

KIDS MINISTRY

Nov 15 - Dean Salter presents Michael Moose with Corrine and Candice
12-1 Pageant Practice

Nov 22 - Intergenerational
12-2 Pageant practice

Nov 29 - Curriculum with Carol & Corinne, Youth Forum
12-2 Pageant practice

YOUTH GROUP

Open to all youth ages 12 - 18

Nov 27 - Game Night with Nancy Ferguson

Dec 11 - Christmas Party with Ken & Melanie Toews

OUC FIRESIDE BOOK CLUB

There will be no meeting in December. Our next will be January 4, 2016 at 7:00pm. We will be discussing the book: The Outlander by Gil Adamson.
Everyone welcome!

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SUNDAY November 15, 2015

WHAT'S HAPPENING??

Please be sure to check the OUC Church News Board and the Community News Board in the Foyer for all the exciting upcoming events!

OUC CHRISTMAS MARKET

**Fri. Nov 27 from 3 - 7pm and Sat. Nov 28 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. It is also a great place to 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 items.

Volunteers are needed to help with the Market, signup sheets are located on the bulletin board in the Foyer.

The OUC Harmony Group Baking & 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 and crafts can be dropped off at the church, **Friday Nov. 27 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.

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY JANUARY 31, 2016 - 2015 AGM

The Ministry board, responsible for all programs that relate to the life, worship and work of the congregation, is accepting nominations for the AGM on January 31, 2016.

All board positions are 2 year terms. Meetings are held once a month. There are additional meetings with the Governing board. This is a fantastic opportunity to deepen your faith, learn more about your church and to further our mission: With Gods help we are: Following Jesus, Reaching Others and Changing Lives.

If you are interested please contact Joanne Dzurka for more information at 403-938-3945 or dzurkaj@xplornet.ca.

*****Please note nominations will not be taken from the floor at the AGM.***

DEWINTON COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

Sunday December 6 @ 7:00 pm

Tickets \$15.00

Available from the OUC office or any DeWinton member

Limited seating so get your tickets early!

HEALING MINISTRY HOURS

The Healing Ministry will provide treatments upon special request only.

The available hours are the **first and third Monday of each month from 1-4pm**. Please contact Gisela Dyck at (403) 938 - 2506.

2016 UNITED CHURCH CALENDARS FOR SALE

This year's calendars will be available for purchase **each Sunday at our Mission Possible Table** as well as through Denyse at the Church Office. Calendars are **\$10.00 each** and all the proceeds will go to our projects in the Dominican Republic.

Copies are limited so get yours soon!

WEEKLY MEDITATION GATHERING AT OUC

Every Wednesday morning at 10:00am in the OUC Upper Fireside Room.

Please see the poster on the bulletin board in the Foyer for Special Guest appearances that are lined up (cost by donation).

Regular weekly meditation is free of charge, everyone welcome!

INN FROM THE COLD NOV 19

The next Inn will be held Thursday November 19. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Foyer if you are able to help. We encourage anyone who hasn't had a chance to experience helping with this ministry to sign up. It is a great way to meet members of the congregation while helping those in need. Please contact Bev Carlson at bevcarlson@nucleus.com if you have any questions.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Do you have a desire to know more about the bible? Enjoy good company? Have fun? Join us for our **Thursday morning Bible Study from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.** No knowledge of the bible is necessary, just a desire to learn and grow. We will begin with an overview of the bible for the first sessions. No need to sign up – just show up.

Everyone is welcome. Come and bring your friends.

CULTURAL SPOTLIGHT SERIES - IRAQ & SYRIA

November 25 5:30 - 7:30pm. We have welcomed many refugee families from Iraq recently, and expect this number to increase, along with more families from Syria. Come to our Spotlight event and learn more about their culture and ways to connect cross-culturally in your volunteer relationship or in the community at large. The cultural insight will be presented by our colleagues in the Cultural Broker Program who are experts in the region. **Please see the poster in the Foyer for more information.**

NOV 22 FOOD FOR FUN LUNCH

The next Food For Fun lunch sponsored by the OUC Staff will be held immediately following Worship on Nov 22. Everyone welcome!

UNITED CHURCH 100th ANNIVERSARY

On **June 24, 2017** Okotoks United Church will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. The Joint board would like to invite anyone who has an interest in helping to prepare for this occasion to join the **"Centennial Committee"**. The Centennial Committee will be responsible for preparing a written history of the church and all activities and projects leading up to the anniversary. There will be a variety of opportunities to contribute to the work of this committee from story telling to helping to plan the celebration and more. If you are interested please contact Joanne Dzurka at dzurkaj@xplornet.ca or 403-938-3945.

"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 will be a small retreat and limited to 10 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. **Spouses this would be a GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT (hint hint!)**

Sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board and a couple of volunteers would be appreciated to help. Final payment and attendance confirmation will be due the end of February and don't forget to bring your best or funniest slippers!

Any questions or concerns please call Linda Wilson at 403-862-3609.

COME TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - Easter Break 2016

We still have a few spots open for you to join the next mission possible trip to the DR. This is a great opportunity for families with youth as **we will be travelling over Easter Break** and very little school will be missed. (March 24th through April 3rd). We currently have 11 confirmed travelers, 6 youth and 5 adults making the journey. If you would like more information about our charities, travel dates and costs – please contact Gary Dzurka @ gdzurka@xplornet.ca or (403) 992-3334

MICHAEL HOPE

Coming to Deer Park UC on Nov 22 at 2:30pm to present "Hallelujahs", a special Celebration concert to benefit DPUC's Youth and Children's Outreach Ministry! Special guests are Megan Singer, viola and Cody Obst, piano. Program to include music from Michael Hope's Award-Nominated cd "Hallelujah" including "Be Though My Vision", "Great is Thy Faithfulness", "Morning has Broken" & Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah".

Tickets are \$20 (Children under 12 free) and are available at the door, by calling 403-278-8263 or by emailing info@dpuc.ca.