

KID'S & YOUTH MINISTRY

May 8 April Jordan, Wendy - Nursery Madison
May 13 Youth Group - TBA Melanie & Ken T.
May 15 Pentecost Sunday, Youth Forum, Church bday party
Corinne, Melanie
May 22 Curriculum - Carol

HEALING PATHWAY MINISTRY HOURS

The Healing Ministry will provide sessions on the
first and third Monday of each month from 1-4pm.
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SUNDAY MAY 8, 2016

TRAGEDY IN FORT MCMURRAY

Dear Friends in Christ

The devastating fire in Fort McMurray and the heart-breaking situations of all who live there continue to weigh heavy on us this week as we have watched the tragedy unfold. Our hearts go out to all who have lost their homes and possessions, some of whom we may know. As a church we will be looking at how we might best respond in the coming days, weeks and months. We will be having these conversations at our Boards and invite you into the conversation when possible. In the meantime, we encourage you to contribute as you can through the Canadian Red Cross, who are there on the ground, at <https://donate.redcross.ca>. The Federal Government has agreed to match any funds contributed to the Red Cross so we see this as a good option at this time. Please watch for further opportunities to assist and we will let you know how we can respond as a community. Please continue to pray for all involved, including 1st responders, government at all levels, and the people directly affected. We trust that God is present and at work in many lives through this time.

SUNDAY COFFEE HELPERS

We are looking for volunteers to help with coffee on each of the following Sunday's:

May 22

This will include preparing the coffee, serving and clean up.
If you are able to help, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Foyer.

Please note there will be no coffee prior to service on these dates.

Thank you

FOOD FOR FUN

The next lunch will be held right after the church service on **Sunday May 15.**
Everyone welcome!

CANYON CHURCH CAMP

One of the greatest experiences of Christian community and opportunities for growth in faith come from Christian camping adventures. Brochures for **Canyon Church Camp 2016** are now out. There are 6 camps for children and youth ranging in age from 6-18. Costs for camps are reasonable and a great opportunity for kids make some friends and explore the beautiful country of Waterton Lakes National Park. See the bulletin board for further details.

MEN'S GROUP MEETING

The response to having a men's group at our church has been very positive so we're having a relatively brief organizational meeting **right after the church service on May 15 in the Chapel.**
All are welcome.

DEWINTON PLANT FUNDRAISER

**This year we are selling 12" hanging planters - \$25.00,
12" planters - \$30.00 and 18" planters - \$50.00**

Please place your order on the sign up sheet in the foyer and drop your payment off in the church office. **Order deadline is Friday May 13 and pick up will be on Tuesday May 31 at OUC, time TBA.**
Please call Bonnie at (587) 226-3839 if you have any questions.

LAST CALL - OUTSIDE CHURCH MAINTENANCE

We are still looking for someone with a power washer who is willing to come by and power wash the wrap around veranda and front entrance of the church. If you are able to help with this request, please contact the church office to make arrangements.

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Are you curious about our church history or want to learn more? **Join Joanne for this 6 part series as we explore our past.** Bring your stories or just come to listen and learn. **Everyone welcome!**

Part IV 1972 - 1989	Tues. May 24, 2016	7:00-9:00pm
Part V 1990 - 2000	Tues. June 21, 2016	7:00-9:00pm

FOOTHILLS PHILHARMONIC CHORUS

FPC are holding two concerts at OUC on
Friday May 13 & Saturday May 14
Pre-concert Talk 6:30pm, Concert 7:00pm
General Admission - \$20, Students - \$18
Children 10 and under - FREE!
Please see their poster on the Community Board
in the Foyer for more information.

NEW ZEALAND & AUSTRALIA TOUR

Reverends Karen and David Holmes of Calgary are hosting a tour of New Zealand and Australia November 4-25, 2016. It promises to be an exciting adventure and Karen and David will be wonderful hosts. Take a look at the brochure on the bulletin board for details. Contact Rostad tours or Karen and David directly (contact info found in brochure) if you are interested.

THE OKOTOKS FOOD BANK GENERAL MEETING

Monday, May 9, 2016 at 7:00pm @ at the Okotoks United Church
All Volunteers of the Okotoks Food Bank Association are invited to attend along with any interested members of the community. Any Volunteers wanting to apply for membership, please contact the office at (403) 651-6629 to obtain an Application Form.

"PASTORAL CARE...COMPASSIONAETLY CARING FOR AND SUPPORTING EACH OTHER"

My name is Julie Leggett and I have been recently hired as the Pastoral Care Leader for Okotoks United Church. I am truly looking forward to helping grow this most important ministry in our church.

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED YOU ASK?

TWO SIMPLE WAYS:

1. ***Strength in Prayer***" Join a prayer chain/group." Prayer requests are emailed to those of you on our "list" to include with your prayers.
2. ***'Food for the Soul'*** Join an email list of people who would be willing to do a bit of baking or cooking on short notice when the need arises. An email request will be sent out to our list of participants and you reply if you are able to help out with a particular request.

Please sign up for the above groups on the bulletin board in the Foyer. Contact Julie Leggett at (403) 827-5131 if you have any questions or with any pastoral care questions/concerns you may have or be aware of.