

MISSION POSSIBLE 2017 TRIP INFORMATION SESSION

TODAY - October 23rd 12:30pm

The session will be following the service at 12:30pm and will last approximately 1 hour.

For more information please contact Gary Dzurka at gdzurka@xplornet.ca or phone at 403-938-3945.

PASTORAL CARE...Compassionately Caring for and Supporting Each Other

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?

Do you have a passion for people?

Please join Anne Scappaticci and myself as we engage in an exercise to create a meaningful vision for our Okotoks United Pastoral Care Ministry.

DATE: October 23, 2016
TIME: Immediately following church service until 2:00pm
LOCATION: Upstairs in boardroom at church

Light lunch will be provided

Please RSVP on the sign up sheet located at the back of the church or to Julie Leggett at okpastoralcare@telus.net or 403-827-5131 so we can confirm lunch numbers.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Kid's Ministry is looking for you! **We are looking for volunteers to lead Sunday School during the fall.** But here is the fun part, the curriculum is up to you! Do you have a skill you would like to share, an organization you are a part of? Talents are meant to be shared, are you musical, artistic, do you have stories to share, activities to show off? We want to share the experiences and talents of our congregation with the children and youth of the church. You don't need any experience either, Candice will help you to design your lesson and make sure you have it all set-up for your Sunday. All you need to do is sign-up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer or contact Candice either at church on Sundays or via email at cncdsutton@gmail.com.

Please come join us upstairs this fall! *Candice Sutton*



**Sunday
October 16, 2016**

"HATS OFF" - SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday the 5th of November is the day when the Governing Board and the Ministerial Board celebrates you, the congregation of the Okotoks United Church for your hard work and your sustaining spirit. **At 5:30pm** it will be time to take our **"Hats Off"** to all who during the past year have created and maintained no less than 40 Ministries in our Church.

There will be pre-dinner activities, non-alcohol drinks, a free dinner in the Sanctuary Dining Room, entertainment and a guest speaker.

Invitations are available for pick up in the Foyer, please RSVP as soon as possible. A sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the Foyer or you can call the Church office. Entertainment is a Congregational Variety Concert, the Guest Speaker is Dr. Rev. John Pentland from Hillhurst United in Calgary. Children's activities and child care will be available throughout the evening.
Hope to see you all there!

THANK YOU!!

Our Kids Ministry curriculum is entitled 'It takes a Village', but this also applies to our Turkey Supper. It takes a village to cook, serve, clear, clean and eat 22 turkeys with all of the trimmings.

Thank you to each donor, volunteer and diner for making the 2016 Turkey Supper a success...it cannot happen without you!

OUC JACKET RACKET 2016

The Jacket Racket program will begin on **Saturday October 22.** **We are looking for several volunteers to help** and sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Foyer along with a poster of the program dates and drop off locations.

We are also looking for donations of coats, hats, scarves, mitts and winter foot wear in good, clean used condition.

A drop box is located in the Foyer.

If you have any questions, please contact Denyse in the office. Thank you.

KIDS & YOUTH MINISTRY

October

- Oct-16 Pageant Casting, Youth Forum with Melanie
It Takes a Village Presenter
Oct-21 Youth Group Backyard Fun with Maureen
Oct-23 PP1 Pageant Table read - Youth Dean Salter - Michael Moose
Oct-30 PP 2 It Takes a Village Presenter

It is that time of year again. Christmas Pageant is upon us!

This year we will be performing 'The Landlord's Cat.'

Casting will take place **TODAY October 16** with a sign-up following service in the sanctuary.

A character list will be posted on the Kid's Ministry bulletin board in the foyer.

If you are interested in performing this year, please join us on the 16th.

If you are not able to come that day, but still want to participate, please email me at cnecsutton@gmail.com.

Thank you - Candice Sutton

FT. MAC RECOVERY BENEFIT CONCERT

'Harvest of Hope'

October 28 in Okotoks at the Okotoks Alliance Church

This concert will feature local musicians, musical ensembles & various theatrical pieces, as a collaboration between Dewdney Players Group Theatre & the Foothills Philharmonic Chorus. **All proceeds from the concert, program & silent auction will go to the Wood Buffalo Food Bank to help the residents of Fort McMurray, who are struggling in the wake of devastating fires and floods that occurred earlier this year.**

**Tickets are \$20 for Adults and \$15 for Seniors/Children
(Children under 12 are Free).**

**Tickets are available for purchase from the Okotoks Alliance Church
(403-938-2614), Monday-Friday 9am-4pm.**

CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY

DeWinton United Church , Sunday December 4, 2016 @ 7:00pm

Tickets are \$15.00

Available at the OUC church office or any DeWinton member

OCTOBER FOOD MONTH

October is the month when we celebrate the good things God has provided for us. We begin the month with **World Communion Sunday**, then **Thanksgiving**, and the following Sunday **World Food Sunday** when the Worship Committee will provide lunch.

During these three Sundays we will be gathering items for the Food Bank in advance of the Christmas rush. If you would like to donate to the Food Bank, please bring your items the first three Sundays of October and we will deliver them. Items greatly appreciated at this time of the year are items for kid's lunches, canned goods, cereals, cleaning items, diapers, toiletries, toilet paper.

You can find a list of other items needed at okotoksfoodbank.ca.

"CELEBRATING SMALL CHURCHES"

On Saturday, October 29th from 11:00 – 3:00 p.m. Foothills Presbytery is hosting a "Celebrating Small Churches" event at Red Deer Lake Community Hall. This is a free event with a hot catered meal and good conversation with other churches in our Presbytery. Discussion will take place around the important role that church plays in community life. There will be some presentations as well as facilitated discussions around what the church is and can be. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer. **Only 150 people can be accommodated and it is first come, first served, so sign up soon if you're interested.**

**Please attend if you sign up as seating is restricted
and a seat and meal will be held for you.**

"END OF LIFE ISSUES" WORKSHOP

Join Julia on **Saturday, October 22th from 9:30 – 3:00** for a workshop exploring "end of life" issues. Planning and preparing so my family knows my wishes, funerals, power of attorney, wills, living and dying well, grief and other relevant issues will be discussed. **Cost: \$15.00** (includes lunch and all materials). This workshop is helpful for those who want to be prepared at the end of their lives or for those who are caring for someone near the end of their life or for those just wanting to know more about these issues.

Please sign-up on bulletin board if you plan to attend.

WHAT'S YOUR LEGACY?

Kathryn Hofley, The United Church of Canada's regional Financial Development Officer has been invited to Okotoks United to share with us estate-planning options and information. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend on **Thursday, November 3rd at 7:00 p.m.** Learn how you can forward the mission of our congregation and the United Church of Canada. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer if you are planning to attend.