



# Okotoks United Church



we are called  
to be the church...  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and  
resist evil...

*A New Creed*

## 2016 Annual Report





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# In Loving Memory

*In Celebration Of*



**Jessica Heaton**

July 7th, 2015 - July 17th, 2016



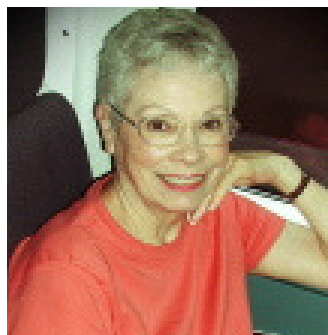
*In Memory of*  
**Doris Violet Knight**  
1925 - 2016



**Carleton Holman**  
1990 - 2016

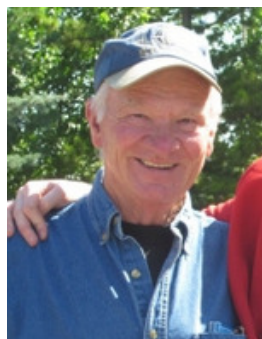


**Kaylen Coffey**



**Gail Hodson**

Mar. 15, 1939-Mar. 12, 2016



**John Ingram**

May 8, 1938-Apr. 8, 2016



**Douglass Christensen**

Jan. 9, 1951-Feb. 15, 2016



# Our Mission and Values

## Our Mission

with God's help we are: Following Jesus, Reaching People & Changing Lives

## Our Values

Spiritual celebration and nurture

community presence, participation and outreach

harmony of purpose and congregational unity

Adaptability for mission

hospitality and Growth



# Minister's Reflections

*And let us consider how to provoke one another to love  
and good deeds,  
not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of  
some, but encouraging one another, and all the more  
as you see the Day approaching.  
Hebrews 10:24-25 (NRSV)*

I recently met some people at a local service organization where one of the staff responded to a statement I had made that “your church is always busy.” Indeed it is. I have been reflecting lately on new initiatives that have started in this past year: people gathering for International Women’s Day; the Women’s Retreat and a Woman’s Group; a new Men’s Group; the Farmer’s Market; Centennial Year Planning Group; Pastoral Care Visioning; and our Refugee Sponsorship venture – all initiated and animated by you, members of the congregation. You inspire and amaze me, truly embodying the scripture from Hebrews I quoted at the top of the page.

Good things are happening at Okotoks United Church. God’s spirit is moving in wonderful and wacky ways. We never know where a new dream is going to pop up and move people toward caring for each other and the wider community. This is our calling. To be catalysts for greater love and encouragement in the world and for each other. I am honoured to be included in this awesome faith community.

Besides the more public activities of worship and bible study, a lot of my year is spent in hopping from meeting to meeting, encouraging and lending whatever wisdom I have to offer to various ministries, committees and Boards. And while this is time-consuming it is also heartening and a pleasure to work with so many passionate and caring individuals. I want to especially thank Bev Carlson, Dean Salter and Joanne Dzurka for their leadership of the Governing and Ministry Boards this past year. They have done some amazing work in so many ways. Their work never stops with their roles. They are adventurous and creative people, jumping in to do the work of this community in wonderful ways.

Presbytery involvement this year has been interesting as I have been helping to steer the court through the remit process. If passed by the whole church, the remits will change the face of the United Church in years to come. I also support Diamond Valley Pastoral Charge as their Pastoral Charge Supervisor while they have a student minister.

Pastoral Support to people in crisis or during an illness constitutes another part of my ministry. As I listen to people’s stories and their hearts I am blessed to be a part of these difficult times. It is never a burden but a privilege and probably the work that I most feel blessed to be a part of. Again, a great deal of credit for the care in this congregation goes to you, the congregation who does so much to care for each other. Having Julie Leggett come on board to coordinate this ministry has been a godsend. You will see in her report all that has taken place in a few short months. I am truly grateful for her ministry.

When it comes down to it, I am so grateful for all of you. I would love to name everyone in the congregation who spends so much of their valuable time and passion to do God’s work in this community. You are my inspiration. Together, we continue to make this faith community a vibrant and vital part of the church in this place and time. As we work together to be an outpost of God’s kingdom, I look forward to the year to come and all the possibility it holds. May you be blessed as you have blessed me.



## Message from the Ministry Board Chair

“With God’s help we are following Jesus, reaching people, and changing lives.”

Our Okotoks United Church Ministry Board seeks to provide support and counsel to some 40 different ministries of our church that help us live out our mission statement. Our growing church has a large and increasing array of ministries from International Women’s Day to Jacket Racket to Mission Possible to Pastoral Visitation to Kid’s Ministry to Sunday worship and much, much more that helps us focus on our Christian faith and mission.

One of our goals as the Ministry Board has been to encourage and support those who have a vision for a new ministry that they feel called to start. We developed a guiding document called “Framework for New Ministry Initiatives” that is designed to help focus new ministry ideas in the context of our church’s mission and determine what support the leaders may need to make their new ministry a success.

As of this writing three programs have used this document: International Women’s Day, the “Conscious Aging” program, and the Men’s Group --- with some others coming in the wings. We have been very excited to see the ongoing refugee support team of our church move successfully ahead. Our Kids Ministry’s “It Takes a Village” program is going well with good support from the congregation and the able leadership of Candice Sutton. The youth of our congregation, as you know, are amazing! We thank them for their active participation in the life and work of their church. The Winers and Diners club has been an excellent way for our church members to get to know one another better over a meal. The Turkey Supper event was a wonderful success. So many good things are happening! These are just a few.

We were pleased that three additional members joined the Ministry Board in 2016: Candice Sutton, Daniel Lafond, and Jack Ferguson. Our complement is now up to seven including Pam Grinevich, Jack Parsons, Sally Salter, and Dean Salter.

I want to close by expressing our strong debt of gratitude to Rev. Julia for her excellent support and advice to the Ministry Board. In addition, I know I speak for all our congregation in offering appreciation to Julia and her worship team for the dynamic worship services in which we all share. We are very fortunate to have the high level of ministry evidenced everywhere in our church’s life. We look forward to our church’s Centennial Year of 2017 with excitement at all the possibilities that God lays before us.

Dean Salter, Ministry Board Chair

# By the Numbers

## Weddings

Theron Fornwold &  
Rachelle Anderson,  
Randy Nadon & Kim  
Karran

## Memorial Services

Doris Knight  
Jessica Heaton  
Douglas Christensen  
Gail Hodson  
John Ingram  
Kaylan Coffey  
Jannet Cox  
Carleton Holman

## Baptisms

Madeline Leanne Penner  
Kaylan Coffey

## Membership through Profession of Faith

J. Ian McNeill  
Janet Page

## Transfer of Membership

Corrine Swan  
Linda White  
Dale White  
Marilyn Henning



Madeline Penner's baptism  
May 8, 2016

The following article was published in the In contact section of the Observer Magazine Sept 2016.

*Singing along with a Bon Jovi tune. Dancing with varying degrees of rhythm to the 60's song "Twist and Shout". Listening to a new teenage band make its debut. This was all part of worship at Okotoks United Church on April 24. The service, arranged by the church's youth, was a wonderful, worshipful celebration of faith and commitment to Christ's church.*

*The highlight of this worship service was the confirmation and reception of 12 youth into this growing church community just south of Calgary. The youth each took two minutes during the service to address the congregation to talk about their church experience and their commitment to the church. The talks were both funny and thoughtful and much appreciated by the congregation*

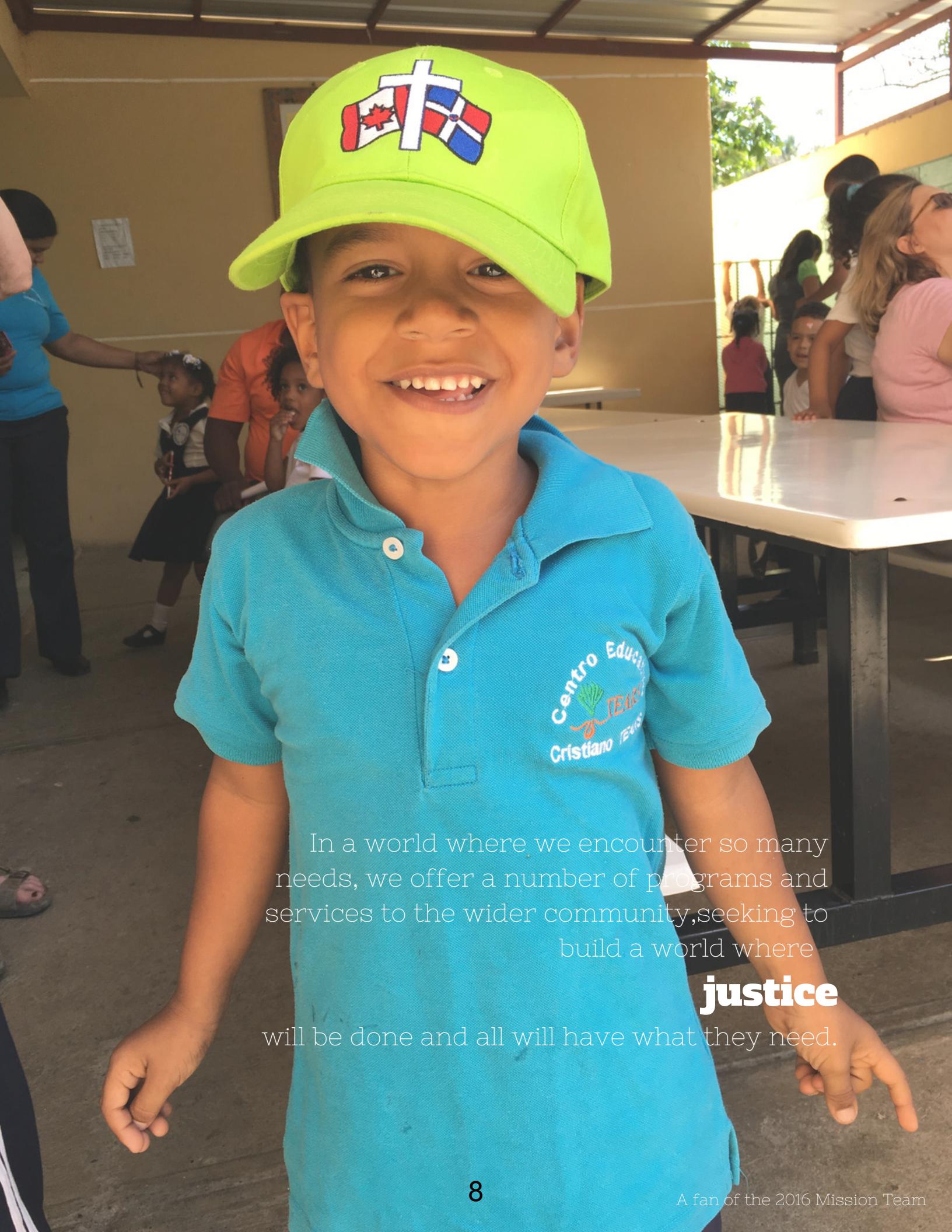
*Okotoks United Church, which dedicated a new church building five years ago, has an excellent youth program which is vital to the life of the whole church community. On April 24 they gave their church a lively and exciting worship opportunity although it's fair to say the Twist, which is truly good exercise, may not be Okotoks United's best dance.*



## Confirmation

Hunter Boriskewich  
Cameron Boriskewich  
Robert "Jack" Ferguson  
Daniel Lafond  
Alexander Leggett  
Benjamin Leggett  
Claire Misura  
Evan Nisi  
Martin Pouhe  
Maya Pouhe  
Candice Sutton  
Kalie Traverse





In a world where we encounter so many needs, we offer a number of programs and services to the wider community, seeking to build a world where **justice** will be done and all will have what they need.





## Benevolent Fund

*Your generosity gives hope.*

Imagine being in a situation where you are down to eating soup, rice, pasta or bread and peanut butter pretty much every day, or overdue on your rent and not knowing where you might land in just a few weeks or not having enough gas to get back and forth to work. These are the stories I hear frequently as I speak to people who have had to overcome their embarrassment or shame to ask for assistance.

Jesus tells a story in the gospel of Matthew reminding us that whenever someone does something for a stranger in need, they are doing it for God. In 2016 our congregations of Okotoks and De Winton shared close to \$15,000 in God's name with people who found themselves desperately looking for assistance to simply get to the next day. Many are anxious and scared. Most are extremely grateful. A note from one recipient says it all.

### **Dear United Church**

*Thank you so much for helping me out with my rent this month! It means so very much to me. May God bless you above and beyond all you can imagine. So thankful to God for this provision through you! Blessings.*

Providing assistance for housing and utilities is among the many things we are able to do through the Benevolent Fund, funded through you, the congregation. Medications, counselling, groceries, gas, phone bills, Fort McMurray flood relief and many gift cards from White Gift Sunday in 2015 served to provide hope and relief for many people who did not know where to go in order to simply get by in a difficult time.

To those who are recipients of your generosity it is nothing short of a miracle that the church would be willing to help them and many express profound gratitude at the gift that just might get them through to better circumstances. Most are one-time gifts that bridge the gap in tight financial times.

We are blessed to be able to give. It is so much more difficult to receive. I often wonder what it would be like for me if I were in that situation. A humbling thought. Then I remember that I am. For I am simply one in need of some form of assistance every day. As we all are.

I am humbled to be able to administer this fund on your behalf. I am the blessed one to be able to share with people that the church can help them because of the generosity of this congregation. This year our Benevolent Income was around \$12,500. The extra assistance required in 2016 was covered by funds received in 2015.

As times continue to be economically challenging, we anticipate the needs will continue. And we will continue to help, in God's name, wherever we can.

Thank you for your faithfulness.

Rev. Julia Kimmett

*\*Gift cards totalling approximately \$1,600 were collected on White Gift Sunday and dedicated to the Benevolent Fund.*



Sean Li Child helps to display jackets

## Jacket Racket

This ministry is now in its 19th year. From Oct. 22-Nov. 14, twenty one volunteers helped to collect donations and run the weekly sessions. 125 people were able to get winter clothing and we donated 25 bags of winter clothing to the Calgary Drop-In Centre.

Carol Price, Ministry Leader

## Okotoks Food Bank

Since 2015, the Food Bank has seen a 33% increase in the number of families served, a 36% increase in the number of adults served, a 46% increase in the number of children served, a 57% increase in the number of emergency hampers and an 11% increase in the number of new clients served. Two hundred and twenty five Christmas Hampers were distributed - a 32% increase over last year. The Food Bank is seeing individuals and families from all walks of life and economic class affected by the downturn.

Ellen Kneiss, Okotoks Food Bank Board Member

## Mission & Service

The church contributed **\$13,800** to the United Church of Canada Mission and Service fund.

## Fort McMurray Fire



On May 1, 2016, a wildfire began southwest of Fort McMurray, Alberta, Canada. On May 3, it swept through the community, destroying approximately 2,400 homes and buildings and forcing the largest wildfire evacuation in Albertan history. ... It is the costliest disaster in Canadian history. (Wikipedia) Okotoks United Church made a donation of **\$4,615** to Fort McMurray First United Church to aid in the recovery effort.

## Other

In the spirit of living out our mission the church offered the following supports during the year:

- \*donated a photocopier to Airdrie United Church,
- \*donated surplus bulletin covers to Vulcan United Church,
- \* served a hot lunch to one person,
- \*packed lunches "to go" for 3 people,
- \*provided a winter coat to 1 person,
- \*provided assistance with paper work to 1 person,
- \*offered laundry and shower services to 5 people (2-3 times each),
- \*granted an overnight stay in our parking lot for 3 months to 1 couple.



# International Women's Day



International Women's Day (March 8) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity.

"The story of women's struggle for equality belongs to no single feminist nor to any one organization but to the collective efforts of all who care about human rights," says world-renowned feminist, journalist and social and political activist Gloria Steinem. (IWD website)

This past March 8 was the 105th International Women's Day. The day was celebrated in over 77 countries and many cities across Canada. Thirty-five participants celebrated the day at Okotoks United with a wonderful pot luck dinner, followed by a very interesting presentation by Becky Bradbury and Cliff Wiebe from Next Steps Ministry in Calgary.

Next Steps Ministry is involved in assisting women in the sex trade to stay clean and to provide a safe place for them to live, and so much more. Becky provided us with a wealth of information on both the topic of prostitution in Alberta and the amazing work that Next Steps Ministry provides. She answered many, many questions that came up during her presentation. One of the Canada - wide themes for IWD was Empowerment - Leads to Equality and Becky also led us in a discussion of empowerment - what that means, looks like, and why it is so important in our world today. We all thoroughly enjoyed the evening and look forward to International Women's Day 2017!



# Syrian Family Sponsorship

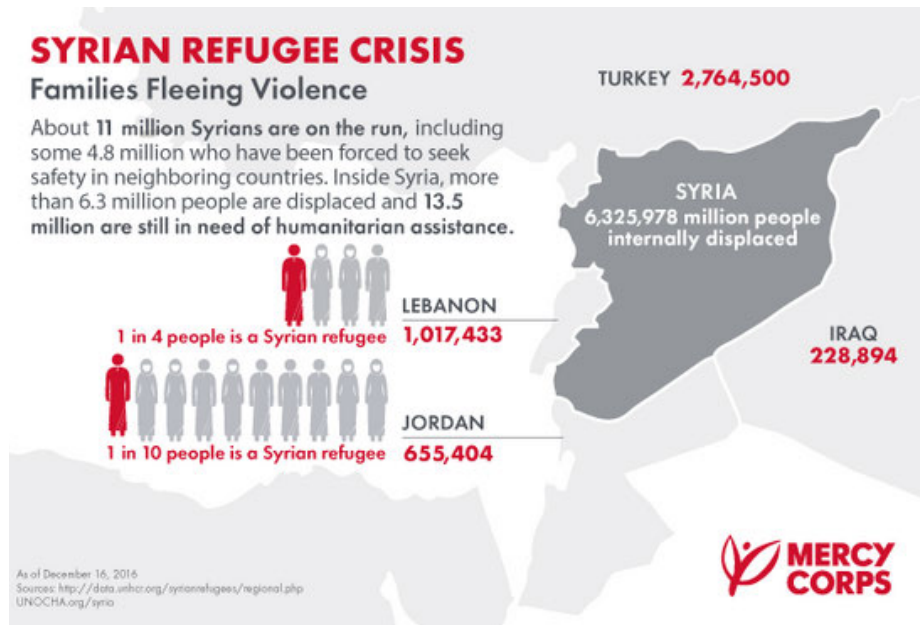
The Syrian crisis began in March 2011. Since then,

*"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me"*

Matthew 25:35

*"More than 250,000 Syrians have lost their lives in four-and-a-half years of armed conflict, which began with anti-government protests before escalating into full-scale civil war. More than 11 million others have been forced from their homes as forces loyal to President Bashar al-Assad and those opposed to his rule battle each other – as well as jihadist militants from the so-called Islamic State. Many of those fleeing Syria are women and children creating one of the largest refugee exoduses in recent history. About 10% of Syrian refugees have sought safety in Europe, sowing political divisions as countries argue over sharing the burden."*

BBC March 2016



This crisis prompted a unanimous decision at the 2016 AGM to partner with other local groups to sponsor a family. A core partnership team was created with members from Okotoks United Church, Red Deer Lake United Church, and United Church in The Valley (Turner Valley) to explore the possibility of sponsoring a family. This team discussed and strategized what would be required for our combined congregations to sponsor one family for a year and then they made it happen!

What an incredible year it has been for our congregation in this exciting area of outreach ministry. Okotoks United Church was able to raise their portion of the money (just over \$10,000) required to sponsor a family of 3-4 for one year in a very short amount of time. By the end of February we had applied for and been matched with a Syrian family of 3 requiring sponsorship, through the Mennonite Central Committee. Our congregations then began gathering names of people who would be willing to volunteer to help with the various tasks that would need to be done before and after our family arrived. People were and are enthusiastic to help, and in no time we had the apartment in our church cleaned, painted, and furnished in preparation for our family.

After the initial flurry of enthusiasm and excitement, the long wait began in earnest. For months we had no updates on how our Syrian family was doing or how long the process would take. We continued to wait and pray for their safety, and for the appropriate interviews and documents to be successfully processed for their approval to come to Canada.





L-R: Nader, Senta, and Kinda

## Syrian Family Sponsorship can't

Finally, in November, we were able to make direct contact with the Khazaal-Dawood family. What an exciting and happy development that was! The family and I (Jody Connors) were in touch every day via text and video chats and exchanged lots of information and updates. Then the family had word from the International Organization for Migration in Lebanon that they were expected to travel to Canada in early December!

The weather outside was a freezing 22 degrees below Celcius when the Khazaal-Dawood family arrived at the Calgary International Airport on Dec. 8, 2016 but the welcome could not have been warmer!

Members of Okotoks, Turner Valley and Red Deer Lake United Churches and friends of the family were ready with signs, Canadian flags and smiles as Nader, Kinda and Senta finally made their way out of customs at 9 pm. Their 18 hour journey brought them from Lebanon to Calgary via London but if they were tired it didn't show. After a round of hugs Rev. Julia Kimmett presented Nader and Kinda with the keys to their new home. Before heading out into the night the family bundled up in winter clothing topped with their new Canadian toques, a ritual that will soon become all too familiar to them.

The work and generosity of so many people to plan and prepare for a new family's arrival to Canada has been overwhelming and amazing to witness. Truly, this has been a mission and reflection of the knowledge that through God, all things are possible.

Jody Connors, Syrian Family Sponsorship Steering Group





# Mission Possible 2016



## The Team

Thirteen members, including seven youth between the ages of 12 -18, travelled to the TEARS center in La Vega, Dominican Republic. Members included;

**Back L-R:** Gary Dzurka, Kimberley Farley, Bev Carlson, Kelsey Alderdice, Tony Alderdice, Curtis Carlson, Rachel Mathieson, Joy Peterson, Lucille McKee  
**Front L-R:** Amy Dzurka, Caitlin Farley, Madison Carlson, and Maya Pouhe.



## El Camino School Visits

- Engaged the students in play
- Served lunch to all 400 children
- Presented Canada facts to all classes
- Attended a briefing session with Chelo and his teachers

## Health Supplies

The youth on our team raised enough funds to supply the TEARS families (Obed, Christian, Moreno, Fay, Tony and Jephthe) with a year's supply of vitamins, toothpaste and toothbrushes for their children.

## Athletic Supplies

Baden Sports of Seattle, WA partnered with our team to help sponsor the following items for the TEARS athletic program:

- 16 regulation basketballs
- 44 regulation soccer balls
- 20 youth soccer balls
- 15 volleyballs

Okotoks United Church (OUC) received a private donation of 70 pairs of new youth soccer shoes. The OUC youth participated in several evenings of soccer with the local children at the TEARS Center.

The Okotoks Youth Soccer Club donated;

- 40+ pairs of new socks
- 30+ pairs of soccer cleats
- 40+ practice/game jerseys
- 25+ pairs of shorts and sweat pants
- Several shin protectors
- Baseball bats and baseballs





## A Chance to Serve

In 2015 the team fundraised to support a project for the families who live at the TEARS center. The decision was made to build an outdoor oven and barbeque. In an effort to serve, OUC planned a dinner party in which we did the shopping, preparation and served the dinner for 40 family members

During the trip we had the opportunity to spend time with the local families in several work projects and fun activities including; fence repair, agriculture, tie-dye shirts, paper mache masks and sewing lessons.



Mission Possible  
can't



## Church Service

Our team had the opportunity to participate in both the El Camino Saturday evening youth service and the Easter Sunday Soto Church Service. It was a wonderful experience to be able to worship and share the gospel with our friends.

## Family Beach Day

One bright and sunny day we took the TEARS and Soto family members to Sosoua Beach for the day. Hector, Dianna, Ben, Jeffery and Baez, Obed, Rosemary, Zion and Ian, Fay, Rosa, Jeremy, Roderick and Chris, Tony, Milagros and Yoraldis, Moreno, Mary, Jeremy, Larimar and Liza, Jephte, Yudaline and Alexandro, Rod and Twila, Jessica, Tracy and Iseal all joined our team for the adventure. It was a beautiful day and everyone enjoyed the sun, beach and snorkeling.





# Inn from the Cold

*Cancels its community inn program.*

Okotoks United Church first began serving guests of Inn from the Cold in 2005. Volunteers drove to Calgary to serve at the Deer Park United Church Community Inn. Once Okotoks United Church had its own space, renovations were made to the building and supplies were purchased that would enable us to host our own Inn in 2013. For three years the church offered a monthly Inn where guests would be bused to the church after registering at the Inn's head office in downtown Calgary. Supper was served, laundry facilities were made available, and after a night's rest guests were provided with breakfast and a bag lunch before being bused back to Calgary. In December 2014 Okotoks United Church partnered with the Okotoks Rotary Club and volunteers from each organization alternated serving at the monthly Inns. At the unexpected conclusion of this program in February, supplies were donated to the Town of Okotoks for their Emergency Preparedness Program.

## ***Inn from the Cold halts community inn program over concern for church volunteers***

*For 19 years, Inn from the Cold has partnered with churches and community organizations to offer homeless Calgarians temporary shelter in the community — clients register at the organization's Beltline emergency family shelter then are bused to a local church and provided a hot meal and a safe place to sleep.*

*In fact, the organization, which has grown into Calgary's largest emergency family shelter, was started when churches began opening their doors to house Calgary's growing homeless population in the 1990s.*

*But executive director Linda McLean said a high prevalence of mental illness, addictions and behavioural challenges among the small number of people who have been relying on the Community Inn program has sparked incidents, including physical fights, that have caused staff concern.*

*"The churches are operated and staffed entirely by volunteers," she said.*

*"We've been quite concerned at what we've been seeing transpire and we can't expect volunteers to be adequately equipped to deal with the seriousness of some of the mental health issues these clients have."*

*Last year the organization stopped housing children and families in Community Inns when a new temporary 75-bed emergency shelter space opened downtown in Knox United Church because Inn From the Cold's 120-bed Beltline shelter was at capacity.*

*With only single adult men and women sleeping in the Community Inns nightly, McLean said many are familiar faces and clients who cycle through other city shelters.*

*On average, about 15 men and women were using the Community Inn program over the last year, McLean said. About 50 churches were participating and hosted the program about once a month.*

*The churches met clients basic needs, but weren't able to give people access to the support and programs they may desperately need — programs that are offered at other shelters, McLean said.*

*"Chiefly, our Community Inns offered an opportunity to spend time with caring people in the community ... That's integral, but that's not enough. It's not enough to address those more serious complicating issues," McLean said. McLean said the decision to close the program was discussed at length and other city shelters are aware they may be seeing a few extra faces at night.*

*"We've definitely not done this lightly," she said. "We're very conflicted and torn about the loss of this powerful community initiative."*

*Calgary Herald Feb. 12, 2016*





## Pastoral Care Ministry

*"...so that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it." 1 Corinthians 12:25-27*



Reaching out, supporting, encouraging and compassionately caring for one another is part of being a faith community. Regardless of age or life stage, sometimes we all need help and support to get through life's challenges. And so we serve one another through kindness, humility, patience and gentleness always aware of the underlying horizon of God's love.

*"Never stop doing little things for others. Sometimes those little things occupy the biggest part of their hearts."  
(anonymous)*

A simple hug, smile, listening ear, sharing our tears, our laughter and encouraging words, prayers and acts of kindness are just some of the ways our church community demonstrates our care and concern for each other.

We currently have over 400 individuals and families listed in our combined Okotoks United Church (OUC) and De Winton Church Directory. Of these, roughly 150 are included in our OUC household list which means these individuals/families identify themselves under the pastoral care of our congregation. This list is fluid, by no means exhaustive and tends to continually grow with our church. To help serve this growing household list, a part-time (5 hours per week) Pastoral Care Leader position was added this year to provide support to our Minister in visiting and addressing the pastoral care concerns of our congregation.

My name is Julie Leggett and I was hired in March 2016 as Pastoral Care Leader. My husband, Don and our three sons, Jonathan, Benjamin and Alexander have been a part of this church community for the past 16 years. While professionally I have worked in the social work field for 25 plus years and within the church have had many opportunities over the years to serve in several ministries, I am truly grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this most essential ministry. In a short time, I have had the opportunity to work with many of our congregants in addressing the following pastoral care concerns within our church community:

### **Strength in Prayer**

*"We want to thank you all for the prayers for our granddaughter. We felt such comfort knowing there were others sending prayers for her that night. Also for the continued prayers you all have done. She is doing well. We are very grateful...." (member of our church community)*

This past year we created an email prayer group who offered prayers of encouragement and uplifted those who shared their prayer concerns. In a safe and confidential manner people shared their concerns, joys and heartaches, knowing that many were praying on their behalf. We also delivered some prayer shawls to provide comfort and share blessings with each other.





# Pastoral Care Ministry con't.

## **Food for the Soul**

Food Ministry is an awesome way to serve and connect with those in our church community. In sharing their culinary gifts, our fellow congregants were able to meet all food requests this past year by preparing and delivering baking and meals to over 25 individuals and families in our church community. Whether to lift spirits or “lighten one’s load”, as received, food requests were emailed (often on rather short notice) to participants on our food ministry email list.

“Orders” were filled from those who replied saying they were able to help out with a particular request.

## **Visiting**

“By their faith, our faith is strengthened...” (anonymous)

Visiting people who are isolated, not able or have not been to church in a while, lonely, discouraged or those who simply enjoy a friendly visitor, whatever the situation, the person who visits often leaves the home encouraged. This has certainly been my experience. I feel blessed and inspired when people open up their homes and hearts to me as they share their life challenges and stories. This past year a few of us had the opportunity to visit with many individuals, couples and families within our congregation on one or more occasion. Reaching out, connecting and visiting with our church family on a more consistent basis to check in, see how they are, if there are any concerns and/or simply to let them know we care is a priority for our church. To that end, the process of creating a pastoral care visiting team is well underway as is the development of orientation/education opportunities and creating an ongoing support network for our group of visitors.

## **Well-being workshops**

With our Ministry Board approval, pastoral care ministry offered a facilitated Conscious Aging course in the fall 2016. This interactive eight week course promoted healthy aging and an opportunity for the 21 participants to come together in all or some of the sessions and deepen their spiritual connections and relationships with each other. Through self-examination and group discussions, participants explored their own beliefs around aging, became more aware of their own aging process and discovered/rediscovered their life purpose.

## **Visioning and moving forward...**

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? To answer these questions and create a meaningful vision for pastoral care, 18 participants came together over two sessions in October and November this year to create a visible picture of what pastoral care is, what it looks like and how to better identify, communicate and address these concerns within our church. This work, with the continued involvement of the congregation, will carry forward into the early part of the new year.

Over this past year, I have been humbled and inspired by the response I have received from my fellow congregants in their expressed desire to help and support each other. As I look forward into the new year I am encouraged and energized as we continue to work together to grow this most vital ministry.

Thank you for all you do for each other – **YOU** are making a difference!!!

Julie Leggett, Pastoral Care Leader



## Card Ministry

*"Love and hope bring comfort"*

The OUC Card Ministry sent out approximately 100 cards to our congregation in 2016 to show our support and encouragement to those who attend our church. The message is that love and hope will bring comfort. We send cards to those who are experiencing difficulty in their lives - thinking of you, sympathy, get well soon and thank you cards to so many people who make our church a wonderful place to worship. It always makes us so happy when we hear that you have received and enjoyed one.

To help us in our ministry we ask that you leave the names of people we could send a card to with the church office. Thank you very much for the many cards that have been donated to our ministry. With God's help, we are reaching people.

Amy Mounkes, Sharon Campbell, Marie Cuda, the Card Ministry Team



## Healing Pathways Ministry

*This year the healing ministry team provided  
20 healing sessions.*

Christ centred healing is a process guided by God to restore balance and wholeness of body, mind and spirit, not only within the individual but also within relationships, community and creation.

Our ministry is used in a wide variety of settings. These include: hospitals, hospices, care facilities and private homes. The healing ministry involves a gentle touch that assists in balancing physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well being. The goal is to restore harmony and balance to support the body's natural healing ability. It is safe for all ages. The following testimonial describes the experience of a session:



Whose heart is healed?

" Today I received a healing session at Okotoks United Church. My goal for healing is to still my mind and commune with God. While I am receiving healing I am in the presence of "where two or more gather" so I know God is with me. A prayer is said that petitions God on my behalf for the request I ask for. As the healing starts I see beautiful swirling colours in my eyes. The healing is felt as a warmth and heaviness soothing my body. I feel I ride to God....on the music, on the sounds of voices murmuring and of the feeling of the hands. My mind is at peace. I asked God what I need to do. And as I float in a sea of peace he answered. He said to read his word. The healing session is over and I try to open my eyes; my eyebrows lift but my eyes do not open. I feel calm. I had not thought of reading God's word. When I arrived home I had an e-mail about a course in God's word for that night. I had an answer to my prayers. And tonight as I read God's word I feel a confidence growing in me".

Gisela Dyck, Ministry Leader

We gather weekly and on  
special occasions to connect  
with God, express

**awe and  
wonder**

and give thanks. Through  
sacrament, music, word and  
scripture we strive to provide  
space for God to touch  
people's lives.





*"Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.  
Worship the LORD with gladness; come into  
his presence with singing!"  
Psalm 100:1-2*

This has been a very productive year again for the Worship Committee, helping Okotoks United Church make a joyful noise during worship services. The average attendance for Sunday mornings is 118 people -up 15% over 2015. Our committee has met monthly to plan and oversee OUC's worship services and experiences. The small Worship Planning Group usually meets weekly to help Rev. Julia to choose hymns, liturgy, and other elements for services as well.

We have had many special events and services during this past year including our second annual Blessing of the Animals service, Remembrance Day, Easter services, outdoor river service, baptisms/confirmation/transfers of membership, a stewardship series, and more. Advent is upon us now, and we have been busy planning a special series for this meaningful time of year.

Rev. Julia was away for a few weeks this summer so we also hosted a number of guest ministers and leaders during this time to lead us in a variety of ways.

Our committee would agree that one of our highlights of this year's work has been the addition of our new church pianist and choir team leader, Amy Gatus. Amy was selected from a group of applicants to help lead music at OUC and she came to us with a wealth of background knowledge and experience in music teaching and performing. She has helped many of us expand our musical knowledge and musicianship, which has enabled us to provide even more exciting and heartfelt musical offerings to our congregation. We love Amy's skill at the piano and are very happy to have her as a significant part of our worship team.

It has been a joyful year for this committee, working together with Rev. Julia, the choir, the musicians, and the AV team to help provide the most vibrant and meaningful worship experiences for our congregation as we are able. We look forward to another year of growth and joy ahead!

Jody Connors, Worship Committee Chair

## Music Ministry

January started with the search for a permanent accompanist for the church. During the first few months we had Brenda Wong and Cynthia Acton play for us. Brenda accompanied us at 12th night. On a recommendation from Louise Forsyth, the choir director from Deerpark, Amy Gatus applied for the job and we were so impressed with her passion that we hired her.

In April we hosted our annual gospel night and once again the music was outstanding and the munchies afterward were well received.

Pat Reader-Downey and Amy are working closely with the worship planning team to choose music for Sunday that dovetails with the themes with great success. The Christmas Eve family service is always a highlight for our year. It's all about the bass, the tenor, the alto, and the treble.

Heather Puttee continues to play the organ most Sunday's. It's a special treat to listen to her and Amy Gatus play together.

Sean Li Child joined the music team this year sharing his talent on the violin.

Yours in song, Betty-Lou Bayley, Choir Member

## **Worship Team**

The worship planning team of Heather Puttee, Betty-Lou Bayley and Rev. Julia met most Thursdays before choir practise to plan all of the worship services throughout the year. Regular worship and special services are discussed and planned; the creativity of the team emerges as we discuss themes, intergeneration services and how to best convey spiritual messages and connect people's faith to scripture.

## **AV Team**

For the first time since moving into our new building, the AV Team made some upgrades to the AV equipment in the sanctuary. Ongoing issues with the quality of the images from our projector led to a decision to purchase a more powerful projector. This was installed in March but required some attention when a faulty bulb required replacing in October. The brighter, clearer screen has improved the worship experience and it is hoped that we can replace the rear projector in the coming years.

An updated version of Media Shout was purchased for the new laptop purchased in December 2015. The older version wasn't compatible with the new operating system.

There are several pieces of equipment that are no longer required. The Governing Board has provided permission to sell this equipment.

In August 2015 the church changed to a new website provider, Church OS. The new website is easier to update and offers features not previously available such as a sermon player. Now we have the option to listen to sermons that we miss or re-listen to those we want to enjoy again. From Jan. 1-Dec. 31 we had over 3,000 **new** visitors to our website demonstrating the importance of this tool as a way to reach those looking for a church home.

We are always open to new members who can help serve during Sunday morning worship and for special occasions such as: Memorial services and concerts.

Keith Bayley, Betty-Lou Bayley, Joanne Dzurka, Daniel Lafond and Stuart Innes, the AV Team

## **Ushers and Greeters**

Starting this year we have just over 30 volunteers including approximately 10 new people. The responsibilities of ushering and greeting are to greet people as they arrive in the church. The ushers handout the bulletins as our church family enters the sanctuary. The ushers will also help seat people who require assistance. This group also takes the offering as part of the duties. We want everyone entering our church to feel welcome and part of our family, whether newcomers or regulars.

Carol Powley & Ellie Shaver, Team Leaders





## Hospitality Team

The OUC Hospitality Committee is responsible for welcoming newcomers and visitors with a smile, a handshake, casual conversation and if appropriate, gentle encouragement to "come again". This is a dedicated and enthusiastic group of 10 people who make a great contribution to our worship community.

Amy Mounkes, Ministry Leader

## Counters

Counters have an important role in the life of Okotoks United Church.

Every Sunday 2 of our 12 volunteers count the Sunday offering and record it for input into our accounting program. Some of our counters have been doing it for many years. This year we welcomed 4 new people so now we have a 6 week rotation which is easier on the counters. I am responsible for setting up the schedule and the counters are responsible for finding their own replacement if they are unable to count. We also have 2 relief counters in case of need. I am always looking for people willing to sign up for relief counting. On the job training is provided by our wonderful team members.

Betty-Lou Bayley, Ministry Leader

## Seder Supper

On Maundy Thursday, March 24, a group gathered to share a "fairly" traditional Seder meal along with a Seder liturgy detailing the liberation of the Israelite people from slavery in Egypt. This meal reminds us of our Jewish roots and Jesus role in our lives as a liberator.



Seder Meal March 24





Transfiguration Sunday Feb. 7



Seder Meal Mar. 24



Easter Sunday Mar. 27



Palm Sunday Mar. 20



Blessing of the Animals Aug. 21



Welcome Back Sunday Sept. 18



The Good Samaritan Oct. 2



Remembrance Service Nov. 13



Christmas Eve Dec. 24



A photograph of four white tulips with green leaves resting on a black leather-bound book. The book is open, showing its pages, and is placed on a textured, light brown fabric surface. The tulips are arranged in a cluster, with one in the foreground and three slightly behind it. The lighting is soft, highlighting the petals and the texture of the book and fabric.

Grounding people in their

**faith**

in ways that give meaning  
to life through programs,  
service, study and  
community.

# Ladies Retreat

*When you come wearing slippers*

The Ladies Retreat took place from April 29th to May 1st at the FCJ Christian Life Centre in Calgary. In attendance were 13 ladies, two of whom were not from our congregation. One lady was from Calgary and came for the day; the other was from St. Andrews in De Winton. The goal of the retreat was to give the ladies a time away from their busy lives to relax, reflect, share and spend time with God. There was sharing time with thought-provoking questions that made us think of our faith journey. We did some crafts and also had free time. Julia kept us interested in the program and the Labyrinth walk was very well received.



The next retreat will be June 16 -18, 2017 at King's Fold. I believe our ladies left feeling rested and renewed in their faith. I would like to thank Julia for her hard work with facilitating the retreat for us.

Blessings, Linda Wilson, Ministry Leader

## Lenten Conversations

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, a small group of folks desiring to have deeper faith conversations gathered to begin a series entitled Lenten Conversations. Using the lectionary readings for that week we covered topics such as Loneliness and Isolation, Doubt and Restlessness, Loss of Control, Death and Betrayal/Abandonment. The dialogue was rich and engaging and helped us to move deeper into the Lent experience of darkness, reflection and preparation for Easter. Those who participated expressed the desire to have more of these conversations which I hope to offer in the coming year.

Rev. Julia Kimmett



# Bible Study

Sitting in on a Thursday morning Bible study session might indicate that we savour the Bible as we engage its message and meaning. Others might say we're just plain slow. Whichever it is, we always have fun but also engage in some profound discussions on what the Bible says and how we understand it. We take many months of weekly study on one book to dive deep into scripture and unearth its treasures.

One participant had this to say about our studies:

*Bible study on Thursday mornings has been for me an opportunity to further reach into scripture among others who continue to challenge me in my own interpretations of the passage we are looking at. I also enjoy the opportunity to share my insights amongst those who actively listen.*

In 2016 we completed the gospel of Matthew, studied some of the women in the Bible and in the fall bravely leapt into the epistles of Paul. A controversial and galvanizing figure to say the least. Like him or hate him, we are learning something of the early church, how it functioned and behaved and the issues it struggled with in its time. Not so different from today.

How delightful when we have those "Aha" moments as we engage in the lesson and see ourselves, our faith or the world in a new light. Going deeper into the Bible allows us to do this.

The United Church considers the Bible the foundational document of our faith. We study it to make sense of God, ourselves and our world.

A frequent comment to me from people is that they don't know much about the Bible. Here's your chance! We meet on Thursdays from 10:00 – 11:30, and the discussions are meaningful and lively. All are welcome.

Rev. Julia Kimmett

## End of Life Issues

"It's more fun than you think."

Saturday, October 22nd was the day. A small group of tentative participants gathered to discuss "End of Life" Issues. Preparing for the end of life is no laughing matter, yet remarkably the time spent sharing stories and learning about what we can do to smooth the transition when the time comes generates a lot of fun and laughter. The relief that people feel when they have the information they need is almost tangible. Believe it or not, facing and preparing for our own end leaves us better able to enjoy life and ease the pain for others, freeing them to grieve, knowing that the details have been taken care of. Wills, Power of Attorney, Personal Directives, Funerals/Memorial Services and so much more was discussed as we spent the day together.

Here's what some of the participants had to say:

*"This course was interesting, highly informative & helpful and as usual fun and thought provoking."*

*"This course inspired me to start preparing myself & my family for the next chapter of our lives. A must for anyone who has parents, a partner, children or extended loved one. It is the best gift you can give them!"*

We hope to hold another workshop this year. Consider joining us. It's more fun than you think. I promise.

Rev. Julia Kimmett





We started the year with confirmation classes with the youth, which then led to the confirmation of 12 of our youth. The service they planned themselves, and it is safe to say that there has never been nor will there ever be one like it.

We continue to grow with regular attendees in Youth Group; despite this growth, the group continues to be close-knit.

We have gained a relationship with St. Andrew's United Church by hosting their event, Naked Faith in the spring and have since blossomed to holding multiple Naked Faith events and them joining our last youth group before summer break for bubble soccer.

This year we didn't spend a lot of time at the church. Instead we spent our time at bubble soccer, mini golf, baseball, and exploring the parks of Okotoks.

We have an AMAZING group of parent volunteers that need to be mentioned: Nancy Ferguson, Melanie Toews, and Maureen Misura.

As we wind down the year, the youth continue to show leadership in the church when it comes to our Christmas Pageant by providing backstage support and guidance to our younger cast members.

As we look ahead, I hope we continue to grow both as people and as a group, and that we continue to have opportunities to explore who we are through a variety of activities.







If a child leaves knowing Jesus loved him/her because you've loved him/her, you're doing something right.  
Author unknown

This year has been a busy one, but really, what else is new. This year we have grown in the number of regular attendees to Sunday School, however, we still struggle to recruit more volunteers to help with those growing numbers. Due to this difficulty, we embarked on a new program in September meant to link the adults in the congregation to the children of Kid's Ministry by having them come to share a skill or experience. This program, **It Takes a Village**, has proven to be effective this year, and currently there is a wait list for 2017.

We have a pair of regular volunteers, April Jordan and Joanne Dzurka; we couldn't do it without these ladies, and even better, the kids love them!

Our age range has leveled out somewhat, but we continue to have a wide-range of ages. A dominant age group is the 3-5 year olds with a new emerging group of 9-11 year olds. The summer program, The Stewardship of the Environment, was great, and Sunday School was able to take advantage of the beautiful weather we had this summer, along with learning about the splendor of God's creation.

The Christmas Pageant this year was The Landlord's Cat, and was a simpler program compared to the previous year with traditional Christmas carols throughout. This format has proven to be a successful one, and most important of all, the children enjoyed performing it.

As we look to the future, I pray for the continued growth of our children. I love seeing new children join our Sunday School. I hope to see more adults sign up for It Takes a Village and add to our amazing volunteer team of regular volunteers.

Candice Sutton, Kids & Youth Ministry Leader



Parachute fun



The Landlord's Cat





Coming together for mutual support,  
encouragement and building of

## **enduring relationships**

we are developing a community where people feel  
safe, cared for and fed.





## Office Support

A big thanks to Sharon Campbell, David Chandler, Lois Irvine, Heather Puttee and Amy Mounkes for their help in the office and with the many other tasks that come up during the year!

## Winers & Diners

Want to meet some very interesting people in your church family? This is your opportunity to get involved in a couples dinner club. You will be grouped with either 3 or 4 couples. You host a dinner in your home one month then go out for the next two or three to their homes. We rotate 3 times a year so you get to meet more new people and make more new friends. We currently have 16 couples. Wow! What a positive experience and the new friends they have made.

Interested? Please email Carol at [carolkeen@shaw.ca](mailto:carolkeen@shaw.ca)  
Bon Appetite!

## Faith and Family

This year a group of football enthusiasts went to the Faith & Family Night taking Pastor Fey, who was visiting from the Dominican Republic, to see his first football game. The Stamps won against the Winnipeg Blue Bombers 36-34.



## Christmas Dinner

Dinner was offered at the church following the service on Christmas day. Participants brought dishes to share while some of the food was prepared right at the church. It was a time of socializing with rousing games of Balderdash and Monopoly.

Thanks to Lucille McKee for organizing and doing a significant amount of the food preparation for this special occasion.



L-R: Erika, Harry and Pam



## Gospel Night

On April 17th we hosted our annual Gospel Night. Ten different choirs participated in the evening which finished with a combined chorus singing, This Little Light of Mine.



## Food for Fun

This past year, due to popular participation, we continued with our Food for Fun ministry, providing a fellowship lunch following the worship service about once a month. It has been great for promoting relationships, getting to know new people and being an inclusive ministry. This past year we asked people to contribute a small amount for the year in order to cover some of our expenses. The response was encouraging. Thanks to everyone who participated and helped make it a fun experience for everyone. This ministry helps to make us a stronger community.

Sharon Campbell, Ministry Leader

## Ladies Night Out

Ladies Night Out, on Mar. 5th, was again a great success! We sold 148 of 160 tickets, which we were very happy for given the economy. We had 8 ladies working hard to organize the event, and approx 12 gentlemen from the church help out on the night of the event. Our partner this year was the Foothills Philharmonic Choir. Our entertainer was Robbie Maxwell-a crooner who treated us to music from Frank Sinatra to Michael Bubble. Robbie is a local Okotokian just recently moved "home" with his wife and children.

Heather Avis, Event Organizer



*\*The Ladies Night Out photo from 2015 won in category of healthy congregations for the Alberta Northwest Conference photo contest in June 2016 - probably due to their good looks!*

## Fireside Book Club

The OUC Fireside Book Club is a fellowship group under the purview of the Ministerial Board. It meets at 7:00 p.m., at the church on the first Monday of the month; unless a stat holiday, defaulting to the following Monday.

Amy Mounkes borrows from the local library the selected title, distributing it the previous month at Book Club, while gathering the current book for return. This is an immense service to the current 12 members. In March, the new titles for the 2017-18 reading year are selected. Information about the monthly book list and changes are made available through the church bulletin board, weekly bulletins and the website. The Book Club undertook a Food for Fun Lunch in March and will again. The Book Club is self-supporting and does not require funding from the church.

Sharon Parsons, Ministry Leader



## Men's Breakfast

This event kicked-off with 13 men on Sat. Sept. 24. The plan was to meet once a month for breakfast and a program. On Dec. 3 special guest, Rob Rossie, President of the Foothills Search & Rescue Society, came to talk about his work.

## Ladies Group

For the last year or so, I have had a tugging in my heart about a need for ladies who for several reasons can't meet during the day for fellowship. The goal is to follow the principles of the bible, by incorporating lessons, social outreach, fellowship and personal growth. We have a small group of ladies some working, some retired and will meet the third Monday of each month. At the time this report was written, we had 2 meetings (Nov. 21 and Dec. 12) which incorporated a lesson and just getting to know each other. All ladies are welcome!

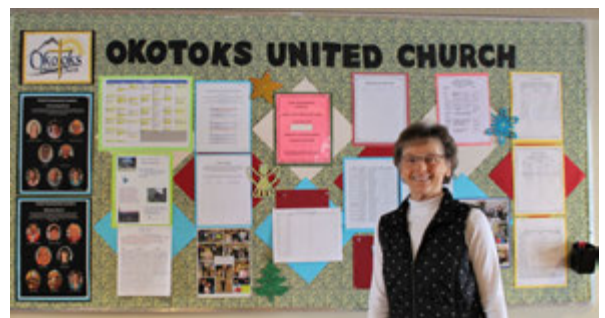
Linda Wilson, Ministry Leader

## Sunday Morning Coffee

A special thanks to Gayle MacPherson who faithfully prepares coffee on Sunday mornings. As Gary Dzurka says, "Gayle makes the best coffee in Okotoks! It's my favorite part of Sunday mornings." Sorry Rev. Julia....

We feel very blessed to have a large, comfortable foyer at church. We are busy welcoming our members to services, welcoming new folks, and having a lot of special programs going on all year. We now have 3 bulletin boards in the foyer – one for information and sign-up sheets to keep folks in the know, another for community news and Candice has one outside the nursery for the Sunday School and youth groups. We feel information to all is the center of carrying on our faith journey. Thanks to everyone who helps to make it warm and welcoming.

## The Foyer



Sharon Campbell & Gayle MacPherson







## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

I'm happy to say that every member of youth group came out on Feb. 9th for our Pancake Supper. We raised just over \$500 for the youth charity fund. A fund which the kids use to support causes throughout the year. Joe Muhle and Nancy Ferguson were very important in the set-up. Also, Sobeys made a small donation of supplies.

Carol Price: Ministry Leader

## Annual Turkey Supper



L-R: Jack Parsons and Sally Salter



Our annual turkey supper was held on Oct. 2nd. Weeks of advance planning went into making sure we were prepared. Equipment was inventoried, sign-up sheets were refined, groceries purchased and volunteers were briefed. On the day of the supper Jenn Gerrard provided elegant piano music to enhance the dining experience while the decorating talents of Carol Keen created a festive atmosphere. Cynthia Dyck travelled all the way from Lethbridge to help cook the amazing meal! Thanks to COBS Bread for donating the buns.



L-R: Jenn & Jane Gerrard

We sold 304 tickets for dine-in and an additional 7 benevolent tickets were given out. Take-out was equally popular serving 108 people. It took over 95 volunteers to put this event together, but the mighty organizational gifts of Sally Salter ensured the dinner ran without a hitch.

**The net income from the supper was just over \$5,000!**



# Centennial Committee

*...In the future when your children ask you,  
"What do these stones mean?" you shall tell  
them...*

*Joshua 4:6-7*

Prior to 1900 Okotoks formed one of the stopping points along the Macleod Trail as settlers and traders brought goods up from Fort Benton in Montana across the border to Fort Whoop Up, Fort Calgary and then north to the Hudson's Bay Company's forts (West Issue 25 Spring 2012 pg. 30). Okotoks gradually became a bustling small town complete with a handful of churches that often shared resources and cooperated in their efforts. When St. Luke's Presbyterian church was in need of space for a growing congregation and the Methodists were still trying to pay off their new building they began to raise the possibility of uniting. In early 1917 discussions were held, votes were taken and on June 24, 1917 these churches joined to become the **United Church of Okotoks**: One of the first congregations to unite prior to the United Church of Canada being formed in 1925.

It's been almost 100 years since that historic occasion. Seventeen ministers have led our congregation. We have welcomed over 2,000 members. Six of them have been Mayors of Okotoks. Often on the leading edge of change, we elected our first female elders in 1954 and we were the first church in Okotoks to have a female minister, Marilyn Evans, in 1989.

In Nov. 2015 the Ministry Board approved terms of reference for the Centennial Committee with the purpose of creating a church history book and planning events and special projects for our centennial year. This is an open committee with regular attendance by: Dave & Maureen Wedderburn, Marie Wedderburn, Elizabeth Pitura, Norma Hamilton, Ursula Hoppenheit, Amy Mounkes, and Norma Calder.



Over the past year the committee set about researching and gathering our history. Decisions were made about special projects and events to commemorate the occasion. Planning will continue into 2017. We eagerly anticipate our centennial celebration set for June 24 & 25, 2017. It is sure to be a very memorable event.

Joanne Dzurka, Centennial Committee Chair





# Harmony Group

This is a group of ladies who join in fellowship to assist as needed during the church year.

This past year we catered lunch and assisted at 3 memorial services held at the church.

We also paid for the organist for Doris Knight's service as Doris was an active member of the group and a member of Okotoks United Church since 1986. Over 2 sessions, we made and sold 522 turkey pot pies. In anticipation of the Christmas Bazaar we made 185 jars of antipasto. These projects have been good fundraisers for the group and the ladies enjoy working together.

The Christmas Bazaar was a success with donations from members of the group and also members of the congregation and the Okotoks community for the baking and craft tables.

We bought a cover for the tray rack in the kitchen and made a \$4,000.00 donation to the general fund of the church this past year.

Our group meets on the third Thursday of the month at 1:30 pm at the church centre.

We were pleased to welcome a new member to our group this year and would like to invite any ladies interested in joining with us to come to one of our meetings and learn more about this group.

Judy Niven, Secretary



Margaret Smith & Amy Mounkes  
Co-Chairs



Judy Niven  
Secretary



Ellen Kneiss  
Treasurer

## OKOTOKS HARMONY GROUP

January 1,2016 - December 31,2016

Opening Balance January 1,2016	5,153.61
<b>Income</b>	
Funerals	652.52
Sale Turkey Pot Pies	1,797.86
Christmas Bazaar	2,738.81
<b>Total Income</b>	5,189.19
<b>Expenses</b>	
Donation to OUC General Fund	4,000.00
Russell Foods (kitchen dishes)	480.82
Christmas expense	165.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	4,645.82
Closing balance December31,2016	5,696.98

Ellen Kneiss, Treasurer



# Garage Sale and Treasure Tables

*Not for the faint of heart!*



Hosting a garage sale is not for the faint of heart! The event has to be advertised and once people begin to donate their goods you need to collect and store them in preparation for the sale. You must possess a willingness to designate space (perhaps in your garage, basement or heaven forbid, your kitchen table) where acquisitions are sorted and held in anticipation of the event. Then you must thoughtfully price items low enough to encourage buying but high enough to make a reasonable profit. As the day of the sale arrives, items must be moved from storage to the church where they are carefully displayed. Eager volunteers are given instructions and answers to questions about where to place items and how much to ask for pieces that have not yet been priced. Garage salers are an ambitious group. As they arrive, volunteers now begin to create a welcoming environment while answering questions and negotiating deals. Those who collect the money must be quick with the math and accurate with their change but what to do about the little girl who has a teddy clutched in her hands? Mary just smiles and says, "Oh, that one is free." At the conclusion of the sale, items that remain must be packed-up and returned to storage and the foyer restored to its pristine condition.

We wish to express our deepest gratitude to Mary and Norm Willis and their team of volunteers for helping to facilitate the garage sale in April and the Treasure Tables in November. The funds generated at these events have not only helped to cover the operating costs of the church but they also help to care for the environment by ensuring that items are recycled rather than ending up in the landfill.

## Building Rentals

We raised just over \$24,000 in building rentals this year.



## Custodians

Time to replace the calendar again; seems we just did that 6 months ago. Another busy year at the church and as always we appreciate the opportunity to continue being your Custodians. We feel that if we take pride in keeping the church clean & neat the congregation, as well as our renters, will respect & take ownership of our beautiful facility; that definitely is the case. Therefore we want to thank everyone for respecting & caring for our church & keeping it a first class facility in Okotoks. Looking forward to a great 2017!

Roy & Val Peterson, Custodians

## Maintenance Committee

There were no major issues in 2016. Contracts had been put in place over the previous few years to service and/ or monitor major requirements involving fire suppression system, boilers for heating and kitchen use as well facility heating and air conditioning. Scheduled maintenance checks by all service providers ensure we are meeting building and town requirements and taking a preventative position which will eliminate higher repair costs later. An upgrade needed to be completed to the fire suppression system and the addition of emergency lighting at two locations on the second floor. These were completed in summer and fall. An elevator service company was contracted to check the elevator and provide repairs if necessary following our annual inspection. The switch to more environmentally friendly lighting using less energy is continuing, with the replacement of fluorescent and standard incandescent lights with new LED throughout the church. Hail damage to three of the four roof top mounted units had to be repaired. Guards will be installed in 2017 to prevent future damage. Weekly inspection of the facility lights, fire suppression system, boilers and seasonal for heating and air conditioning is completed and recorded as part of the maintenance procedure. The front steps to the church were painted with a textured paint to prevent slipping during the winter and spring months when snow and ice tend to be a problem.

Grounds maintenance is completed through volunteers for the most part. Spring clean up was completed and debris and garbage taken to appropriate town disposal sites. A part time person provided pruning for trees and shrubs as well as maintenance of flowers and plants throughout the summer. Lawns were mowed every week or two weeks through volunteers, which is very much appreciated. Snow removal has been much more work in fall and winter of 2016 with the heavier snowfalls. This has been completed through a schedule of volunteers and a great deal of work by Abe Enns who pushes snow off the parking lot and blows snow from our doors and pathways after each heavy accumulation. We would have much greater expenses and less timely clearing without the dedication and support of these volunteers. This donated time is a great testament to our church community and the people in our congregation.

Ian McNeill, Chair, Maintenance Committee





## Message from the Chair of the Governing Board



Hello again everyone! January seems to be coming earlier and earlier each year, does it not? It seems like only a few months ago I was going over all that had happened in our community for the last year, and here we are again!

2016 has been a year of reflecting, a year of change, a year of trying new things and reworking old things. Candice is doing such a tremendous job with Youth Ministry, and it seems like every week there are more and more children sitting up front with her for Kids Time during service. I love this! Julie Leggett has taken on the role of Pastoral Care Leader and is in the process of training a few others to help her out in this integral part of our role in the community. The Ministry and Personnel Committee has reworked some of the job descriptions to better reflect the positions, and we've had people working on Legacy Giving in order to better facilitate dealing with bequeaths. Our Policy and Procedures Manual is in the midst of an overhaul, and a few of us have attended courses in putting this type of thing together for charitable organizations. The entire Ministry Board continues to work so hard to make sure we have everything we need in place for not only our services, but also support for all the other ministries and outreach that we do. They do an amazing job! So we have all been busy, to say the least, and I think I speak for us all in saying we so enjoy doing what we do, with the people we do it with.

We are trying to keep Julia's work focused on the areas it is most needed, and this is proving to be more and more difficult as our congregation grows. It is our dream to be able to put a second minister in place, at least part time, in order to better facilitate the work load. We hope we have come up with a budget this year that will perhaps allow for this, but it will take the very best efforts of not only the boards managing things, but the congregation to put their faith behind the idea and help it move forward! We have had numerous people who have indicated they would willingly support additional staff, and it is our hope that this will come to fruition in the very near future!

Looking forward to 2017, I am so excited as it is our Centennial Celebration year! We have an amazing team in place working on plans to help us have the best year we can, and to show what we have been up to for the last 100 years! This is going to be fun! We will be kicking off an idea for the year going forward at our AGM, and I hope that not only is everyone able to attend, but that they are as thrilled as we are to help celebrate 100 years of Okotoks United Church.

In closing, I would like to say how much I appreciate every little thing, every one of you do to make this church community a beautiful place. I am proud to call this my place of worship, and proud to be raising my kids within this church family. You all mean the world to me. God Bless.



# The Creamery Community Market

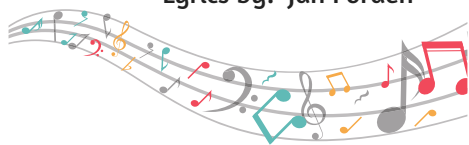


When the historic building next to the church, first a horse stable for the Lineham Lumber Company, then an award winning Creamery and eventually the Bull Pen Pub, burnt down in a fire that was deliberately set on May 8, 2015, it left a vacant lot and an opportunity. Board members had been discussing how to generate extra revenue and one of the ideas put forth was to rent the lot from the Town to run a year-round market. It seems the Town shared the same idea and when Council sought proposals in April the church jumped at the chance. The Market was to run on Sundays since one of the Town's goals was to build up the downtown so that it would be a place where people in the community could gather every day of the week. Okotoks United Church won the bid to run the market in its pilot year with only a few weeks to get ready.



The Creamery Community Market opened on July 3 and ran until Oct. 1. Most weeks saw an average of 14 vendors and between 200-300 shoppers while a group of enthusiastic volunteers from the church acted as hosts. The future of the Market will be decided by Council in January 2017, however, the church hopes to have the chance to run it again in 2017.

Sung to the tune of  
I Danced in the Morning VU #352  
Lyrics by: Jan Forden



*This Church year was busy so I've made up a list  
Though I know there will be many functions that I've missed.  
Big Rock dawn, Bible study, Fort Mac aid, coats for all,  
The Market, Retreat, and Christmas mall.*

**Chorus**

*Sing sing, we've had a busy year  
Doing the things that we all hold dear  
This all gets done with help from you and me  
That is why we are a family.*

*To help countries far has been our church's rule,  
Some went to the Dominican to help them with their school.  
For refugees we've worked and tried to make a little home  
And now we're waiting for them to come.*  
chorus ---

*One Sunday we brought our pets both large and small  
Because we were seeking a blessing for them all  
The Olsons brought their horse and Julia's kitten ran away  
But the cat came back the very next day.*  
Chorus-----

*Confirmation karaoke singing and dancing too  
Our youth find so many things to do  
The Kid's Christmas Pageant was a really big hit  
With Quinton the camel doing his bit.*  
Chorus----

*To dine with each other is a pleasure that's clear  
With our Turkey Supper and Sunday lunches here  
Pancakes, Seder Meal, Ladies Night and Breakfast for Men  
And here we are round the tables again.*  
Chorus-----

# Stewardship Event



Rev. Dr. John Pentland

"Hats Off" was the theme for this years stewardship event held on the evening of Nov. 5. Those in attendance were treated to delightful pre-dinner music by Pat Reader-Downey, a fabulous dinner prepared by Joe and Vi Muhle and a talent show which included: Curtis the Hypnotist, Sean Li Child on the violin, Dean Salter reading from one of his books, Candice and the Children in a rendition of "Kids say the darndest things" and the choir topping the entertainment with a song recapping some of the highlights of 2016.

Guest speaker, Rev. Dr. John Pentland, Minister of Hillhurst United Church, father of 4, avid cyclist and author of, "Fishing Tips: How Curiosity Transformed a Community of Faith", spoke on the importance of paying for what you want not what you have (fishing tip #5). Rev. Pentland noted that this "often equates to paying for the staff you want since staff members create a reliable infrastructure into which (the church's) ideas and visions can begin to take shape. With paid staff we're not in the position of constantly trying to find volunteers, a task that often drains program leaders, also drawing their time away from program development and other creative tasks". (*Fishing Tips* pg. 118 & 119)

Materials were provided outlining what and how we support the life and work of the church and members and adherents were asked to pledge their contributions for the coming year.

A special thank you to Sharon Parsons and her organizing committee who helped to put on this fantastic event!







# Ministry & Personnel

*Ministry & Personnel is a mandatory committee that is responsible for: Pastoral relations (oversight of the Minister), and personnel matters (all other employed and contract work).*

We began 2016 with 2 employees and 4 continuing contract positions. We close out 2016 with two additions to our contracts. In January Amy Gatus joined us as our new Accompanist/Music Coordinator. We have been blessed to have Amy sharing her incredible musical gifts with us each week. In March Julie Leggett joined us as our new Pastoral Care Leader with a focus on establishing a pastoral care network within Okotoks United Church. We have been blessed with Julie's passion for caring for others.

We continue to be cognizant of our need for a second minister to meet the needs of our vibrant and growing faith community, but we also acknowledge the financial impact of such. Rev. Julia gives so much to us through Sunday services, bible studies, spiritual programs, pastoral care plus the administration of our growing pastoral charge. A second minister can only add to that list of activities and relieve some of the daily pressure. The addition over the last couple of years of a Kids & Youth Ministry Leader and a Pastoral Care Leader has assisted in meeting some of our growing needs. The difference

Candice Sutton, our Kids & Youth Ministry Leader, is making in the Kids & Youth Ministry is evidenced by the growing number of children at the front on Sunday morning and the fact that 12 youth became members of OUC in 2016! All of our employees and contractors make key contributions to the well-being of our congregation and our building doing everything from keeping the building clean, to providing sound and music on Sunday mornings, to programing, and to keeping the office humming. We are grateful to have such a caring and hardworking team.

In 2016, the Ministry & Personnel Committee consisting of Sally Salter, Susan Baker, Mark Dutkoski (DeWinton), Ken McIsaac and Melanie Toews has been focusing on job descriptions and personnel policies in an effort to create a framework for our staff, contractors and the M&P Committee. We will be continuing this work in 2017.

So much of what 'happens' in our Pastoral Charge is a direct result of the wonderful volunteers who share their time and talents to ensure that we are able to continue to live out our mission. I would be remiss in not thanking each of you for the hundreds of hours you give.

Sally Salter, Chair, Ministry and Personnel Committee

## Our staff



Rev. Julia Kimmett  
Minister



Denyse Geiger  
Office Facilities Administrator



Roy & Val Peterson  
Custodians



Amy Gatus  
Accompanist/Music Coordinator



Candice Sutton  
Kids & Youth Ministry Leader



Keith Bayley  
Sr. AV Tech



Julie Leggett  
42 Pastoral Care Leader



Pat Reader-Downey  
Choir Director



## Foothills Presbytery

Okotoks United Church and St. Andrew's United Church (De Winton) are part of the Foothills Presbytery of the Alberta and Northwest Conference of the United Church of Canada. Our minister, Rev. Julia Kimmett and Lois Irvine and Stewart Thomas are your representatives to Foothills Presbytery for the 2016 year. Foothills Presbytery includes representatives and ministry personnel from all of the Pastoral Charges/Congregations that surround Calgary but not from the city. This area includes all of the churches from Vulcan and Claresholm on the south, Strathmore, Acme, and Crossfield on the north and Banff on the west and all of the churches (congregations) in between. We meet five times per year in one of the churches in the Presbytery to support the work of the local churches. This work includes Pastoral Relations, Property, Social Justice, Education and Students, and other processes related to the wider church.

Because of financial constraints and lack of available people (ministry and lay) to do the work, the United Church of Canada is trying to restructure the wider church. This must be done by remits passed by each church board. If the remits (changes to the structure and operation of the church) that have been suggested and are being discussed are approved by the whole United Church of Canada the structure of our church especially above the local congregation will change rather dramatically. The plan if approved will reduce the organization of the church from a FOUR court church to a THREE court church. The local congregations (Okotoks or De Winton or any other organized group) will each be called a COMMUNITY OF FAITH, Presbyteries and Conferences will be combined and will be called a REGIONAL COUNCIL and the national church will be called a DENOMINATIONAL COUNCIL. We may not see much change to our congregations (Communities of Faith) but the Regional Councils will be much larger even than the previous Conferences. With this structural change will come other changes that probably will not affect the Communities of Faith (congregations) much but will change how the "church" operates above the Communities of Faith. The hope is that these changes will make for a more efficient church that will still serve us well. Stay tuned for more on the remits. As you can tell, your Presbytery has been spending much of its time studying the remits even though the work of the presbytery must continue.

## Foothills Presbytery Representatives



Stewart Thomas



Lois Irvine



Rev. Julia Kimmett





## Legacy Giving

As Okotoks United Church enters into its second century in the community of Okotoks, we look to the future and the generations following us who will seek out the church for community, spiritual nurture and a place where they can make a difference in the world.

There are many ways in which we support the church with our time, abilities and money. Many of us think in terms of the day to day working of the church and paying our mortgage. Yet there are many ways in which we can contribute to the health of the church even after we're gone.



This past year, the leadership of Okotoks United established the Legacy Gift Fund which allows for people to give gifts that will serve the church in years to come. These gifts may be in the form of securities, bequests through wills, life insurance policies, Registered Retirement Savings Plans (RRSPs), Registered Retirement Income Plans (RRIFs), Tax Free Savings Accounts (TFSAs), real estate or other investment holdings. Each year in the United Church receives over eighteen million dollars in legacy gifts, over 80% of these going to local congregations.

Legacy gifts are not intended for the day to day operations of the church but are to be used to expand the mission and ministry of the church in the community and beyond, the use of which will be determined by a Legacy Gifts Committee in line with policies set out for their use.

There are brochures and a more detailed policy outlining Legacy Gifts. If you are interested in hearing more, Stewart Thomas who sits on the Governing Board and the Finance Committee would be happy to talk to anyone about what they are and how you can plan to support the church for future generations. Get in touch with the office and you will be directed to Stewart. We look forward to a long and meaningful presence in Okotoks and you can be a part of making that happen.



L-R: Madeline, Josh & Laurie Penner  
Easter 2016

## Ministry Board



Dean Salter  
Ministry Board Chair



Sally Salter  
Secretary



Daniel Lafond  
from Oct.



Jack Ferguson  
from Sept.



Rev. Julia Kimmett



Jack Parsons



Pam Grinevitch



Candice Sutton  
from Oct.

## Governing Board



Bev Carlson  
Governing Board Chair



Lois Irvine  
Treasurer from Sept. 26



Udo Adam  
Treasurer to Sept. 26



Denyse Geiger  
Recording Secretary to ?



Joyce Loucks  
Secretary from ?



Peter Shiel  
to May 9



Bill Calder



Ian McNeill  
from May 9



Ellen Kneiss



Stewart Thomas



Rev. Julia Kimmett

## Trustees



Bill Calder  
Chair



Dave Wedderburn



Bonnie Chant-Kinsmen



Ursula Hoppenheit



Gerhard Dyck

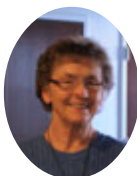


Rev. Julia Kimmett

## Nominating Committee



Gayle MacPherson



Sharon Campbell



Amy Mounkes



Lois Irvine





# Agenda 2017 AGM

Opening Prayer  
Opening Remarks

1. Election of Secretary
2. Election of Chairperson
3. Motion by Members for Adherents to vote on temporal matters  
Motion: That adherents be permitted to vote on all financial or administrative matters relating to the work of Okotoks United Church.\*
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes from Jan. 31, 2016
6. Approval of 2016 Annual Report
7. Report from the Ministry Board Chair
8. Report from the Governing Board Chair
9. Financials
10. Motion to Approve Financials
11. Presentation of the 2017 Budget
12. Motion to approve the 2017 Budget
13. Outgoing Governing Board members
14. Outgoing Ministry Board members
15. Election of Governing Board members
16. Election of Ministry Board members
17. Election of Presbytery Representative
18. Election of Committee Members:
  - a. M & P
  - b. Nominating Committee
19. New Business
  - a. Centennial Fundraising
20. Benediction
21. Motion to Adjourn

*\*It is the policy of the United Church of Canada that adherents are able to vote on temporal matters of the church if members indicate their desire for this to be so. Only members, however, can vote on anything involving the pastoral relationship (including searches, calls, and appointments); in elections or appointments of the governing body, committees, trustees, and presbytery representatives, and of other bodies and officers; on anything involving the order of worship; on amalgamating, disbanding, or realigning the congregation or pastoral charge; and on property matters needing presbytery consent.*



**Present:** Attendance list on file. There were 79 persons in attendance consisting of 59 members, 17 adherents, 1 staff and 1 guest.

**Opening:** Rev. Julia Kimmett opened the meeting at 12:05 pm with a prayer.

Rev. Julia Kimmett provided a short reflection on expressing care and concern for each other and the importance of building and maintaining community.

1. Election of a Secretary

**It was moved by Gerhard Dyck and seconded by Pat Reader-Downey that Sally Salter be elected as Secretary. Carried.**

2. Election of a Chairperson

**It was moved by Sandi Kennedy and seconded by Abe Enns that Bev Carlson be elected as Chairperson. Carried.**

3. Invitation to Adherents

**It was moved by Gerhard Dyck and seconded by Marilyn Carlson that adherents in attendance at the meeting be allowed to vote on all matters including those related to finance. Carried.**

4. Approval of the Agenda

**It was moved by Stewart Thomas and seconded by Susan Baker that the agenda be approved with the following change:**

**Add 18 c. Presbytery Representatives  
Carried.**

5. Approval of Minutes of February 8, 2015 AGM

**It was moved by Donna Smith and seconded by Marge Bell that the Minutes of the February 8, 2015 AGM be approved as presented. Carried.**

6. Approval of 2015 Annual Report

Bev thanked Joanne Dzurka for the all of the time and effort (and photos) she put into creating the 2015 Annual Report.

**It was moved by Joe Muhle and seconded by Fred Keen that the reports contained in the Annual Report be approved as presented. Carried**

7. Report from the Ministry Board

Joanne Dzurka, Ministry Board Chair, engaged the congregation in a quiz on some of the interesting ministry statistics in the Annual Report. The mandate of the Ministry Board is to provide oversight and support for programs that relate to the life, worship and work of the congregation, including outreach programs and staff support. Joanne made two key points 1. people are our most valuable resource and 2. to lead is to serve. Joanne reminded the congregation that the Ministry Board requires at least one more member to function efficiently.

8. Report from the Governing Board

Bev Carlson, Governing Board Chair, engaged the congregation in quiz questions relating to the finance and physical building usage statistics from the Annual Report. Bev provided a quick overview of the 2015 financial results, expenses were down while rental income and





fundraising income were in excess of budget. In 2015 the Governing Board reviewed the rental fees in relation to those charged by other organizations in Okotoks and a new fee structure was developed. The Board continues to work to make our building sustainable now and in the future. They continue to work on plans to continue to make mortgage payments when the Empowering the Promise program ends (at the close of 2016). The Stewardship Event in November was a fun and successful evening. The Building Committee has been working diligently to update the building and create an ongoing maintenance plan.

9. 2015 Financials

Udo Adam, Treasurer, provided an overview of the 2015 Financial Statement.

10. Approval of the Financial Statement 2015

**It was moved by Pat Reader-Downey and seconded by Joe Muhle that the 2015 Financial Statements be approved as presented. Carried.**

11. 2016 Budget Presentation

Udo Adam, Treasurer, provided an overview of the 2016 Budget. Bev Carlson thanked Udo and the Finance Committee members for all of the work that they did this year.

12. Approval of the 2016 Budget

**It was moved by Fred Keen and seconded by Abe Enns that the 2016 Budget be approved as presented. Carried.**

13. Outgoing Ministry Board Members

Joanne Dzurka thanked Betty-Lou Bayley and Bev Shiel for their service. Betty-Lou has served Okotoks United Church in many capacities and will continue on in other non-board roles. Bev championed the picture directory which became a reality in the fall of 2015.

14. Outgoing Nominating Committee Members

No members of this committee are leaving at this time.

15. Outgoing Governing Board Members

Bev Carlson thanked Lois Irvine for her work on the Governing Board and as Chairperson of the Ministry & Personnel Committee.

16. Election of Officers for the Ministry Board

There are no new members at this time. The Ministry Board consists of Dean Salter, Sally Salter, Jack Parsons and Pam Grinevitch.

17. Election of Officers for the Governing Board

The following candidate was presented to the assembly for election to the Governing Board for a two year term:

Joyce Loucks

She joins Bev Carlson, Udo Adam, Peter Shiel, Stewart Thomas, Ellen Kneiss and Bill Calder.

**It was moved by Marilyn Carlson and seconded by Kim Karran that this candidate be accepted. Carried.**

18. Election of Committee Members

a. M & P Committee

The following candidate was presented to the assembly for election to the Ministry



& Personnel Committee for a two year term:

Sally Salter

She joins Susan Baker. Lois Irvine and Jean Burns are leaving the Committee.

**It was moved by Brian Draper and seconded by Marge Bell that this candidate be accepted. Carried.**

**b. Nominating Committee**

The following candidate was presented to the assembly for election to the Nominating Committee for a one year term:

Lois Irvine

She joins Sharon Campbell, Gayle McPherson and Amy Mounkes.

**It was moved by Heather Howarth and seconded by Vi Muhle that this candidate be accepted. Carried.**

**c. Presbytery Representatives**

Presbytery Reps – no change, Lois Irvine and Stewart Thomas

**It was moved by Pat Reader-Downey and seconded by Sharon Campbell that these candidates be accepted. Carried.**

**19. New Business**

**a. Refugee Sponsorship**

On behalf of Jody Connors, Julia Kimmett made a presentation on refugee sponsorship detailing the government program, sponsor responsibilities, and potential United Church and community partners.

In order for Okotoks United Church to begin a refugee sponsorship program, a motion must be approved by 66% of members and adherents in attendance.

**It was moved by Joe Muhle that we go forward with sponsoring a refugee family in partnership with other United Church congregations, other community organizations and with the Government of Canada providing \$10,000.00. We will provide accommodations and commit to raise \$8,500.00. We would not go forward with this until we have half (1/2) of the committed funds raised. Seconded by Pat Reader-Downey. Carried unanimously.**

**20. Rev. Julia Kimmett thanked Joanne Dzurka for her service as Ministry Board Chair and for the many additional roles she has filled over the last two years.**

**21. Rev. Julia Kimmett offered the Benediction**

**22. Motion to Adjourn**

**It was moved by Gerhard Dyck that the meeting be adjourned at 1:35 pm.**

Adjournment Time: 1:35 pm

Recorded by: Sally Salter

Chair: Bev Carlson





**Financial Statements  
And Report  
January to December 2016  
Year End**

(Unaudited, February 1, 2017)

*Note to the congregation:*

*Financial statements include:*

*Income and Expense (General Fund 01)*

*Income and Expense (Restricted Fund 02)*

*Balance Sheet (General 01, Restricted Fund 02 and Capital Fund 03)*

*Income and Expense by Month (General Fund 01)*

*Income and Expenses by Month (Restricted Fund 02)*

*Notes to the Financial Statements*

*Other Financial information*

### *To the Congregation of Okotoks United Church*

As you know, our PowerChurch Accounting System is the only one that we now use, having eliminated a second set of books in 2014. Because we have a mortgage and restricted Funds, it is easier to separate some accounts into Funds to keep efficient track of the different kinds and this was done some years back.

Financial Statements are not easily comprehended especially when divided into separate funds but it is really much the same as having savings accounts and chequing accounts for our individual purposes. In the interest of giving you as much information as is reasonable and sufficient information to provide a clear and transparent picture the statements given here are fairly comprehensive and inclusive. A few separate tables have been pulled out to offer specific information. We have provided an income and expense statement and a balance sheet which indicates what our current financial status is.

Some further information is given on specific areas of the income and expenses that relate to specific programs or projects.

Considering that we are carrying a large mortgage our financial status is good. However, if we wish to move forward and broaden our ministries and outreach in addition to maintaining a healthy faith community, we need to continuously monitor our financial situation and make plans for our vision of the future.

We are very grateful to Udo Adam our past Treasurer for his hard work and expertise in making the transition to PowerChurch and setting us on solid ground to continue better financial management. Thank you and may you receive many blessings. In addition I wish to thank our Accountant, Michael Kuntz, for very helpful guidance in fund accounting to further improve our processes.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Irvine, Acting Treasurer  
Finance Committee: Julia Kimmett  
Stewart Thomas  
Gerhard Dyck

## *Notes to the Financial Statements*

To link to the Financial Information Report from 2015, it is worth noting that at that time we had a surplus of income over expenses of \$21,802 as compared to a budgeted surplus of \$3689. (Fund 01)

In 2016, while not quite as favourable, the surplus was \$9471 as compared to a budgeted deficit of \$1890 (a total excess of \$11,359). This does not include the extra funds that have gone into the Capital Fund 03 to provide us with a greater mortgage reserve.

Restricted funds (Fund 02) including Mission Possible and the Benevolent Fund are included in the 2017 budget which will be available with further information shortly. These funds cannot be used for anything other than the purpose for which they are donated. Similarly the Capital Fund 03 can only be used for the mortgage.

In 2016, the reasons for the operating fund surplus were a 3% higher total income figure and a 1.3% lower expense than budgeted. In particular:

- Rental income was a significant contributor to higher income and on a smaller scale, the garage sale income was well above budget. Other fundraising efforts were very good.
- Miscellaneous income, which is never predictable, was significant in 2016.
- Our local givings, which is our major source were under budget by 2.5%

The past year was the last year of the capital fund campaign but there is still an amount of \$839,059 to be paid in mortgage principal in addition to considerable interest.

The Governing Board has decided to consider the Mortgage an ongoing part of Operating Expense (as most of us do with household mortgage) and requested that the congregation maintain their level of giving simply transferring what they would donate to the Local Givings.

In 2017 the church will also be paying an additional amount of over \$26000.00 per year to further repay the principal to the United Church of Canada. We have been paying only the interest to them in the last three years.

We are fortunate relative to many churches but we must watch our cash flow carefully and work hard to place ourselves in position to realize our vision.

Thank you all for both generously giving and for supporting the church with much hard work as volunteers to being in further funds.



Okotoks United Church  
**Income and Expense Statement**  
 GENERAL FUND 01, January 2016 - December 2016

		Current Period	Year to Date	Year to Date Budget	YTD Budget Difference	YTD Budget Percentage
INCOME	4000					
GENERAL FUND INCOME	4010					
LOCAL	4030	\$169,856.47	\$169,856.47	\$174,250.63	(\$4,394.16)	97.48 %
LOOSE	4040	4,796.85	4,796.85	6,547.00	(1,750.15)	73.27 %
Dewinton Income	4042	12,500.00	12,500.00	12,500.00	0.00	100.00 %
Subtotal General Fund Income	4010	187,153.32	187,153.32	193,297.63	(6,144.31)	96.82 %
Budgeted		187,153.32	187,153.32	193,297.63	(6,144.31)	96.82 %
Non-Budgeted		0.00				
INVESTMENT INCOME	4100	208.53	208.53	0.00	208.53	0.00 %
RENTAL INCOME	4150					
Rental Income	4151	19,527.50	19,527.50	15,993.00	3,534.50	122.10 %
Magazines/Subscriptions	4151-151	272.05	272.05	500.00	(227.95)	54.41 %
Parentlink Rent	4153	8,750.00	8,750.00	8,200.00	550.00	106.71 %
Wedding Rent	4154-154	2,310.00	2,310.00	3,300.00	(990.00)	70.00 %
Funeral Rent	4155-155	1,905.00	1,905.00	1,500.00	405.00	127.00 %
Subtotal Rental Income	4150	32,764.55	32,764.55	29,493.00	3,271.55	111.09 %
Budgeted		32,764.55	32,764.55	29,493.00	3,271.55	111.09 %
Non-Budgeted		0.00				
OTHER INCOME	4157	18,809.01	18,809.01	10,000.00	8,809.01	188.09 %
Transfer from 01 to BF 02	4165	7,380.00	7,380.00	0.00	7,380.00	0.00 %
MARKET INCOME						
Subtotal Other Income	4157	26,189.01	26,189.01	10,000.00	16,189.01	261.89 %
Budgeted		18,796.68	18,796.68	10,000.00	8,796.68	187.97 %
Non-Budgeted		7,392.33	7,392.33			
FUNDRAISING INCOME	4170					
Turkey Supper income	4172	6,787.95	6,787.95	7,000.00	(212.05)	96.97 %
Ladies Night Out Income	4173	7,715.00	7,715.00	14,000.00	(6,285.00)	55.11 %
Garage Sale Income	4175	6,441.40	6,441.40	3,000.00	3,441.40	214.71 %
Other Fundraise Income	4176	497.25	497.25	3,000.00	(2,502.75)	16.58 %
Subtotal Fundraising Income	4170	21,441.60	21,441.60	27,000.00	(5,558.40)	79.41 %
Budgeted		21,441.60	21,441.60	27,000.00	(5,558.40)	79.41 %
Non-Budgeted		0.00				
TOTAL INCOME		267,757.01	267,757.01	259,790.63	7,966.38	103.07 %
Budgeted		260,156.15	260,156.15	259,790.63	365.52	100.14 %
Non-Budgeted		7,600.86	7,600.86			
EXPENSES	5000					
OPERATING EXPENSES	5010					
SALARIED	5055	\$119,884.94	\$119,884.94	\$121,241.00	(\$1,356.06)	98.88 %
SUPPORT STAFF	5150	41,689.18	41,689.18	45,143.00	(3,453.82)	92.35 %
BENEFITS	5200	258.01	258.01	304.00	(45.99)	84.87 %
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	5400					
Advertising, Promotion	5414	1,690.06	1,690.06	1,500.00	190.06	112.67 %
Bank Charges	5420	292.70	292.70	0.00	292.70	0.00 %
Office Supplies	5430	2,029.78	2,029.78	2,000.00	29.78	101.49 %
Postage	5440	264.33	264.33	800.00	(535.67)	33.04 %
Printing	5450	490.50	490.50	700.00	(209.50)	70.07 %
Copier costs	5451	4,799.19	4,799.19	5,000.00	(200.81)	95.98 %
UCC EXPENSES / COSTS	5460	8,631.26	8,631.26	8,500.00	131.26	101.54 %

		Current Period	Year to Date	Year to Date Budget	YTD Budget Difference	YTD Budget Percentage
Professional Services	5490	2,562.50	2,562.50	1,500.00	1,062.50	170.83 %
Staff Continuing Ed	5495	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00 %
Honoraria	5496	216.99	216.99	600.00	(383.01)	36.17 %
CHURCH PHONES	5517	3,986.49	3,986.49	4,140.00	(153.51)	96.29 %
INTERNET	5550	479.70	479.70	1,000.00	(520.30)	47.97 %
COMPUTER EXPENSES	5570	654.32	654.32	1,000.00	(345.68)	65.43 %
Subtotal Administrative Expense	5400	26,197.82	26,197.82	26,740.00	(542.18)	97.97 %
<i>Budgeted</i>		25,659.61	25,659.61	26,740.00	(1,080.39)	95.96 %
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>		538.21	538.21			
<b>BUILDING &amp; GROUNDS</b>	5600					
Building Insurance	5620	6,628.92	6,628.92	6,400.00	228.92	103.58 %
UTILITIES	5630	14,876.50	14,876.50	16,550.00	(1,673.50)	89.89 %
Security	5675	0.00	0.00	600.00	(600.00)	0.00 %
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	5700	14,012.05	14,012.05	9,100.00	4,912.05	153.98 %
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	5800	225.07	225.07	1,800.00	(1,574.93)	12.50 %
Subtotal Building & Grounds	5600	35,742.54	35,742.54	34,450.00	1,292.54	103.75 %
<i>Budgeted</i>		35,742.54	35,742.54	34,450.00	1,292.54	103.75 %
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>		0.00				
<b>AUDIO VISUAL EXPENSES</b>	5900					
AV Maintenance	5910	4,488.83	4,488.83	4,500.00	(11.17)	99.75 %
Furniture, equipment	5926	0.00	0.00	1,300.00	(1,300.00)	0.00 %
Subtotal Audio Visual Expenses	5900	4,488.83	4,488.83	5,800.00	(1,311.17)	77.39 %
<i>Budgeted</i>		4,488.83	4,488.83	5,800.00	(1,311.17)	77.39 %
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>		0.00				
Subtotal Operating Expenses	5010	228,261.32	228,261.32	233,678.00	(5,416.68)	97.68 %
<i>Budgeted</i>		227,723.11	227,723.11	233,678.00	(5,954.89)	97.45 %
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>		538.21	538.21			
<b>DEPARTMENTS/COMMITTEES</b>	6000					
<b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b>	6200					
Children Sunday School	6205	23.48	23.48	1,200.00	(1,176.52)	1.96 %
Youth Programs	6210	1,290.85	1,290.85	1,500.00	(209.15)	86.06 %
Adult Programs	6215	2,786.73	2,786.73	1,000.00	1,786.73	278.67 %
Sunday school supplies	6228	81.56	81.56	0.00	81.56	0.00 %
Youth program supplies	6229	121.67	121.67	0.00	121.67	0.00 %
Adult program supplies	6230	56.13	56.13	0.00	56.13	0.00 %
Subtotal Christian Education	6200	4,360.42	4,360.42	3,700.00	660.42	117.85 %
<i>Budgeted</i>		4,101.06	4,101.06	3,700.00	401.06	110.84 %
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>		259.36	259.36			
<b>WORSHIP</b>	6240					
CHOIR / MUSIC	6241	2,612.38	2,612.38	1,900.00	712.38	137.49 %
Subtotal Worship	6240	2,612.38	2,612.38	1,900.00	712.38	137.49 %
<i>Budgeted</i>		2,612.38	2,612.38	1,900.00	712.38	137.49 %
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>		0.00				
<b>OUTREACH</b>	6300					
Jacket Racket Expenses	6315	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00 %



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 GENERAL FUND 01, January 2016 - December 2016

		Current Period	Year to Date	Year to Date Budget	YTD Budget Difference	YTD Budget Percentage
Upper Floor Apartment Exp	6330	334.96	334.96	0.00	334.96	0.00 %
Subtotal Outreach	6300	834.96	834.96	0.00	834.96	0.00 %
<i>Budgeted</i>		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 %
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>		834.96	834.96			
FELLOWSHIP	6400					
Fellowship events	6410	1,074.02	1,074.02	1,500.00	(425.98)	71.60 %
Other Fellowship Exp	6420	150.28	150.28	500.00	(349.72)	30.06 %
Subtotal Fellowship	6400	1,224.30	1,224.30	2,000.00	(775.70)	61.22 %
<i>Budgeted</i>		1,224.30	1,224.30	2,000.00	(775.70)	61.22 %
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>		0.00				
MINISTRY EXPENSE	6450					
Worship Supplies	6460	1,541.74	1,541.74	1,500.00	41.74	102.78 %
Pastoral Care	6461	59.65	59.65	500.00	(440.35)	11.93 %
Church Supplies	6480	255.87	255.87	0.00	255.87	0.00 %
Decorating	6482	1,003.01	1,003.01	1,000.00	3.01	100.30 %
Pulpit Supply / Guest	6484	1,050.00	1,050.00	2,000.00	(950.00)	52.50 %
Magazines/Subscriptions	6486-151	600.50	600.50	0.00	600.50	0.00 %
Subtotal Ministry Expense	6450	4,510.77	4,510.77	5,000.00	(489.23)	90.22 %
<i>Budgeted</i>		3,654.40	3,654.40	5,000.00	(1,345.60)	73.09 %
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>		856.37	856.37			
Subtotal Departments/committees	6000	13,542.83	13,542.83	12,600.00	942.83	107.48 %
<i>Budgeted</i>		11,592.14	11,592.14	12,600.00	(1,007.86)	92.00 %
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>		1,950.69	1,950.69			
OTHER EXPENSES	6550					
CONVENTIONS & SEMINARS	6551					
Seminars & Training	6553	0.00	0.00	500.00	(500.00)	0.00 %
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	6600					
Ladies night Out expenses	6606	5,002.65	5,002.65	8,000.00	(2,997.35)	62.53 %
Stewardship Night	6607	1,096.05	1,096.05	3,000.00	(1,903.95)	36.54 %
Garage Sale Expenses	6608	10.46	10.46	0.00	10.46	0.00 %
Other Fundraising Expense	6609	120.38	120.38	0.00	120.38	0.00 %
Turkey supper expense	6610	1,652.65	1,652.65	2,000.00	(347.35)	82.63 %
Subtotal Fundraising Expenses	6600	7,882.19	7,882.19	13,000.00	(5,117.81)	60.63 %
<i>Budgeted</i>		7,871.73	7,871.73	13,000.00	(5,128.27)	60.55 %
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>		10.46	10.46			
WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS EXP	6700					
Wedding expenses	6702-154	850.00	850.00	600.00	250.00	141.67 %
Funeral Expenses	6703-155	975.00	975.00	300.00	675.00	325.00 %
Rental Expense - Other	6704	6,774.49	6,774.49	1,000.00	5,774.49	677.45 %
Subtotal Weddings And Funerals Exp	6700	8,599.49	8,599.49	1,900.00	6,699.49	452.60 %
<i>Budgeted</i>		4,794.00	4,794.00	1,900.00	2,894.00	252.32 %
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>		3,805.49	3,805.49			
Subtotal Other Expenses	6550	16,481.68	16,481.68	15,400.00	1,081.68	107.02 %
<i>Budgeted</i>		12,665.73	12,665.73	15,400.00	(2,734.27)	82.25 %



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	Current Period	Year to Date	Year to Date Budget	YTD Budget Difference	YTD Budget Percentage
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>	3,815.95	3,815.95			
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>258,285.83</u>	<u>258,285.83</u>	<u>261,678.00</u>	<u>(3,392.17)</u>	<u>98.70 %</u>
<i>Budgeted</i>	251,980.98	251,980.98	261,678.00	(9,697.02)	96.29 %
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>	6,304.85	6,304.85			
<b>EXCESS INCOME\EXPENSES</b>	<u>\$9,471.18</u>	<u>\$9,471.18</u>	<u>(\$1,887.37)</u>	<u>\$11,358.55</u>	<u>(501.82)%</u>
<i>Budgeted</i>	8,175.17	8,175.17	(1,887.37)	10,062.54	(433.15)%
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>	1,296.01	1,296.01			

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TEMP. RESTRICTED 02, January 2016 - December 2016

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	Current Period	Year to Date	Year to Date Budget	YTD Budget Difference	YTD Budget Percentage
INCOME	\$0.24	\$0.24	\$0.00	\$0.24	0.00 %
TEMP. RESTRICTED INCOME					
Mission Possible	40,195.78	40,195.78	0.00	40,195.78	0.00 %
Benevolence (Min)	13,560.00	13,560.00	0.00	13,560.00	0.00 %
Refugee Fund	10,300.00	10,300.00	0.00	10,300.00	0.00 %
Fort McMurray disaster	2,615.00	2,615.00	0.00	2,615.00	0.00 %
Healing Touch	390.00	390.00	0.00	390.00	0.00 %
Empowering The Promise	81,101.10	81,101.10	0.00	81,101.10	0.00 %
Mission/Services	13,677.50	13,677.50	0.00	13,677.50	0.00 %
Bequests/Memorials	40.00	40.00	0.00	40.00	0.00 %
Subtotal Temp. Restricted Income	161,879.38	161,879.38	0.00	161,879.38	0.00 %
Budgeted	81,491.10	81,491.10	0.00	81,491.10	0.00 %
Non-Budgeted	80,388.28	80,388.28			
TOTAL INCOME	161,879.62	161,879.62	0.00	161,879.62	0.00 %
Budgeted	81,491.10	81,491.10	0.00	81,491.10	0.00 %
Non-Budgeted	80,388.52	80,388.52			
TEMP.REST. EXPENSES					
Mission Possible Exp	\$53,991.47	\$53,991.47	\$0.00	\$53,991.47	0.00 %
Benevolence (Min)	15,569.94	15,569.94	0.00	15,569.94	0.00 %
Refugee Fund Exp	10,300.00	10,300.00	0.00	10,300.00	0.00 %
Fort Mac Expense	2,465.00	2,465.00	0.00	2,465.00	0.00 %
Inn From the Cold Exp	515.98	515.98	0.00	515.98	0.00 %
Empowering the Promise Ex	43,213.29	43,213.29	0.00	43,213.29	0.00 %
Building Reserve Expense	2,134.73	2,134.73	0.00	2,134.73	0.00 %
Mission/Services Exp	13,860.50	13,860.50	0.00	13,860.50	0.00 %
TOTAL EXPENSES	142,050.91	142,050.91	0.00	142,050.91	0.00 %
Budgeted	43,729.27	43,729.27	0.00	43,729.27	0.00 %
Non-Budgeted	98,321.64	98,321.64			
EXCESS INCOME\EXPENSES	\$19,828.71	\$19,828.71	\$0.00	\$19,828.71	0.00 %
Budgeted	37,761.83	37,761.83	0.00	37,761.83	0.00 %
Non-Budgeted	(17,933.12)	(17,933.12)			

## Balance Sheet

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ASSETS				
BANK ACCOUNTS				
CHEQUING ACCOUNTS				
RBC General Account	\$36,795.52			\$36,795.52
Temp Rest. in Cqg		53,890.78		53,890.78
Bank in Bldg - 03			21,672.84	21,672.84
Subtotal Chequing Accounts	36,795.52	53,890.78	21,672.84	112,359.14
OTHER ACCOUNTS				
Benevolent Ministers Acct		24,129.65		24,129.65
GIC Investments	50,000.00		100,000.00	150,000.00
Subtotal Other Accounts	50,000.00	24,129.65	100,000.00	174,129.65
Subtotal Bank Accounts	86,795.52	78,020.43	121,672.84	286,488.79
CASH ON HAND				
Petty Cash	150.00			150.00
INVESTMENTS				
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE				
Accounts Receivable	(383.00)			(383.00)
GST Receivable 2016	627.95	13.96		641.91
Subtotal Investments	244.95	13.96	0.00	258.91
CAPITAL ASSETS				
BUILDINGS				
			3,580,715.93	3,580,715.93
EQUIPMENT				
			79,619.02	79,619.02
Subtotal Capital Assets	0.00	0.00	3,660,334.95	3,660,334.95



**Balance Sheet**  
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	Fund 01 - GENERAL FUND	Fund 02 - TEMP. RESTRICTED	Fund 03 - CAPITAL FUND	Total
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$87,190.47</u>	<u>\$78,034.39</u>	<u>\$3,782,007.79</u>	<u>\$3,947,232.65</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
<b>LONG-TERM LIABILITIES</b>				
MORTGAGES & LOANS			\$839,058.71	\$839,058.71
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$839,058.71</u>	<u>\$839,058.71</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>				
<b>UNRESTRICTED</b>				
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$87,190.47		\$4,904.24	\$92,094.71
Restricted				
Equity in Cap. Assets			2,802,865.36	2,802,865.36
<b>TEMP. RESTR. IN CHEQUING FB</b>				
<b>DONOR RESTRICTED</b>				
Mission Possible Fb		29,292.07		29,292.07
1 Benevolent Fb		26,397.15		26,397.15
Operating Purchases/Equi		5,379.69		5,379.69
Fort Mac Fb		150.00		150.00
Inn From the Cold Fb		638.66		638.66
Healing Touch Fb		2,348.93		2,348.93
Empowering the Promise			135,179.48	135,179.48
Kids Ministry Fb		1,000.00		1,000.00
Contingency Reserve		14,807.75		14,807.75
Restricted Suspense		(2,477.96)		(2,477.96)
Subtotal Donor Restricted	<u>0.00</u>	<u>77,536.29</u>	<u>135,179.48</u>	<u>212,715.77</u>

**Balance Sheet**  
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	Fund 01 - GENERAL FUND	Fund 02 - TEMP. RESTRICTED	Fund 03 - CAPITAL FUND	Total
PASS THRU FUNDS				
Mission/Services Fd		458.10		458.10
Bequests/memorials		40.00		40.00
Subtotal Pass Thru Funds	0.00	498.10	0.00	498.10
Subtotal Temp.restr.in Chequing Fb	0.00	78,034.39	135,179.48	213,213.87
TOTAL EQUITY	\$87,190.47	\$78,034.39	\$2,942,949.08	\$3,108,173.94
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$87,190.47	\$78,034.39	\$3,782,007.79	\$3,947,232.65

## Okotoks United Church

## Income and Expense by Month

GENERAL FUND 01, 2016

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	2016
<b>INCOME</b>													
<b>GENERAL FUND INCOME</b>													
LOCAL	17,172	13,038	15,718	12,630	12,864	12,602	11,778	12,548	14,023	17,494	14,706	15,284	169,856
LOOSE	492	356	610	413	446	164	208	302	380	185	10	1,232	4,798
Dewinton Income	0	0	2,500	0	0	427	(427)	5,000	0	0	5,000	0	12,500
Subtotal General Fund Inc	17,664	13,394	18,828	13,043	13,310	13,193	11,559	17,850	14,403	17,679	19,715	16,516	187,154
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>	14	(12)	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	201	0	0	209
<b>RENTAL INCOME</b>													
Rental Income	1,530	160	1,797	1,755	4,380	4,524	520	50	530	1,180	270	2,832	19,528
Magazines/Subscriptions	0	0	0	0	260	0	0	0	(4)	0	13	3	272
Parentlink Rent	0	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	750	1,000	0	1,000	0	2,000	1,000	8,750
Wedding Rent	100	40	0	20	200	0	0	0	0	1,950	0	0	2,310
Funeral Rent	0	0	0	1,000	0	0	380	0	0	525	0	0	1,905
Subtotal Rental Income	1,630	1,200	2,797	3,775	4,840	5,274	1,900	50	1,526	3,655	2,283	3,835	32,765
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>	169	1,032	15,220	406	12	12	63	26	26	650	650	1,230	18,808
Transfer from 01 to BF 02	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,230	1,290	940	920	0	0	7,380
Subtotal Other Income	169	1,032	15,220	406	12	12	4,293	1,316	940	920	650	1,230	26,188
<b>FUNDRAISING INCOME</b>													
Turkey Supper Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,290	5,498	0	0	6,788
Ladies Night Out Income	0	1,620	6,095	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,715
Garage Sale Income	0	0	0	2,567	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,875	6,442
Other Fundraise Income	0	497	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	497
Subtotal Fundraising Inco	0	2,117	6,095	2,567	0	0	0	0	1,290	5,498	0	3,875	21,442
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	19,477	17,731	42,940	19,791	18,150	18,485	17,752	19,216	18,159	27,953	22,648	25,456	267,758
<b>EXPENSES</b>													
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>													
SALARIED	9,997	9,925	11,439	10,020	10,017	10,017	9,925	10,115	10,005	9,740	9,620	9,060	119,880
SUPPORT STAFF	1,914	3,723	3,353	4,066	3,993	3,646	2,494	2,162	3,931	3,508	4,111	4,791	41,692
BENEFITS	19	47	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	256
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE</b>													
Advertising, Promotion	0	192	0	308	0	0	152	0	99	723	0	217	1,691
Bank Charges	0	9	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	24	250	0	293
Office Supplies	509	299	353	32	168	135	42	45	268	0	0	181	2,032
Postage	261	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	264
Printing	0	491	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	491
Copier costs	632	309	664	599	411	298	0	1,009	130	492	255	0	4,799
UCC EXPENSES / COSTS	8,317	32	32	0	32	32	32	31	31	31	31	32	8,633
Professional Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,025	615	0	923	2,563
Staff Continuing Ed	0	0	0	0	35	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
Honoraria	200	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	217



## Income and Expense by Month

GENERAL FUND 01, 2016

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	2016
CHURCH PHONES	0	351	718	0	717	0	359	737	0	733	0	374	3,989
INTERNET	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	480	480
COMPUTER EXPENSES	0	0	0	250	54	0	313	0	0	0	38	0	655
Subtotal Administrative E	9,919	1,700	1,767	1,199	1,420	530	898	1,822	1,553	2,618	574	2,207	26,207
BUILDING & GROUNDS													
Building Insurance	451	0	0	0	2,630	451	516	516	516	516	516	516	6,628
UTILITIES	705	2,782	1,484	1,203	1,155	969	776	998	1,278	1,019	1,327	1,179	14,875
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	1,373	1,188	2,009	1,976	174	958	283	525	409	962	1,635	2,519	14,011
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	49	0	0	113	0	225
Subtotal Building & Ground	2,529	3,970	3,493	3,179	3,959	2,378	1,638	2,088	2,203	2,497	3,591	4,214	35,739
AUDIO VISUAL EXPENSES													
AV Maintenance	122	0	286	0	3,975	0	0	0	0	106	0	0	4,489
Subtotal Operating Expens	24,500	19,365	20,357	18,483	23,383	16,590	14,974	16,206	17,711	18,488	17,915	20,291	228,263
DEPARTMENTS/COMMITTEES													
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION													
Children Sunday School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	23
Youth Programs	0	382	0	263	0	472	31	0	0	0	0	144	1,292
Adult Programs	1,633	0	0	85	669	0	0	0	0	400	0	0	2,787
Sunday school supplies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	82	0	0	0	0	82
Youth program supplies	0	0	0	0	75	0	0	0	0	0	23	24	122
Adult program supplies	0	0	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56
Subtotal Christian Educat	1,633	382	56	348	744	472	31	82	0	400	23	191	4,362
WORSHIP													
CHOIR / MUSIC	0	0	625	0	0	1,479	0	0	388	0	0	120	2,612
Subtotal Worship	0	0	625	0	0	1,479	0	0	388	0	0	120	2,612
OUTREACH													
Jacket Racket Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	0	500
Upper Floor Apartment Exp	0	0	335	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	335
Subtotal Outreach	0	0	335	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	0	835
FELLOWSHIP													
Fellowship events	0	138	0	0	0	0	89	27	800	20	0	0	1,074
Other Fellowship Exp	0	0	50	0	53	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	150
Subtotal Fellowship	0	138	50	0	53	47	89	27	800	20	0	0	1,224
MINISTRY EXPENSE													
Worship Supplies	100	0	0	0	419	310	0	100	0	324	102	186	1,541
Pastoral Care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	60
Church Supplies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	230	256
Decorating	0	0	0	699	0	0	0	0	0	243	0	61	1,003
Pulpit Supply / Guest	0	0	0	400	400	250	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,050
Magazines/Subscriptions	0	0	0	0	0	88	513	0	0	0	0	0	601

## Income and Expense by Month

GENERAL FUND 01, 2016

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	2016
Subtotal Ministry Expense	100	0	0	1,099	819	648	513	126	0	567	102	537	4,511
Subtotal Departments/comm	1,733	520	1,066	1,447	1,616	2,646	633	235	1,188	987	625	848	13,544
OTHER EXPENSES													
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES													
Ladies night Out expenses	250	0	4,574	0	179	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,003
Stewardship Night	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	802	294	1,096
Garage Sale Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	10
Other Fundraising Expense	0	45	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120
Turkey supper expense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	81	900	642	30	1,653
Subtotal Fundraising Expe	250	45	4,649	0	179	0	0	0	81	900	1,454	324	7,882
WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS EXP													
Wedding expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	850	0	0	850
Funeral Expenses	0	0	75	575	0	0	175	0	75	75	0	0	975
Rental Expense - Other	589	80	250	0	595	3,043	539	724	185	0	80	690	6,775
Subtotal Weddings And Fun	589	80	325	575	595	3,043	714	724	260	925	80	690	8,600
Subtotal Other Expenses	839	125	4,974	575	774	3,043	714	724	341	1,825	1,534	1,014	16,482
TOTAL EXPENSES	27,072	20,010	26,397	20,505	25,773	22,279	16,321	17,165	19,240	21,300	20,074	22,153	258,289
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	(7,595)	(2,279)	16,543	(714)	(7,623)	(3,794)	1,431	2,051	(1,081)	6,653	2,574	3,303	9,469

# Income and Expense by Month

## TEMP. RESTRICTED 02, 2016

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	2016
<b>TEMP. RESTRICTED INCOME</b>													
Mission Possible	7,960	274	1,377	40	1,565	60	50	40	0	850	5,810	22,170	40,196
Benevolence (Min)	1,850	1,075	1,425	1,045	883	1,088	523	785	550	948	1,123	2,268	13,563
Refugee Fund	0	2,210	6,305	330	455	750	0	0	0	0	250	0	10,300
Fort McMurray disaster	0	0	0	0	1,735	880	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,615
Healing Touch	0	20	0	160	75	60	0	0	0	0	30	45	390
Empowering The Promise	16,643	4,256	4,648	5,486	4,871	5,386	4,841	4,971	5,106	4,849	5,096	14,954	81,105
Mission/Services	1,750	1,108	1,009	1,031	834	1,055	923	942	1,051	1,032	2,018	927	13,680
Bequests/Memorials	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>28,203</b>	<b>8,943</b>	<b>14,762</b>	<b>8,132</b>	<b>10,418</b>	<b>9,279</b>	<b>6,337</b>	<b>6,738</b>	<b>6,707</b>	<b>7,679</b>	<b>14,327</b>	<b>40,364</b>	<b>161,889</b>
<b>TEMP. REST. EXPENSES</b>													
Mission Possible Exp	16,276	1,255	15,989	0	0	15,000	0	0	5,298	172	0	0	53,991
Benevolence (Min)	1,398	(1,398)	700	1,923	0	0	0	0	0	8,624	1,800	2,523	15,570
Refugee Fund Exp	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	681	9,619	10,300
Fort Mac Expense	0	0	0	0	0	2,465	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,465
Inn From the Cold Exp	0	516	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	516
Empowering the Promise Ex	4,216	4,530	4,530	7,114	2,881	2,876	2,871	2,839	2,839	2,839	2,839	1,995	42,369
Building Reserve Expense	0	0	911	1,224	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,135
Mission/Services Exp	1,100	1,750	1,108	1,009	1,031	1,888	0	923	942	0	2,083	2,018	13,862
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>22,990</b>	<b>6,654</b>	<b>23,238</b>	<b>11,270</b>	<b>3,912</b>	<b>22,229</b>	<b>2,871</b>	<b>3,762</b>	<b>9,079</b>	<b>11,635</b>	<b>7,413</b>	<b>16,155</b>	<b>141,208</b>
<b>EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES</b>	<b>5,213</b>	<b>2,289</b>	<b>(8,476)</b>	<b>(3,138)</b>	<b>6,506</b>	<b>(12,950)</b>	<b>3,466</b>	<b>2,976</b>	<b>(2,372)</b>	<b>(3,956)</b>	<b>6,914</b>	<b>24,209</b>	<b>20,681</b>



*OKOTOKS UNITED CHURCH  
OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION*

<b>Mortgages</b>	Royal Bank of Canada	United Church of Canada	
Dec. 31, 2015	\$424,193.98	\$436,168.31	
Principal Paid	\$21,303.58	\$0.00	
Dec. 31, 2016	\$402,890.40	\$436,168.31	
Payments for 2017	\$2,936.27	\$3,814.00	\$6,750.27
Principal & Interest per year			<b>\$81,003.24</b>

***Income 2016 - Summary for Operating Fund 01***

General	\$187,153.32
Investment	\$208.53
Rental	\$32,764.55
Market	\$7,380.00
Harmony Group	\$4,000.00
— Turkey Supper	\$6,787.95
Ladies Night Out	\$7,715.00
Garage Sale/Bazaar	\$6,441.40
Other	\$15,306.26
Total	<b>\$267,757.01</b>

***Expenses 2016 - Summary for Operating Fund 01***

Staff & Contracts	\$161,572.92
Administrative	\$26,457.03
Building & Grounds	\$35,742.54
A-V	\$4,488.83
Depts./Committees	\$13,542.83
(Christian education)	
(Worship)	
(Outreach)	
(Fellowship)	
(Ministry)	
Other	\$16,481.68
(incl. rental, fundraising)	
Total expenses	<b>\$258,285.83</b>
Income over Expenses	<b>\$9,471.18</b>



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