

KIDS MINISTRY

Dec 6: Godly Play with Heather, Wendy & Candice
12-2 Pageant practice
Dec 13: Pageant "Straw & Order"
Dec 20: Kid's Ministry Christmas Party

YOUTH GROUP

Open to all youth ages 12 - 18

Dec 11 - Christmas Party with Ken & Melanie Toews

CRAFT ITEMS NEEDED

The Kids Ministry is looking for donations of empty coffee cans and kleenex boxes. If you have any to donate, please bring them on Sunday and leave them on the literature table.

Thank you!

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SUNDAY DECEMBER 6, 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.

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.

A SPECIAL INVITATION

Please join us throughout the season of Advent, beginning next Sunday, as we anticipate the Christian New Year and coming of Christmas. It will be a special time as we travel together toward Bethlehem.

Rev. Julia

KIDS CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Please join us next **Sunday December 13** for the Kid's Christmas Pageant entitled ***Straw & Order.***

During the service there will be an opportunity for people to give a White Gift offering.

This year, we are asking for gift cards of any denomination to offer throughout the year as people struggle. The needs are greatest for food, gas and occasionally clothing.

Following the service, there will be a "Food for Fun" lunch.

We are asking you to bring cookies for dessert and plan to stay for lunch.

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.***

WEEKLY MEDITATION GATHERING AT OUC

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

Please see the poster on the bulletin board in the Foyer for more

Special Guest appearances that are lined up (cost by donation).

Regular weekly meditation is free of charge, everyone welcome!

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

On **June 24, 2017** Okotoks United Church will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. The Joint board would like to invite anyone who has an interest in helping to prepare for this occasion to join the **"Centennial Committee"**. The Centennial Committee will be responsible for preparing a written history of the church and all activities and projects leading up to the anniversary. There will be a variety of opportunities to contribute to the work of this committee from story telling to helping to plan the celebration and more. If you are interested please contact Joanne Dzurka at dzurkaj@xplornet.ca or 403-938-3945.

HIGH COUNTRY CHORALE

You are invited to Songs of the Season, **Sunday December 6 @ 2:30pm.**
Red Deer Lake United Church, admission by donation. Refreshments available.
Everyone welcome!

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 mo. 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 Sunday Dec 20th know is the time 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

"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 will be a small retreat and limited to 10 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. **Spouses this would be a GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT (hint hint!)**

Sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board and a couple of volunteers would be appreciated to help. Final payment and attendance confirmation will be due the end of February and don't forget to bring your best or funniest slippers!

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

AN APPEAL FROM THE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

We are in need of talented hands from time to time and would like create a resource pool that we can call on to assist in maintenance projects at the Church rather than have to hire a contractor. If you have some skills in the areas of carpentry, plumbing, siding and roofing, etc. or would just like to help out please let us know. Contact info below.

We are also into that dreaded winter time of year again which means that we need to clean snow. We are looking for some volunteers to help with snow clearing on the sidewalks and the parking lot. We would like to have some individuals who would be willing to check at the church early each morning before activities begin to ensure the doorways and sidewalks are clear and salted. Ideally we would like to set up a schedule with enough volunteers that each would only be responsible for 1 week or possibly 2 during the winter.

If you can help out in these areas please contact
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or leave your contact information at the office with Denyse.