



**Sunday  
November 6, 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](mailto:mjevans2012@gmail.com)**

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

### **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

### **OUC 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.**

### **MISSION POSSIBLE 2017 TRIP INFORMATION SESSION** **SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20 @ 7:00PM**

Are you one of the many who have seen the post trip presentations and thought "that should be me"? Well here is your chance. The Mission Possible Team will be travelling back to the DR on **April 13th through April 23rd of 2017**. We will be having an information session where we will review our partner T.E.A.R.S, the work done, the tentative schedule and costs. **The session will be in the upstairs boardroom at 7pm and will last approximately 1 hour.** There is no obligation of joining the team should you attend the meeting. So come out and learn more about our partnership with T.E.A.R.S and your chance for a trip of a lifetime. Team members in the past have ranged from 10 to 70 years old. **For more information please contact Gary Dzurka at [gdzurka@xplornet.ca](mailto:gdzurka@xplornet.ca) or phone at 403-938-3945.**

### **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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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

### **NEW LADIES GROUP**

Ladies, a new group has been formed with the plan of spending time together to visit, go on outings, etc. What a great way to get to know the wonderful women of our church. Everyone are welcome whether you are new to our church or a long-standing attendee. We will be meeting in the evenings and the next meeting will be at **Linda's house on November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 at 133 Tucker Circle.** Our theme will be "Let it go".

Please feel free to give Linda Wilson a call at 403-862-3609 if you have any questions or if you can attend.

**Hope to see you there!**

### **2017 UNITED CHURCH CALENDARS FOR SALE**

This years calendar will be available for purchase each Sunday at our Mission Possible Table as well as through Denyse at the Church Office during the week. Calendars are \$10.00 each and all proceeds will go to our projects in the Dominican Republic. We only have 18 copies so get yours

## **KIDS & YOUTH MINISTRY**

### **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**

Our next Men's Group meeting will be moved ahead a week from **Saturday Nov. 26 to Saturday, December 3.** We'll meet for breakfast by the Fireside Room at 9 a.m. and have some Christmas fun talking about the people/events/things that have inspired us over the years. **All are welcome.**

## **OUC 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. The market is a great place to shop, 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 donations. Volunteers are needed to help with the Treasures tables, signup 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.**

**Volunteers are needed to help with the Harmony Group tables, signup sheets are located on the bulletin board in the Foyer**  
**Contact Amy Mounkes or Marg Smith if you have any questions.**

## **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](http://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.

## **OUC FIRESIDE BOOK CLUB**

**On Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, the Book Club will be meeting at the church in the Upper Fireside Room at 7:00 p.m. to discuss "The Nightingale" by Kristin Hanna. If you enjoy reading - please join us.**  
**Any questions, call Sharon at 403 995 4373.**

## **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**