

KIDS MINISTRY

- Nov 29: Curriculum with Carol & Corinne, Youth Forum
12-2 Pageant practice
Dec 6: Godly Play with Heather, Wendy & Candice
12-2 Pageant practice
Dec 13: Pageant "Straw & Order"

YOUTH GROUP

Open to all youth ages 12 - 18

Dec 11 - Christmas Party with Ken & Melanie Toews

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of our great volunteers and generous donors for helping to make our annual Jacket Racket program a huge success again this year. We had a great response both with donations and those who were in need that came by to access the program.

We are happy to pass on their gratefulness to our generous community!

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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29, 2015

WHAT'S HAPPENING??

Please be sure to check the OUC Church News Board and the Community News Board in the Foyer for all the exciting upcoming events!

BOOKING SPACE?

With all of the Church activities, ministries and outside events happening in the building it is important to check with Denyse in the office for availability and securing of space for any and all activities. This will help ensure that you have the space you need when you need it without booking conflicts.

Thank you in advance for keeping this in mind when you are planning your events, meetings and activities.

CALLING ALL YOUTH!

Looking to get confirmed in the United Church?

Confirmation classes start this January!

January 9th to the 30th (every Saturday) from 10:00am-12:00pm
classes will span theological studies to history, all in preparation for confirmation at the Easter service.

For more information please contact Candice or Julia.

To register, please contact Denyse at the office.

A SPECIAL INVITATION

Please join us throughout the season of Advent, beginning next Sunday, as we anticipate the Christian New Year and coming of Christmas. It will be a special time as we travel together toward Bethlehem.

Rev. Julia

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY JANUARY 31, 2016 - 2015 AGM

The Ministry board, responsible for all programs that relate to the life, worship and work of the congregation, is accepting nominations for the AGM on January 31, 2016.

All board positions are 2 year terms. Meetings are held once a month. There are additional meetings with the Governing board. This is a fantastic opportunity to deepen your faith, learn more about your church and to further our mission: With Gods help we are: Following Jesus, Reaching Others and Changing Lives.

If you are interested please contact Joanne Dzurka for more information at 403-938-3945 or dzurkaj@xplornet.ca.

***Please note nominations will not be taken from the floor at the AGM.*

DEWINTON COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

Sunday December 6 @ 7:00 pm

Tickets \$15.00

Available from the OUC office or any DeWinton member

Limited seating so get your tickets early!

WEEKLY MEDITATION GATHERING AT OUC

Every Wednesday morning at 10:00am in the OUC Upper Fireside Room.

Christine Wushke will be leading Mindful Meditation on Wed Dec 2.

Please see the poster on the bulletin board in the Foyer for more Special Guest appearances that are lined up (cost by donation).

Regular weekly meditation is free of charge, everyone welcome!

HEALING MINISTRY HOURS

The Healing Ministry will provide treatments upon special request only.

The available hours are the **first and third Monday of each month from 1-4pm.** Please contact Gisela Dyck at (403) 938 - 2506.

OUC FIRESIDE BOOK CLUB

There will be no meeting in December. Our next will be **January 4, 2016 at 7:00pm.** We will be discussing the book: The Outlander by Gil Adamson. Everyone welcome!

2016 UNITED CHURCH CALENDARS FOR SALE

This year's calendars will be available for purchase **each Sunday at our Mission Possible Table or from Gary Dzurka.**

Calendars are **\$10.00 each** and all the proceeds will go to our projects in the Dominican Republic.

Copies are limited so get yours soon!

UNITED CHURCH 100th ANNIVERSARY

On **June 24, 2017** Okotoks United Church will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. The Joint board would like to invite anyone who has an interest in helping to prepare for this occasion to join the **"Centennial Committee"**. The Centennial Committee will be responsible for preparing a written history of the church and all activities and projects leading up to the anniversary. There will be a variety of opportunities to contribute to the work of this committee from story telling to helping to plan the celebration and more. If you are interested please contact Joanne Dzurka at dzurkaj@xplornet.ca or 403-938-3945.

"WHEN YOU COME WEARING SLIPPERS" LADIES RETREAT

Ladies are you tired and need a break from everyday life. Well, sign up for the Okotoks United Women's retreat! **April 29th to May 1st, 2016 at the FCJ Centre in Calgary**, located close to the Talisman Centre on the Bow River. This will be a small retreat and limited to 10 women. **Cost is \$175.00 per person** two sharing a room with two beds. Includes 4 meals, snacks, use of any room in the facility, media equipment etc. and accommodation. Rev. Julia will facilitate the weekend. Sign up soon as space is limited. Fun, fellowship, renewal, and great way to get to know the wonderful ladies in our church. **Spouses this would be a GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT (hint hint!)**

Sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board and a couple of volunteers would be appreciated to help. Final payment and attendance confirmation will be due the end of February and don't forget to bring your best or funniest slippers!

Any questions or concerns please call Linda Wilson at 403-862-3609.

AN APPEAL FROM THE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

We are in need of talented hands from time to time and would like create a resource pool that we can call on to assist in maintenance projects at the Church rather than have to hire a contractor. If you have some skills in the areas of carpentry, plumbing, siding and roofing, etc. or would just like to help out please let us know. Contact info below.

We are also into that dreaded winter time of year again which means that we need to clean snow. We are looking for some volunteers to help with snow clearing on the sidewalks and the parking lot. We would like to have some individuals who would be willing to check at the church early each morning before activities begin to ensure the doorways and sidewalks are clear and salted. Ideally we would like to set up a schedule with enough volunteers that each would only be responsible for 1 week or possibly 2 during the winter.

If you can help out in these areas please contact Peter Shiel: (587) 364-3744, peter.shiel49@gmail.com or leave your contact information at the office with Denyse.