

2017 UNITED CHURCH CALENDARS FOR SALE

This year's 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.

COUPLES DINNER CLUB

Time to rotate again. Starting in January Buy 1 get 2 free.

Could you cook at home one month and then go out for the next 3 or 4 months? Hmmm!!!!

This is the best way to get to know others in your church family? Yah!!!

A dinner club is made up of groups of 3 or 4 couples so 6 to 8 people.

We meet together in homes once a month for 3 or 4 months, then you rotate between groups so you can meet others.

As well if any singles are interested in getting together for a single or single again dinner group, same idea - 3 or 4 singles together and then again rotate with others, just need a leader. I will help to get you started.

Would love to have you!

Hurry email me at carolkeen@shaw.ca or call 403-982-2847.

As well we will be having our annual pot luck picnic in August 2017 if you are thinking of joining you could come and meet all the winners see if you like them before you commit. Joking!! Call me or email for details.



Ladies Group - "Jingle and Mingle"

The next ladies group meeting will be held in the Fireplace room (upstairs) on December 12th at 6:30. We will be having a potluck and some fun. All ladies welcome. If you have any questions call Linda at 403-862-3609. Hope to see you there!

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.

2017 dates:

January 2, February 6, March 6, April 3, 2017

If you enjoy reading - please join us.

Any questions, call Sharon Parsons at 403 995 4373.



**Sunday
December 11, 2016**

SERVICES FOR THE SEASON

Sunday, December 11th - 10:45 a.m.

Kid's Pageant & White Gift Sunday

(Receiving gift cards for Benevolent Fund, Most needed:
President's Choice, Walmart, Gas)

Sunday, December 18th - 7:00 p.m.

De Winton Candlelight & Communion Service

Saturday, December 24th - 4:30 p.m.

Okotoks Family Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 24th - 9:00 p.m.

Okotoks Candlelight & Communion Service

Sunday, December 25th - 10:00 a.m.

Okotoks Christmas Service

JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER!

Okotoks United Church congregation members are planning to host Christmas Day dinner after the Christmas Day service at our church. There is a sign up sheet on the community bulletin board in the Foyer or email jodyconnors@gmail.com. Please indicate how many of your party will attend, and if you are able to bring a dish for dinner. We will have turkey and all of the fixings along with social time, games, and good conversation. All are welcome to join, bring your friends and neighbours, and come! You can come cook with others at the church or prepare food at home to bring to the church. If you would like to contribute food but are not able to cook, let Jody Connors know and we can arrange for it to be prepared. If you can't bring any food to share you are still more than welcome to join in!

Merry Christmas!

KIDS & YOUTH MINISTRY

December

Dec-11 Pageant Performance, The Landlord's Cat
Dec-16 Youth Group with Nancy Ferguson
Dec-18 Kid's Christmas Party
Dec 25 No Kid's Ministry

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.

LADIES RETREAT

Would you like a break from the craziness of life and have some fun, fellowship, relaxation, fresh air, time for you. Consider attending the **Ladies "Transformation" Retreat** at beautiful Kings Fold Retreat Centre, 30 minutes northwest of Cochrane on highway 40.

June 16-18, 2017 - only a few beds left!

**Registration and payment no later than March 12, 2017
Cost is \$225.00 includes shared room, meals etc.**

Spouses, what a great Christmas gift, a gift of time for herself!

Save your nickels (cause there are no pennies)! With Rev. Julia facilitating this is sure to be rejuvenating retreat and may fill up fast. Be sure to add your name to the sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

Call Linda Wilson at 403-862-3609 for any questions.

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

**Annual Report submissions are due this week - Wednesday December 14.
Thank you to all those who have already submitted reports.**

Please email your report to: dzurkaj@xplornet.ca.

Thank you

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.

BLESSING OTHER CHURCHES

The church is much bigger than each individual community.

We are always blessed when we are able to help our neighbouring faith communities.

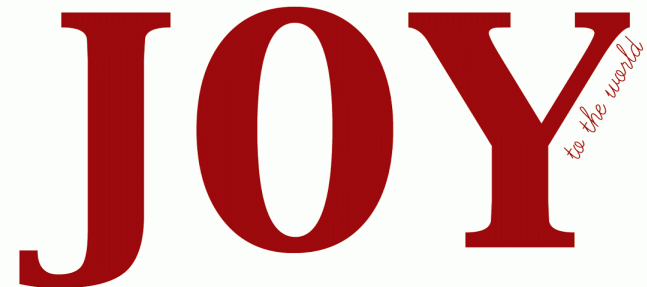
Recently we were able to give our used photocopier to Airdrie United Church and they were delighted with the gift. Here is the note sent to us:

*"On behalf of the Official Board of Airdrie United Church,
Thank you for our new to us Photocopier. J
Your kindness and generosity of giving us your gently used
machine is amazing. Thank you again. "*

Lori Helston
Chair of the Official Board
Airdrie United Church

We have also given Vulcan United Church some leftover bulletin covers and offering envelopes we are unable to use. They are deeply grateful.

We seek to be a generous congregation that supports our neighbouring communities through whatever gifts we have to share. And we have always found that the blessings we receive in return are greater than anything we can give.



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