

## 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:** **TODAY 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](mailto:okpastoralcare@telus.net) or 403-827-5131 so we can confirm lunch numbers.



**Sunday  
October 23, 2016**

### **"HATS OFF" - SAVE THE DATE!**

Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> 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 activities, 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, please RSVP as soon as possible. A sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the Foyer or you can call the Church office. 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.

**Hope to see you all there!**

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in the next newsletter."

### **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 for donations is located in the Foyer.  
If you have any questions, please contact Denyse in the office.

## KIDS & YOUTH MINISTRY

### October

Oct-23 PP1 Pageant Table read - Youth Dean Salter - Michael Moose  
Oct-30 PP 2 It Takes a Village Presenter

### November

Nov-06 PP2 Arlene and Quinton: Therapy Dogs  
Nov-04 Youth Group Melanie Toews  
Nov-13 PP3, Youth Forum April Jordan  
Nov-18 Youth Group Nancy Ferguson  
Nov-20 Interger PP4  
Nov-27 PP5 Pageant Rehearsal/Costume fittings

## BECOMING A MEMBER OF OKOTOKS/DEWINTON UNITED CHURCH

Joining the church is a choice each of us makes when we decide that this is the community we want to serve and belong to. It is not necessary to join the church in order to participate in the work and life of the community. Membership does allow you to vote when choosing a new minister or changing some aspects of the work of the church. In other words, everyone is welcome. Joining the church is simply another step in your journey toward a commitment to the United Church and the work of a particular community.

If you would like to know more about membership or want to join the church, please join Julia for a New Member's Class on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m. This is a class for anyone who wants to know more about the church. No commitment necessary. Please sign up on bulletin board in the foyer. We will be receiving new members on Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> during worship.

### TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

If you are already a member of the United Church but have not transferred your membership to Okotoks or DeWinton, please call or email Denyse in the office to make arrangements to have your membership transferred. This takes a few weeks so please call soon.

**Rev. Julia**

## CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY

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

## OUC 100TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Many people have contributed to the life and work of the church over the years and we warmly welcome you to join us for our 100th anniversary.

**Saturday June 24, 2017: 7:00pm at the original church building  
3 Elma Street E. Okotoks**

**Sunday June 25, 2017: 10:45am at the new church building  
43 Riverside Drive Okotoks**

**Please watch our website at [www.okunited.ca](http://www.okunited.ca)  
and our announcements for more details!**

## FT. MAC RECOVERY BENEFIT CONCERT

### 'Harvest of Hope'

**October 28 in Okotoks at the Okotoks Alliance Church Tickets are  
\$20 for Adults and \$15 for Seniors/Children  
(Children under 12 are Free).**

**Tickets are available for purchase from the Okotoks Alliance Church  
(403-938-2614), Monday-Friday 9am-4pm.**

## 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.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.