBA	

OUC CELEBRATION PHOTOS

Betty-Lou is looking for pictures of OUC parties and celebrations to use for the bulletin covers highlighting the 91st anniversary celebration of the United Church of Canada.

If you have photos to contribute, please contact Betty-Lou after worship any Sunday or by email at blbayley67@gmail.com.

HELP NEEDED

The Maintenance Committee needs help with a small welding and cutting project. If you can help please contact Peter Shiel at (587) 899-3744 or peter.shiel49@gmail.com ASAP. Thanks

NEW KID'S & YOUTH CHOIR

Our accompanist Amy Gatus is organizing a Kid's & Youth Choir that will meet on **Sunday's from 12:00-1:00pm**. Everyone welcome!

"WHEN YOU COME WEARING SLIPPERS" LADIES RETREAT

Ladies, are you tired and need a break from everyday life? Well, sign up for the Okotoks United Women's Retreat! **April 29th to May 1st, 2016 at the FCJ Centre in Calgary**, located close to the Talisman Centre on the Bow River.

This retreat will be **limited to 25 women**. Cost is **\$175.00 per person** two sharing a room with two beds. Includes 4 meals, snacks, use of any room in the facility, media equipment. etc. and accommodation. Rev. Julia will facilitate the weekend. Sign up soon as space is limited. Fun, fellowship, renewal, and great way to get to know the wonderful ladies in our church. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Foyer. A couple of volunteers are needed to help.

Final payment and attendance confirmation will be due February 29 to the church office.

Registration forms are available on the literature table in the Foyer.

Don't forget to bring your best or funniest slippers!

Any questions or concerns please call Linda Wilson at (403) 862-3609.

OKOTOKS UNITED CHURCH FIRESIDE BOOK CLUB

The OUC Book Club will be meeting on **Monday, March 7th** in the Fireside room.

The book under discussion is the delightful and much loved **"Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society"** by Annie Barrows & Mary Ann Shaffer.

Following the discussion we will be selecting books for the following year.

All readers are welcome. Any questions call Sharon Parsons at (403) 995 4373.

FOOD FOR FUN LUNCHES

The Food For Fun lunches were a great success in 2015 so we will be continuing them in 2016! This year we are asking the congregation for a one time cash donation of \$20.00 to cover the cost of the lunches for the year. If you are able to contribute, please see Sharon Campbell after worship on Sundays or drop your donation off at the office in an envelope marked Food For Fun.

UPDATE ON THE INN FROM THE COLD MINISTRY

IFTC has made the decision to cancel all Community Inns effective immediately. Going forward their focus will be on children and families and housing them in the same building each night until they can find housing.

They are moving away from serving single men & women as it isn't in the IFTC mandate and have stated that they can't be all things to all homelessness.

There are still volunteer opportunities at the IFTC Centre and at their satellite Inn at the Knox United Church, both located in downtown Calgary.

If there is enough interest, IFTC is open to facilitating a discussion with interested parties on starting a new Community Inn that would be solely run by someone other than IFTC.

If you have any questions, please contact Bev Carlson (403) 815-9957 or via email at bevcarlson@nucleus.com.