

2017 UNITED CHURCH CALENDARS FOR SALE

This year's 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 signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Foyer.**



Ladies Group - "Jingle and Mingle"

The next ladies group meeting will be held in the Fireplace room (upstairs) on December 12th at 6:30. We will be having a potluck and some fun. All ladies welcome. If you have any questions call Linda at 403-862-3609. Hope to see you there!

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.

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.**



**Sunday
November 27, 2016**

JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER!

Okotoks United Church congregation members are planning to host Christmas day dinner in the afternoon at our church. There is a sign up sheet on the community bulletin board, please indicate how many of your party will attend, and if you are able to bring a dish for dinner. We will have turkey and all of the fixings along with social time, games, and good conversation. All are welcome to join, bring your friends and neighbours, and come! You can come cook with others at the church or prepare food at home to bring to the church. If you would like to contribute food but are not able to cook, let Jody Connors know and we can arrange for it to be prepared. If you can't bring any food to share you are still more than welcome to join in, please sign up on the sheet or email jodyconnors@gmail.com.

Merry Christmas!

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.

KIDS & YOUTH MINISTRY

November

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

Savage Chickens

by Doug Savage



www.savagechickens.com

OUK 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.

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.

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.

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A huge thank to the 21 OUK 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! Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's program a success!