

KIDS & YOUTH MINISTRY

FEBRUARY

Sun Feb 26 Transfiguration Sunday - INTERGEN

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.

THE CREMERY COMMUNITY MARKET

The 2017 market will run from June 11 - September 24, from 10:30-2pm.

Past volunteers will be contacted in the next few months to confirm your continued involvement and new volunteers can sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the Foyer.

For more information please contact Bev Carlson at bevcarlson@nucleus.com or (403) 938-5396.

WEEKLY MEDITATION

Meditation is held at OUC in the Upper Fireside room on Mondays at 9:30am (meditation only) and Wednesdays at 10:00am (meditation & education)

OUC FIRESIDE BOOK CLUB

Monday March 6 @ 7:00pm
Upper Fireside Room

Contact Sharon Parsons (403) 995-4373 for more info

REMINDER

Thank you for remembering our scent sensitive friends by limiting your use of fragrance & perfume.



**Sunday
February 26, 2017**

OUC AGM - TODAY FEB 26, 2017

Immediately following worship

DEWINTON AGM

Sunday March 12, 2017

Immediately following worship

2017 INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY CELEBRATION

This year's celebration at OUC will be held on

Wednesday March 8 from 5:30 - 9:30pm

The guest speakers will be Sherrie Botten & Carmen Taciune from

**Rowan House Emergency Shelter
*Empowering Women Through Healthy Relationships***

There is no cost to attend, just bring a pot luck dish!

A sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the Foyer or contact Carol Price at carol.a.price@shaw.ca

CAPTURING WHO WE ARE

Do you have a hankering to do a little creative writing?

Show off the programs and ministries of our church?

Do you like putting things together?

Each year we try to put out an Annual Report that reflects our heart and spirit here at Okotoks United. Joanne Dzurka put out a beautiful report last year and is working on our 2016 report. We are looking for someone to take over this project, to make it their own. Or perhaps a team of "reporters" to capture what we do throughout the year. These reports are archived by the National Church for people to look at years from now.

If you are interested, please speak to Julia about what's involved. We'd like to get started now so we don't miss what happens this special anniversary year. Help us celebrate the year through words and pictures.

KIDS'S MINISTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Kid's Ministry is looking for volunteers for many programs this winter/spring. We require volunteers to assist in Sunday School and participate in the It Takes a Village Program. We also require additional volunteers to help with supervision of Youth Group. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer your time (we would be so grateful!)

Please contact Candice at cnecsutton@gmail.com

ouc LADIES NIGHT OUT - ALMOST SOLD OUT!

Saturday March 4 at DeWinton Community Hall

Doors open at 5:30 Dinner Service 7:00

Silent auction, fashion show, entertainment

This year's entertainer is Comedian Cory Mack

Tickets are \$45.00 cash or cheque at the church office or Sobeys

Congregational Care Team Ministry Orientation and Training Sessions

**Come join us to "Build up your Tool box"
beginning March 12th 2017**

Everyone interested is Welcome to attend the following
5 sessions being held in the 2nd fl conference room:

**Sundays: March 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9 from 12:00 -13:30
(Please bring your favourite bagged lunch on March 12th)**

**Please RSVP your intent to attend by signing up on the sheet at the
back of our Church or email our Congregational Care Leader
Julie Leggett at: okcongregationalcare@telus.net.**

The Rev. Julia, Congregational Care leader Julie and myself also thank from our hearts all those who were able to take part in our visioning process over the past few months. A process which brought together those involved with our Healing Touch, Visiting, Card, Prayer, Transport and Food ministries along with many others within our caring Church Family. Your compassionate caring, your thoughts, voices, guidance and many skilled talents, sincerely were and continue to be appreciated. Thank-you

IN THE KNOW

We all know that when looking for information or a destination, most people these days will check out the World Wide Web. Joanne Dzurka has created a beautiful website that has been praised by many people looking to know more about our community. It is one of the primary tools we use for promoting what we do. And it is key to getting information to those outside of the church looking for a church home.

Joanne is moving on to other projects and will be giving up her job as our webmaster. We're looking for someone who will take over maintaining our website. The program for maintaining our website is very user friendly. If you have an interest in this project, please speak to Joanne or Julia to see what is entailed. It would require 1-2 hours per week and can be done from home. Knowledge of the ministries and programs of the church would be an asset but can be learned.

ANIMATE FAITH - A LENTEN JOURNEY

Join Julia on a Lenten journey through **Animate Faith**, a unique way of digging into some of the questions we all have about faith and spirituality. We will hear various voices speaking to some of the most fundamental themes of Christianity in ways we have not heard before. The series will provoke more questions than answers and hopefully draw us into deeper understanding of our own beliefs on some of the themes. **The course will begin on Tuesday, March 7th at 6:30 and conclude on Tuesday, April 18th.** There will be a cost of \$30.00 to cover materials. However, if cost is a concern, please speak to Julia. **Please speak to Julia or sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer if you plan to attend the course.**
Prepare to see your faith in a new way.

ouc 100TH ANNIVERSARY

The Centennial Committee has been working on a church history book that will be available for purchase on the occasion of our 100th anniversary. We would like to include some personal memories from congregants. If you have a memory you would like us to include please contact Joanne Dzurka at 403-938-3945 or dzurkaj@xplornet.ca.

Upcoming meetings:

Tues. Feb. 28/17

Tues. Mar. 28/17

Tues. Ap. 25/17

**All meetings begin at 10:00am in the Pioneer Chapel.
This is an open committee and all are welcome to attend.**