



**Sunday
November 13, 2016**

GETTING THROUGH THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Are you dreading the holiday season due to the death of a loved one?
Are you struggling with how you'll get through it?
Is it difficult to imagine being "merry"?

We can help you prepare and cope. This workshop is for you.

Wednesday November 16, 2016

Okotoks United Church

1-3pm or 7-9pm

Facilitator: Rev. Marilyn Evans

To register or inquire call or text (403) 462-9041

or email mjevans2012@gmail.com

For more info see the poster on the Church bulletin board in the Foyer.

IT TAKES A TEAM

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to become a caring member of our **Sunday morning team; Greeters, Ushers and Hospitality.** We extend a warm invitation to everyone who is interested to join us

Monday, November 14th, 6:30-7:30 pm

in the sanctuary for an informational gathering.

As exciting changes are being implemented we would ask all of our current group to please attend.

OUC - SNOW REMOVAL

Winter is upon us shortly. **We would like to enlist the support of volunteers to help with the removal of snow through a weekly schedule.** This will make the commitment less intimidating for everyone involved.

We have a blower for light snowfalls and a snow blower for heavier dumps.

Thanks for your consideration and assistance in helping with the snow removal. **There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Foyer.**

For more information please contact Ian McNeill (587) 999-7594.

MISSION POSSIBLE 2017 TRIP INFORMATION SESSION

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20 @ 7:00PM

Are you one of the many who have seen the post trip presentations and thought "that should be me"? Well here is your chance. The Mission Possible Team will be travelling back to the DR on **April 13th through April 23rd of 2017.** We will be having an information session where we will review our partner T.E.A.R.S, the work done, the tentative schedule and costs. **The session will be in the upstairs boardroom at 7pm and will last approximately 1 hour.** There is no obligation of joining the team should you attend the meeting. So come out and learn more about our partnership with T.E.A.R.S and your chance for a trip of a lifetime. Team members in the past have ranged from 10 to 70 years old. **For more information please contact Gary Dzurka at gdzurka@xplornet.ca or phone at 403-938-3945.**

OUC CHRISTMAS MARKET

Fri. Nov 25 from 3 - 7pm and Sat. Nov 26 from 9 am - 2 pm.

"Treasures" Tables, Baking, Crafts & Much More!

The "Treasures Tables" are a great place to purchase new (or very gently used items) or crafts for Christmas. The market is a great place to shop, purchase stocking stuffers and that perfect "little" item, or a bigger item with a little price tag.

If you have items to donate, or wish more information, contact Mary Willis at 403-995-1055. There is a donation box in the foyer of the Church for donations. Volunteers are needed to help with the Treasures tables, signup sheets are located on the bulletin board in the Foyer

The OUC Harmony Group runs the Bake/Craft Tables. We have primarily sold cookies in the past, but this year are looking for any kind of holiday-type of baking, cookies included. We encourage you to "fancy" your baking up, perhaps putting it on a Christmas paper plate, with a bow on top but, if you wish to just drop it off, we can do this for you. Baking/Crafts can be dropped off at Okotoks United Church, **Friday Nov. 25 after 9:00am.** **Please label your items and include whether they contain nuts or not.**

Volunteers are needed to help with the Harmony Group tables, signup sheets are located on the bulletin board in the Foyer
Contact Amy Mounkes or Marg Smith if you have any questions.

NEW LADIES GROUP

Ladies, a new group has been formed with the plan of spending time together to visit, go on outings, etc. What a great way to get to know the wonderful women of our church. Everyone are welcome whether you are new to our church or a long-standing attendee. We will be meeting in the evenings and the next meeting will be at **Linda's house on November 21st at 7:00 at 133 Tucker Circle.** Our theme will be "Let it go".

Please feel free to give Linda Wilson a call at 403-862-3609 if you have any questions or if you can attend.

Hope to see you there!

KIDS & YOUTH MINISTRY

November

Nov-13	PP3, Youth Forum April Jordan
Nov-18	Youth Group Nancy Ferguson
Nov-20	Intergen PP4
Nov-27	PP5 Pageant Rehearsal/Costume fittings

OUC 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Okotoks United Church has been in ministry since 1917 serving members of Okotoks and the surrounding areas.

The Centennial Committee would like to know if you have any photos, church documents or artifacts that are relevant to our history. Please contact Joanne at 403-938-3945 or dzurkaj@xplornet.ca by December 31, 2016 if you have something to share. The Committee meets again on Mon Nov. 28 at 10 am in the Chapel. This is an open committee and all are welcome to attend.

OUC Hat's Off Stewardship Event - 5 November 2016

A Huge, Warm & Wonderful **Thank You** to the many people who contributed to a successful "Hat's Off" Stewardship Event on Saturday November 5th. Thank you to the teams who Decorated, Set-Up and Took Down, who Cooked and Cleaned, provided Entertainment, stuffed and delivered envelopes, Hosted and Entertained, Sang, Played and penned Lyrics, Crunched Numbers, Formatted and Created, who Emceed and Mentored and thank you to the congregants who attended.

You are Amazing and please know how much you are Appreciated.

Hat's Off everyone!

OUC FIRESIDE BOOK CLUB

The Book Club meets on the first Monday of each month in the Fireside Room at 7:00 p.m., unless it falls on a statutory holiday, then we automatically move to the following Monday.

Dates to the end of this Book Year::

Monday, November 7th
Monday, December 5th
Monday January 2nd/2017
Monday February 6th/2017
Monday March 6th/2017
Monday, April 3rd/2017

If you enjoy reading - please join us.

Any questions, call Sharon Parsons at 403 995 4373.

2017 UNITED CHURCH CALENDARS FOR SALE

This years calendar will be available for purchase each Sunday at our Mission Possible Table as well as through Denyse at the Church Office during the week. Calendars are \$10.00 each and all proceeds will go to our projects in the Dominican Republic.

OUC MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

Our Men's Group's next meeting will be **Saturday Dec. 3 at 9:00 a.m.** After a fine breakfast we are pleased to have as our **guest speaker Rob Rossi**, who will talk about his work as a search and rescue operations leader in our area. The Men's Group is a very new group at OUC and we warmly welcome everyone to our breakfast and program.

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.