

THE FOOD FOR FUN MINISTRY CONTINUES!

There is such a thing as a free lunch! Please join us on:

October 16 - Lunch hosted by the Worship Committee

We are asking for individual or group volunteers
for December 11.

A signup sheet is located on the church bulletin board in the Foyer. Please
contact Sharon Campbell at (403) 995-4503 if you have any questions.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

PASTORAL CARE...Compassionately Caring for and Supporting Each Other

As a church community how do we reach out, support and care for
each other through our many life challenges? What does pastoral
care look like in the hustle and bustle of everyday living?

Do you have a passion for people?

Please join Anne Scappaticci and myself as we engage in
an exercise to create a meaningful vision for our
Okotoks United Pastoral Care Ministry.

DATE: October 23, 2016

TIME: Immediately following church service until 2:00pm

LOCATION: Upstairs in boardroom at church

Light lunch will be provided

Please RSVP on the sign up sheet located at the back of
the church or to Julie Leggett at okpastoralcare@telus.net
or 403-827-5131 so we can confirm lunch numbers.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Kid's Ministry is looking for you! **We are looking for volunteers
to lead Sunday School during the fall.** But here is the fun part,
the curriculum is up to you! Do you have a skill you would like to
share, an organization you are a part of? Talents are meant to be shared,
are you musical, artistic, do you have stories to share, activities to show
off? We want to share the experiences and talents of our congregation
with the children and youth of the church. You don't need any experi-
ence either, Candice will help you to design your lesson and make sure
you have it all set-up for your Sunday. All you need to do is sign-up
on the sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer or contact Candice
either at church on Sundays or via email at cnedsutton@gmail.com.

Please come join us upstairs this fall! Candice Sutton



**Sunday
October 9, 2016**

MISSION POSSIBLE 2017 TRIP INFORMATION SESSION

October 23rd 12:30pm

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 following the service at
12:30pm 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@xplomet.ca
or phone at 403-938-3945.**

THANK YOU!!

Our Kids Ministry curriculum is entitled 'It takes a Village', but this also
applies to our Turkey Supper. It takes a village to cook, serve, clear,
clean and eat 22 turkeys with all of the trimmings.

**Thank you to each donor, volunteer and diner for making the
2016 Turkey Supper a success...it cannot happen without you!**

OUC JACKET RACKET 2016

The Jacket Racket program will begin on **Saturday October 22.**
We are looking for several volunteers to help and sign up sheets
are on the bulletin board in the Foyer along with a poster of the
program dates and drop off locations.

**We are also looking for donations of coats, hats, scarves, mitts
and winter foot wear in good, clean used condition.**

A drop box is located in the Foyer.

If you have any questions, please contact Denyse in the office. Thank you.

KIDS & YOUTH MINISTRY

October

Oct-09 It Takes a Village Presenter - April Jordan
Oct-15 Naked Faith - St. Andrew's Event 6:00-9:00pm for Youth
Oct-16 Pageant Casting, Youth Forum with Melanie
It Takes a Village Presenter

It is that time of year again. Christmas Pageant is upon us!

This year we will be performing 'The Landlord's Cat.'

Casting will take place on **October 16** with a sign-up following service in the sanctuary.

A character list will be posted on the Kid's Ministry bulletin board in the foyer.

If you are interested in performing this year, please join us on the 16th.

If you are not able to come that day, but still want to participate, please email me at endsutton@gmail.com.

Thank you - Candice Sutton

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday the 5th of November is the day when the Governing Board and the Ministerial Board celebrates you, the congregation of the Okotoks United Church for your hard work and your sustaining spirit. **At 5:30pm** it will be time to take our **"Hats Off"** to all who during the past year have created and maintained no less than 40 Ministries in our Church.

There will be pre-dinner activity and non-alcohol drinks, a free dinner in the Sanctuary Dining Room, entertainment and a guest speaker.

Invitations are available for pick up in the Foyer. Look for yours in the box at the entrance to the Sanctuary. Entertainment is a Congregational Variety Concert, the Guest Speaker is Dr. Rev. John Pentland from Hillhurst United in Calgary. Children's activities and child care will be available throughout the evening. **A sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the Foyer. Hope to see you all there!**

CANNING JARS NEEDED

The Harmony Group is looking for **250ml canning jars** for their next batch of Antipasto. If you have any that you would like to donate, please drop them off in the Church kitchen.

Thank you!

CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY

DeWinton United Church , Sunday December 4, 2016 @ 7:00pm
Tickets are \$15.00
Available at the OUC church office or any DeWinton member

OCTOBER FOOD MONTH

October is the month when we celebrate the good things God has provided for us. We begin the month with **World Communion Sunday**, then **Thanksgiving**, and the following Sunday **World Food Sunday** when the Worship Committee will provide lunch.

During these three Sundays we will be gathering items for the Food Bank in advance of the Christmas rush. If you would like to donate to the Food Bank, please bring your items the first three Sundays of October and we will deliver them. Items greatly appreciated at this time of the year are items for kid's lunches, canned goods, cereals, cleaning items, diapers, toiletries, toilet paper.

You can find a list of other items needed at okotoksfoodbank.ca.

REMIT DISCUSSION

The United Church of Canada is in a significant period of transition as we look at the structures and processes of the denomination. Several remits have been forwarded from the 2015 General Council Meeting that Julia attended and congregations are being asked to vote on these remits which include among other things changing the court structure of the church and changing the funding model of the denomination. If you would like to learn more about the remits and give feedback to the Boards who will be voting on your behalf, please join Julia **on Saturday, Oct. 15th from 10 - noon in the Conference Room**. Information about the remits can be found at <http://www.gc42.ca/remits>.

"END OF LIFE ISSUES" WORKSHOP

Join Julia on **Saturday, October 22th** from **9:30 – 3:00** for a workshop exploring "end of life" issues. Planning and preparing so my family knows my wishes, funerals, power of attorney, wills, living and dying well, grief and other relevant issues will be discussed. **Cost: \$15.00** (includes lunch and all materials). This workshop is helpful for those who want to be prepared at the end of their lives or for those who are caring for someone near the end of their life or for those just wanting to know more about these issues.

Please sign-up on bulletin board if you plan to attend.

WHAT'S YOUR LEGACY?

Kathryn Hofley, The United Church of Canada's regional Financial Development Officer has been invited to Okotoks United to share with us estate-planning options and information. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend on **Thursday, November 3rd at 7:00 p.m.** Learn how you can forward the mission of our congregation and the United Church of Canada. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer if you are planning to attend.