

Kids' Ministry

Schedule for February 2019

February 24, 2019 Acts of Kindness



Congregational Care Thank You

I have been in the process of recognizing those who were so helpful and so generous and compassionate to Sharon and me during our period of crisis and to me following her passing. There really is no adequate way to appreciate the support we received from your group and the congregation as a whole. The comfort and strength you gave us was so very vital in our time of need. I write this not only from my position of gratitude but for Sharon as well. She told me several times of her appreciation and I know she would want me to formally make this known to you. The success of the Okotoks United Church is very much the product of your outstanding selflessness and support. Thank you. God bless you all. Jack

Get Your Fill of Pancakes

Shrove Tuesday is just around the corner. **Tuesday, March 5th** is Shrove Tuesday. The youth and men of the congregation will be serving up pancakes and sausages from 5 – 7 p.m. Drop-in for a bite to eat and some good conversation. Cost is by donation. Proceeds go to the Youth for projects.



International Women's Day 2019

When: Friday, March 8th – 5:30 – 8:30

Where: Okotoks United Church

We are celebrating our 4th Annual Event at Okotoks United Church. International Women's Day is dedicated to celebrating women all around the world and this year's global theme is Balance for Better and we are doing that through greater understanding of living in a culturally diverse society. Please come with your favorite pot luck dish and join us for a wonderful dinner, engaging conversation, and a delightful and informative speaker! A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Announcements

Sunday, February 24, 2019

This Week...

Thursday - Bible Study - Conference Room - 10:00 - 11:30 am - all welcome

Thursday - Choir Practice - Sanctuary - 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Pi/Pie Day

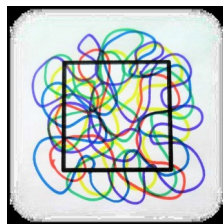
As you read in the Annual Report, the Board this past year approved the initiation of the Affirming Process for Okotoks United Church. The Affirming Process is a time of discernment meant to explore the desire of the congregation to become an affirming congregation of the United Church of Canada. This means that we would intentionally and publicly declare our support of the LGBTQ2+ community, along with all other people who might live on the fringes of society. The process can take up to 2 years and at that time, the congregation would vote on this intention. We engage the process through education, dialogue and public engagement. To kick off the process, the Affirm Team of Okotoks United Church will be hosting a **PI/Pie Day on Sunday March 10th** following the morning service. We will be serving homemade pie and sharing some literature with the congregation. At that time we will have sign-up sheets for several opportunities to learn more and ask questions as we start on this exciting journey. Please join us on **March 10th** to learn more.

Photo Church Directory - Volunteer Needed

We need a volunteer photographer to photograph congregation members for our new photo church directory. If you are interested or have any questions please get in touch with Karen Pryznyk by email at karenpryznyk@gmail.com.

Images of Spirituality - Praying Outside the Lines

JOIN US AT ENTHEOS for the 30th Annual Gathering
Together, we will engage in discussion, stories, music, worship, creative arts, reflection, and contemplation and come in closer contact with ourselves and God. We invite you to join us – our gathering will be inspirational and spiritual. Space is limited. Registrations will be accepted on a “first come, first served” basis. Please register early to avoid disappointment.



REGISTRATION FEES

Fees cover double accommodation, food, and program

\$240 by March 9, 2019

\$260 after that date

Non-refundable registration fee of \$80.00

A limited number of bursaries are available to cover a portion of the registration fee.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information about the gathering and accommodations, as well as additional registration forms, visit their web site:

www.imagesofspirituality.ca

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Healing Ministry

The Healing 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.

It's Time to Sing!

We would love to have you come sing with us. Practices are held Thursday nights at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary at the church. All are welcome, no matter your musical ability. We love to just have fun!



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.



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.

“Walk and Talk”

Was getting more exercise one of your goals for this year? Or do you just want some company while you walk?



Join Julia between 9 – 10 a.m. Tuesdays at the **Crescent Point Field House in Aldersyde** for an opportunity to walk on the indoor track and get to know others. There is no cost and will be on a drop-in basis. **Please bring indoor walking shoes.** We'll move it outside when the weather gets nicer.

Prayer Workshop

Prayer is not only a vital and transformative element of our Christian faith, it is critical to our relationship and communion with God. Yet many of us find prayer difficult, dry and unfulfilling. And often we don't know what to do or how to pray. Join Julia on **Saturday, March 13th from 9:30 – 12:30** for a **Prayer Workshop** where we will learn different styles of prayer and engage the practice of prayer.

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer or speak to Julia.