

Okotoks United Church School Lunch Program

The School Lunch Program has made arrangements with the Okotoks Bottle Depot to have bottles donated to the program. If you are recycling your bottles and cans please consider directing funds to the Okotoks United Church School Lunch Program. Thank-you.



2018 Annual Report

This year we are planning to create a combined narrative budget and annual report. The good news is that you will not have to write the typical report unless something new or unusual happened in your area of ministry. Instead, we will be focusing on the **total number of volunteer hours** and the **financial investment** for all area's of ministry and work within the church.

This will require a concentrated effort! We are asking all areas of ministry to track volunteer hours from Jan. 1, 2018 to Dec. 31, 2018. For example, if 10 choir members met for a 2 hour practice the total number of volunteer hours for that practice would be $10 \times 2 = 20$ hours. If that same group of 10 choir members then sings in church on Sunday morning for 1 hour the total number of hours for the week would be 20 hours (practice) + 10 hours (Sunday morning) = 30 hours.

Although we don't expect exact numbers we are hoping you can provide a number that is close enough to be meaningful. You might want to designate someone in your group to develop a tracking sheet to begin collecting this information right away since it will be easier to calculate hours as the year progresses.

I will be touching base with ministry leaders over the next month to answer any questions you might have. Thank you in advance for your support of this new initiative.

Joanne Dzurka 403-938-3945 or dzurkaj@xplornet.ca

Announcements Sunday, April 15, 2018

This Week...

Monday - Healing Pathways Ministry - 2nd Floor - 1:00- 4:00 pm
Thursday, Bible Study 10:00 - 11:00 am
Thursday, Choir - Sanctuary 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Friday, Youth Group 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Jody Connors' Office Dates and Hours at Okotoks United Church

April 3, 4, 9, 18, 19, 23 and 30

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Leadership of Tomorrow Award - Maya Povhe

Maya Povhe was nominated by the church for a "Leadership of Tomorrow" award and won for the Senior High award. She will be given her award on April 17th and if anyone wants to attend, the banquet will be on April 18th at 6:00 p.m. at D'Arcy Ranch. Tickets are \$30.00. Julia will be attending to introduce Maya. For more information please see the poster in the foyer.

Food for Fun

Next Food for Fun: Sunday, April 22nd. What it is? It's an opportunity for people to gather for fellowship and conversation. Each month we need 6 **NEW** people to sign up to bring soup (enough for 20 people), serve it and clean up after. Buns will be provided. Set-up will be taken care of. If we share the load, we hope that people will only have to do it once a year. Sign-up on bulletin board for April.

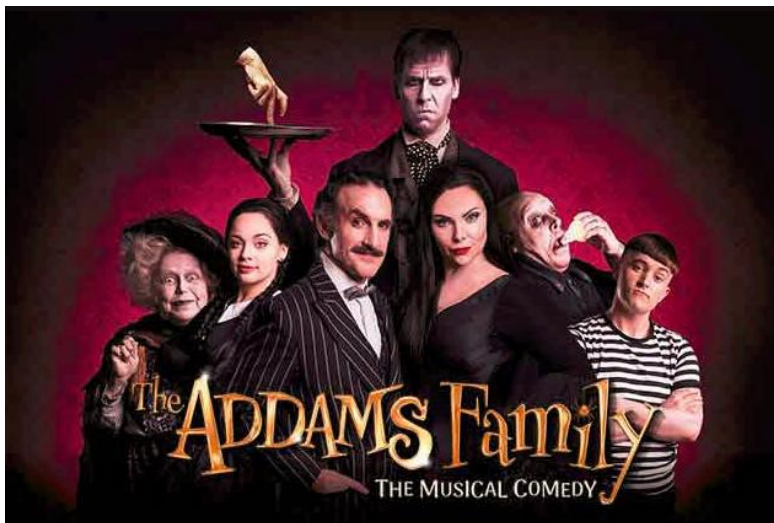
Congregational Care Team

Reaching out, supporting, encouraging and compassionately caring for one another is part of being a faith community. Sometimes, regardless of age or life stage, 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 God's great love. Our Congregational Care Team invites you to reach out for our confidential spiritual and compassionate care, contact okcongregationalcare@telus.net or contact the church office at 403 938-4357.



Mission Possible Charity Concert with Windmill Theatre Players

To support our on-going partnership with our charities in the Dominican Republic we will be hosting the WTP performing songs from "The Adams Family" on Saturday April 14th @ 7:00 pm. Tickets are available each Sunday at the Mission Possible table or during the week at the church office. Tickets are \$10.00 for an individual and \$25.00 for a family. Doors will open at 6:00 pm and the concert will begin at 7:00 pm. Come out and enjoy the wonderful talents of the Windmill Theater Players and your chance to win some wonderful silent auction prizes. For more information or to donate a silent auction item please contact Gary Dzurka @ 403-938-4662. Tickets available at the door.



Kids' Ministry

Just a reminder, children under the age of 4 need a parent/adult to join them up in our Sunday School. Thank-you for your cooperation.

Schedule for April

April 15 - Popsicle Angel
April 20 - Youth Group
April 22 - Prayer Rock, Youth Forum
April 29 - Jesus Heals



Nursery

There are some old and broken toys in the Nursery that need to be taken to the dump. I am looking for a volunteer with a truck or van that could take these items to the dump. The fee for the drop-off will be refunded.

Given that we are having to dispose of some of our older and broken toys we are looking for some specific toy donations. We are in search of: large play kitchen, toy cars, Kid's table and chairs. If you are able to help with removal or have some donations, please contact Candice at cndcsutton@gmail.com

A Great Night Out

Come and join us for 'A Great Night Out'

Saturday April 21, 2018 at the DeWinton Community Hall

Doors open at 5:30. Buffet dinner at 7:00

Cash bar, fashion show, silent auction. Entertainment by: 'Ain't Mizbe-havin (Jazz singers featuring our own Pat Reader-Downey) and Malcolm Russell-Magician! Tickets at church office-\$50.00 cash or cheque. Silent Auction items are gratefully accepted at the church office, and will receive a tax deduction. We appreciate your support!

DeWinton's Mother's Day High Tea in the Country

When: Saturday, May 12th

Seating Time: 1:15 Tea Served: 2:00

Where: DeWinton Community Centre

Tickets: \$25/person

The DeWinton United Church is once again hosting the Mother's Day High Tea in the Country. Call Eileen Jewitt at 403-938-7856 for tickets. Donations will go to the School Lunch Program and Rowan House.



Turkey Pot Pies

The Harmony Group will be making their wonderful turkey pot pies on April 17th, 2018. The cost is \$6.00 per pie and pick up will be from 12:00 - 2:00pm on the same day. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the Foyer.

Bible Study

Join us on Thursdays from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. No biblical knowledge

Gospel Night

Come and listen as many choirs from the Foothills present Gospel Night. An evening of Gospel and Praise Music. No charge but there will be a Free Will Offering for intermission snacks. **Sunday April 15th, 7 pm Okotoks United Church.** All are welcome!

Healing Pathways Ministry

The Healing Pathways Ministry will provide sessions on the first and third Monday of each month from 1 to 4pm. Please contact Gisela Dyck at 403 938-2506.

March Monthly Financials

Monthly income: \$26,136

Monthly expense: \$21,314

YTD income: \$67,620

YTD expense: \$68,968

Transfer to Mortgage Fund this month: \$1500

Transfer to Mortgage Fund year to date: \$4500

High River Baptist Church-The Master's Singers

The Master's Singers will be performing at the High River Baptist Church to bless their community and church family with a concert on Sunday, April 29th at 7:00 pm. Check out their ministry in music at www.themastersingers.org. There is no admission charge but there will be a free will offering opportunity. For more information please call Brian Draper at 403-570-0410.

Pulpit Supply - Anointing with Oil

Just a reminder that anointing with oil either on your forehead or hand is available each Sunday.