

## 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 29, 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 30 11:00 am – 2:00 pm**

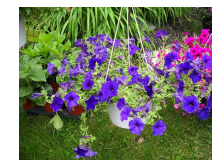
**May 8, 9, 17, 18, 24, 25 & 30 10:30 - 1:30**

## DeWinton Spring Plant Sale

Spring is here and so is the DeWinton Spring Plant Sale!! This year we are selling:

Strawberry or tomatoes	\$25.00
13" hanging basket	\$30.00
13" deluxe planter	\$30.00
16" hanging basket	\$50.00
18" deluxe planter	\$50.00
Veggie with cage*	\$25.00

\* 12" planter with cage - cucumber, pepper and tomato)



**Deadline for orders is Tuesday, May 8th. Pickup will be Tuesday May 29th at OUC (time to be determined)**

An order form is located on the Church bulletin board in the Foyer. If you need additional information please call Bonnie at 587-226-3839 or the office at 403-938-4357.

## 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 [markdut2015@gmail.com](mailto:markdut2015@gmail.com) as a contact for anyone interested in volunteering.



## Bible Study

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

## 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 co-operation.



### Schedule for May

May 4 - Youth Group

May 6 - God's Spotlight, Youth Forum

May 13 - Intergenerational Service Mother's Day

May 18 - Youth Group

May 20 - Pentecost Party, Youth Forum

May 27 - You are God's Sunshine!

## 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.

## 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!



## Observer Subscription Renewal

If you are interested in subscribing to the United Church Observer, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Foyer. The cost is \$25.00 per year, payable in the Church office. **Deadline for orders and payment is Friday May 18th.** If you currently subscribe, you should have received an email notice with renewal information. If not, please stop by the office.