



**Sunday
October 30, 2016**

GETTING THROUGH THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Are you dreading the holiday season due to the death of a loved one?
Are you struggling with how you'll get through it?
Is it difficult to imagine being "merry"?

We can help you prepare and cope. This workshop is for you.

Wednesday November 16, 2016

Okotoks United Church

1-3pm or 7-9pm

Facilitator: Rev. Marilyn Evans

To register or inquire call or text (403) 462-9041

or email mjevans2012@gmail.com

For more info see the poster on the Church bulletin board in the Foyer.

OUK CHRISTMAS MARKET

Fri. Nov 25 from 3 - 7pm and Sat. Nov 26 from 9 am - 2 pm.
"Treasures" Tables, Baking, Crafts & Much More!

The "Treasures Tables" are a great place to purchase new (or very gently used items) or crafts for Christmas. Since the flood, many people are going to find Christmas a very challenging time, especially financially, so the Market is a great place to shop. It is also a great place to purchase stocking stuffers and that perfect "little" item, or a bigger item with a little price tag.

If you have items to donate, or wish more information, contact Mary Willis at 403-995-1055. There is a donation box in the foyer of the Church for items. Volunteers are needed to help with the Market, sign up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the Foyer.

The OUC Harmony Group runs the Bake/Craft Tables. We have primarily sold cookies in the past, but this year are looking for any kind of holiday-type of baking, cookies included. We encourage you to "fancy" your baking up, perhaps putting it on a Christmas paper plate, with a bow on top but, if you wish to just drop it off, we can do this for you. Baking/Crafts can be dropped off at Okotoks United Church, **Friday Nov. 25 after 9:00am.** **Please label your items and include whether they contain nuts or not.**

OUK JACKET RACKET 2016

The Jacket Racket program will begin on **Saturday October 22** and will run until **Monday November 14.**

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

A drop box for donations is located in the Foyer.

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

"FALL BACK" TIME CHANGE

Sunday November 6

Don't forget to change your clocks back 1 hour!

"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.

RSVP deadline is Monday October 31. A sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the Foyer or you can call the Church office.

Entertainment: Congregational Variety Concert
Guest Speaker: Dr. Rev. John Pentland, Hillhurst United Calgary.
Children's activities and child care will be available throughout the evening.

Hope to see you all there!

IT TAKES A TEAM

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to become a caring member of our Sunday morning team; Greeters, Ushers and Hospitality. We extend a warm invitation to everyone who is interested to join us

Monday, November 14th, 6:30-7:30 pm

in the sanctuary for an informational gathering.

As exciting changes are being implemented we would ask all of our current group to please attend.

KIDS & YOUTH MINISTRY

October

Oct-30 PP 2 It Takes a Village Presenter

November

Nov-06 PP2 Arlene and Quinton: Therapy Dogs
Nov-04 Youth Group Melanie Toews
Nov-13 PP3, Youth Forum April Jordan
Nov-18 Youth Group Nancy Ferguson
Nov-20 Intergen PP4
Nov-27 PP5 Pageant Rehearsal/Costume fittings

OUC MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

Held the 4th Saturday of each month @ 9:00am

Everyone welcome!

BECOMING A MEMBER OF OKOTOKS/DEWINTON UNITED CHURCH

Joining the church is a choice each of us makes when we decide that this is the community we want to serve and belong to. It is not necessary to join the church in order to participate in the work and life of the community. Membership does allow you to vote when choosing a new minister or changing some aspects of the work of the church. In other words, everyone is welcome. Joining the church is simply another step in your journey toward a commitment to the United Church and the work of a particular community.

If you would like to know more about membership or want to join the church, please join Julia for a New Member's Class on Saturday, November 12th from 9:00 am - 3:00 p.m. This is a class for anyone who wants to know more about the church. No commitment necessary. Please sign up on bulletin board in the foyer. We will be receiving new members on Sunday, November 27th during worship.

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

If you are already a member of the United Church but have not transferred your membership to Okotoks or DeWinton, please call or email Denyse in the office to make arrangements to have your membership transferred.

This takes a few weeks so please call soon. Rev. Julia

CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY

DeWinton United Church
Sunday December 4, 2016 @ 7:00pm
Tickets are \$15.00
They are available at the OUC church office
or from any DeWinton member

OUC 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Okotoks United Church has been in ministry since 1917 serving members of Okotoks and the surrounding areas.

Many people have contributed to the life and work of the church over the years and we warmly welcome you to join us for our 100th anniversary.

**Saturday June 24, 2017: 7:00pm at the original church building
3 Elma Street E. Okotoks**

**Sunday June 25, 2017: 10:45am at the new church building
43 Riverside Drive Okotoks**

Please watch our website at www.okunited.ca
and our announcements for more details!

UNITED CHURCH IN THE VALLEY REMEMBRANCE DAY VETAN'S DINNER

Griffiths Memorial Centre (wheelchair accessible)
Government Road, Black Diamond

Thursday November 10, 2016 @ 5:30pm

Tickets: Adults: \$15, Veteran's: \$10, Children (6-12) \$5

Available in the OUC office or from John at (403) 938-4063

Menu: lasagna, caesar salad, garlic toast, desserts, coffee, tea & juice

HEALING PATHWAY MINISTRY HOURS

The Healing Ministry will provide sessions on the
first and third Monday of each month from 1-4pm.

Please contact Gisela Dyck at (403) 938-2506.

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.