

### **KIDS MINISTRY**

Sept 27 - Youth Forum & Curriculum: Candice, Carol  
Oct 4 - Intergenerational Service  
Oct 11 - Godly Play: Heather, Wendy, Candice  
Oct 18 - World Food Sunday: Wendy, Corrine, Candice  
Oct 25 - Youth Forum & April Jordan: Carol, Wendy

### **YOUTH GROUP**

Open to all youth ages 12 - 18

Oct 2 - Gary and Joanne Dzurka, Mission Marathon  
Oct 16 - Candice, Veteran Speaker & Game Night  
Oct 30 - Nancy Ferguson, Halloween Fright Night @ Library

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**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2015**

### **OUC TURKEY SUPPER**

The annual OUC Turkey Supper will be held on  
**Sunday October 4.**

We need several "teams" of people and donations  
of food items to make this event a success.  
Sign up sheets are located on the bulletin  
board in the foyer.

**Tickets will be sold in the Foyer immediately  
following Worship today and are also available  
in the Church office.**

Adults - \$15

Kids 7-12 - \$12

Kids 6 and under - Free

### **MISSION POSSIBLE 2nd ANNUAL MUSICAL COMEDY AND SILENT AUCTION WITH THE WINDMILL THEATRE PLAYERS**

To support our on-going partnership with our charities in the Dominican Republic we will be hosting the WTP production of "**Anything Goes**" on **November 11th, 2015**. Tickets are available each Sunday at the Mission Possible Table or during the week by visiting Denyse at the Church Office. Tickets are \$10.00 for an individual and \$25.00 for a family. **Doors will open at 6:00 pm and the concert will begin at 7:00 pm.** There will be silent auction items that you can bid on, coffee and treats during intermission and a general great time had by all. If you are able to donate an item for the silent action please contact Bev Carlson at [bevcarlson@nucleus.com](mailto:bevcarlson@nucleus.com) or text or call at 403-815-9957.

**JACKET RACKET** The Jacket Racket program will begin on Saturday October 24 here at OUC. 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 church office. Thank you.

**SAVE THE DATE!** On Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, the Joint Board of the Okotoks United Church invite you to join us for our annual stewardship event. The theme this year is **"The Magic of Making a Difference"**. This is a **family event**; dinner comes at no charge for all members and adherents of the UC. This year we are featuring **"Richard the Magician"**. Richard Young of Calgary is a professional magician with a M. Ed., and 30 years of experience entertaining audiences across North America, Africa, Europe and the Orient. He performs up to 325 shows per year, amazing and amusing audiences of all ages. Parents love how wonderfully he works with children and many groups, including churches, have Richard back year after year. He has been voted one of the top three children's entertainers in Calgary. We are delighted he will be joining us on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November.

**Invitations are available for pick-up from the literature table in the foyer. We are still dealing with a few hiccups in our database so if we missed printing a mailing label for you, please pick up an invitation from the extras located on the same table. If you could take a minute to add your name to the list of "missing" labels that would help us make the corrections needed. Thank you!**

**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. We only have 50 copies so get your soon!

**OUC CHURCH DIRECTORY** The long awaited photo directory is now available on the literature table in the Foyer. We have printed enough copies for 1 per family. If you were not included in this print and would like to be added to the directory the next time, please provide your information to the church office. Just a reminder that the personal information in the directory is to be used for Church related business only.

**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](mailto:gdzurka@xplornet.ca) or 403.992.3334.

**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, beginning **Thursday September 17<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**FOOD FOR FUN LUNCH** There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Foyer for those of you who aren't part of a particular Church group or ministry but would like to help out with a future Food For Fun luncheon.

**BOXES NEEDED** We are in need of "pop flat" style boxes for the Turkey Supper Take Out. Any similar type of box will do, please drop off any donations at the church office. Thank you.

**SYRIAN REFUGEE APPEAL** Please provide your support today. Donations received and designated "Syria Relief" will be applied directly to support United Church Mission & Service partners and associates in this work. Funds donated to the appeal will be distributed to ACT and MECC. **The Canadian government will match, dollar for dollar, donations made between September 12 and December 31, 2015.**

**Online** via our secure donation page at [www.united-church.ca](http://www.united-church.ca)

**Phone** 416-231-5931 or toll-free 1-800-268-3781 and use your Visa or MasterCard.

**Send a cheque**, money order, or Visa or MasterCard information with donation amount to: The United Church of Canada Philanthropy Unit - Emergency Response 3250 Bloor Street West, Suite 300, Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4. You can also drop off a cheque with Denyse in the office made out to **The United Church of Canada**. They will be sent off in a bundle to the national church. **Note: Please DO NOT make cheques payable to Okotoks United Church. Please be sure to note "Emergency Response - Syria Relief" on the face of your cheque.**

**Include full contact information when making your donation as National office of the United Church will issue tax receipts.**

Please plan to attend an

## **All Candidates Forum**

**Co-sponsored by:**

**Okotoks United Church**

**&**

**The Okotoks Chamber of Commerce**

**Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**at Okotoks United Church**

**Doors open at 6:30pm**

**coffee & refreshments will be served**

**Forum will run 7 – 9pm**

**John Barlow - Conservative**

**Marc Slingerland - Christian Heritage**

**Tanya MacPherson - Liberal**

**Alison Thompson - New Democrat**

**Romy Tittel - Green**

**Cory Morgan – Libertarian**

This is your opportunity to ask questions and hear what the candidates have to say on issues relevant to Christians as we seek to create a compassionate, fair and just country.

## **Thanksgiving – Expressing Our Gratitude**

The **Okotoks Food Bank** was started by Okotoks churches and serves an increasing number of needs in our community. This Thanksgiving, we will be collecting, along with our offering, items for the **Food Bank**. Please bring donations of food or money for Thanksgiving Sunday as we give thanks for all our blessings.

### **Grocery list: (items with asterisk – needed immediately)**

- dry pasta (all kinds)\*
- pancake mix & syrup\*
- toilet paper\*
- canned soup (small size only)\*
- canned mixed beans/lentils and tomatoes\*
- school lunch items\*
- cookies & crackers\*
- baking supplies\*
- hot cereal\*
- canned meals & pasta (Chili/Alphaggetti type)\*
- razors, shave cream & lotions\*
- pasta sauce
- baked beans
- cleaning supplies\*
- paper towels, Kleenex, foil, saran wrap\*
- diapers size 4, 5, 6\*
- canned fruit and veg
- rice, sugar (bulk is fine)
- jam & peanut butter\*
- dish soap, laundry soap
- garbage bags\*
- shampoo, conditioner & deodorant\*
- vegetables and fruit

## **Syrian Refugee Appeal**

The Moderator of The United Church of Canada, The Right Rev. Jordan Cantwell, is urging your participation in a church-wide appeal for Syrian refugees who are seeking relief from protracted civil war in their country. In her first letter as Moderator to the church's members, she writes:

**"We are called at this particular time to witness in a concrete way to our Christian faith in response to the needs of millions of desperate people seeking refuge and compassion."**  
*The Right Rev. Jordan Cantwell*

### **What You Can Do**

Please provide your support today. Donations received and designated "Syria Relief" will be applied directly to support United Church Mission & Service partners and associates in this work. Funds donated to the appeal will be distributed to ACT and MECC. **The Canadian government will match, dollar for dollar, donations made between September 12 and December 31, 2015.**

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**Note:** As part of the United Church's Emergency Response Fund, 85 percent of your donation will go directly to Syria relief, while 15 percent will be used to support emergencies that do not receive intense media coverage and response. No administration fees will be deducted from your donation. Regular donations to the Mission and Service Fund enable the United Church to absorb staffing and administration costs of emergency response work.