

Ladies Retreat

Would you like a break from the craziness of life and have some fun, fellowship, relaxation, fresh air, time for you. Consider attending the **Ladies "Transformation" Retreat** at beautiful Kings Fold Retreat Centre, 30 minutes northwest of Cochrane on highway 40.

June 16-18, 2017 - only 22 beds left

Registration and payment no later than March 12, 2017

Cost is \$225.00 includes shared room, meals etc.

Spouses, what a great Christmas gift, a gift of time for herself!

Save your nickels (cause there are no pennies)! With Rev. Julia facilitating this is sure to be rejuvenating retreat and may fill up fast. Be sure to add your name to the sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

Call Linda Wilson at 403-862-3609 for any questions.

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.

OUC - SNOW REMOVAL

Winter is upon us shortly. We would like to enlist the support of **volunteers to help with the removal of snow through a weekly schedule.**

This will make the commitment less intimidating for everyone involved. We have a blower for light snowfalls and a snow blower for heavier dumps.

Thanks for your consideration and assistance in helping with the snow removal. **There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Foyer.**

MISSION POSSIBLE 2017 TRIP INFORMATION SESSION TODAY - 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 or phone at 403-938-3945.**



**Sunday
November 20, 2016**

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, 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.**

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

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 21st 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!

KIDS & YOUTH MINISTRY

November

Nov-20 Intergen PP4
Nov-27 PP5 Pageant Rehearsal/Costume fittings

December

Dec-02 Youth Group with Nancy Ferguson
Dec-04 PP6 It Takes a Village Presenter - Rob, Search & Rescue
Dec-09 Pageant Dress Rehearsal, 6:00-7:30pm
Dec-11 Pageant Performance, The Landlord's Cat
Dec-16 Youth Group with Nancy Ferguson
Dec-18 Kid's Christmas Party

OUC 100TH ANNIVERSARY

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

The Centennial Committee would like to know if you have any photos, church documents or artifacts that are relevant to our history. Please contact Joanne at 403-938-3945 or dzurkaj@xplornet.ca by December 31, 2016 if you have something to share. **The Committee meets again on Mon Nov. 28 at 10am in the Chapel.** This is an open committee and all are welcome to attend.

OUC FIRESIDE BOOK CLUB

The Book Club meets on the first Monday of each month in the Fireside Room at 7:00 p.m., unless it falls on a statutory holiday, then we automatically move to the following Monday.

Dates to the end of this Book Year::

Monday's December 5, 2016
January 2, February 6, March 6, April 3, 2017

If you enjoy reading - please join us.
Any questions, call Sharon Parsons at 403 995 4373.

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?

Please join Anne Scappaticci and I as we continue to build on the INSPIRATIONAL work that began at our October visioning session...

ALL are WELCOME whether or not you attended first session...
only requirement: PASSION FOR PEOPLE

DATE: November 27, 2016

TIME: Immediately following church service until 2:00pm

LOCATION: Upstairs in church boardroom.

Light lunch will be provided.

Please RSVP by November 23rd on the sign up sheet located on the bulletin board in the Foyer or to Julie Leggett at okpastoralcare@telus.net or 403-827-5131

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.

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

It's time to put together the Annual Report for 2016. This is your chance to share the good works that have been happening in your area of ministry with the rest of the congregation. If you do not have a copy of the guidelines for report content please ask Joanne Dzurka to provide you with one. Annual report submissions are due by **December 14, 2016**. Organization and presentation of the content is a time consuming process so the sooner you can send your content the better. Thank you!

Please email your report to: dzurkaj@xplornet.ca.

OUC MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

Our Men's Group's next meeting will be **Saturday Dec. 3 at 9:00 a.m.** After a fine breakfast we are pleased to have as our **guest speaker Rob Rossi**, who will talk about his work as a search and rescue operations leader in our area. The Men's Group is a very new group at OUC and we warmly welcome everyone to our breakfast and program.

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A huge thank to the 21 OUC volunteers who signed up to collect donations and run the weekly sessions, and to everyone who donated to the program. We were able to serve 125 people, and donate 25 bags of winter wear to the Calgary Drop In Centre!