

## **KID'S & YOUTH MINISTRY**

**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  
Nursery Program: Margaret & Madison

## **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.**  
Please contact Gisela Dyck at (403) 938-2506.

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**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 21, 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](mailto:carol.a.price@shaw.ca)

## **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](mailto:peter.shiel49@gmail.com) ASAP. Thanks**

## **TICKETS GOING FAST FOR 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 see Heather Avis at church on Sundays. **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.

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 10<sup>th</sup>, will be postponed to Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> (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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### PASTORAL CARE LEADER

Are you interested in Pastoral Care for Okotoks United Church? If you would like to work with Rev. Julia to serve our faith community, please see the contract description on the bulletin board in the foyer and contact her directly by **TODAY by February 14**.

### 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](mailto:blbayley67@gmail.com).

### 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 26 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 7<sup>th</sup>** in the Fireside room.

The book under discussion is the delightful and much loved **"Guemsey 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.

### PAUL RUMBOLT IN CONCERT

Paul Rumbolt, singer-song writer, will be performing at

**Hillhurst United Church on Sunday February 21 @ 7:00pm**

Tickets are \$15 at the door

He will also be performing s the

**Turner Valley United Church on Tuesday February 23 @ 7:30pm**

Tickets are \$15 and available at the TV United Church or the Bluerock Café

### 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.

**HELP OKOTOKS/RED DEER LAKE/TURNER VALLEY UNITED  
CHURCHES SPONSOR A REFUGEE FAMILY!**

**Ways you can get involved:**

Volunteer! We need volunteers for various tasks before a family arrives as well as once they're here. Sign up after church on a volunteer sheet for something you could help out with, or email Jody to discuss opportunities.

Donate money! We need to fundraise half of our committed amount of money, which is \$4250.00 before we apply to sponsor a family. Then we need to raise the other half, another \$4250.00. If everyone present on a Sunday morning contributed \$35.00 we would raise enough money in a single day. Please contribute generously as you are able.

Donate items! We will be furnishing and equipping the OUC apartment for our family to live in. We still need some items in good working condition, talk to Jody for a list of what we need.

Help fundraise! Do you have a brilliant fundraising idea, or would you be willing to help make a brilliant plan happen? We need people willing to help with fundraising, so that we can meet our full financial commitment for this project.

Spread the word, and pray. Sponsoring a refugee family is a very large undertaking. We will be responsible for the family's needs for one entire year. Support the project by getting our whole community involved through telling others about what we're doing, and by praying for God's help as we move forward. You never know who might be willing to help, and how.

Please contact Jody Connors at [jodyconnors@gmail.com](mailto:jodyconnors@gmail.com) or 403-354-1309 if you would like to help.

Thanks for your support!

**VOLUNTEER TO HELP BUILD A HOME**

**WELCOMING TEAM:** Initial grocery shopping trips, touring Okotoks (library, doctor, bank, rec centre etc.), orientating to the apartment (how to use everything), getting needed clothing.

**FUNDRAISING TEAM:** Raising money, planning fundraising events, organizing in-kind and supplies donation.

**COMMUNICATIONS REPRESENTATIVE:** Updating congregations via newsletter, take/obtain photos and help keep OUC web pages up to date.

**SETTLEMENT SUPPORT TEAM:** Helping register with schools, healthcare, language services, employment, banking.

**HOME SUPPORT TEAM:** Cleaning the apartment, finding furniture, apartment readying, getting apartment staples, hanging curtains.

**TRANSPORTATION TEAM:** Driving to appointments.

Sign up sheets for the above will be available in the Foyer after Worship each Sunday.