

KIDS & YOUTH MINISTRY

JANUARY

Jan-15 New Year's Wishes
Jan-20 Youth Group
Jan-22 Valentines for Veterans
Jan-29 Communion, Let Your Light Shine!

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.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Bible study meets every Thursday from 10-11:30am in the Chapel.
We are currently studying the Letters of Paul.
Everyone Welcome!

2017 INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY CELEBRATION

This year's celebration at OUC will be held on

Wednesday March 8 from 5:30 - 9:30pm

The guest speakers will be Sherrie Botten & Carmen Taciune from

Rowan House Emergency Shelter

Empowering Women Through Healthy Relationships

There is no cost to attend, just bring a pot luck dish!

A sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the Foyer
or contact Carol Price at carol.a.price@shaw.ca

REMINDER

Thank you for remembering our scent sensitive friends
by limiting your use of fragrance & perfume.

OUC FIRESIDE BOOK CLUB

The next book club meeting is Monday February 6 @ 7pm in the Upper Fireside Room. If you enjoy reading - please join us.
Any questions, call Sharon Parsons at 403 995 4373.



**Sunday
January 22, 2017**

ONSITE DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

On **Sunday January 29 from 12-1pm** there will be a short information session on how to use the Onsite Defibrillator that is installed in the Foyer.

The session will be held in the conference room on the 2nd floor where we will show a short instructional DVD and then go down to the Foyer to have a look at the unit. Desiree Hart has offered to be on hand to answer any questions that may come up. Please register on the signup sheet located on the bulletin board in the Foyer.

CAPTURING WHO WE ARE

Do you have a hankering to do a little creative writing? Show off the programs and ministries of our church? Do you like putting things together?

Each year we try to put out an Annual Report that reflects our heart and spirit here at Okotoks United. Joanne Dzurka put out a beautiful report last year and is working on our 2016 report. We are looking for someone to take over this project, to make it their own. Or perhaps a team of "reporters" to capture what we do throughout the year. These reports are archived by the National Church for people to look at years from now.

If you are interested, please speak to Julia about what's involved. We'd like to get started now so we don't miss what happens this special anniversary year. Help us celebrate the year through words and pictures.

2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES

2017 offering envelopes are ready for pick up from the literature table.
If you no longer require your envelopes please advise Denyse in the office ASAP.

OUC MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

Our Men's Group meets **Saturday, January 28 at 9:00 a.m.** in the church. We'll have a fine breakfast and spend some time talking about the new year and what we'd like to do for activities and what we'd like to accomplish in 2017. **All are welcome.**

KIDS'S MINISTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Kid's Ministry is looking for volunteers for many programs this winter/spring. We require volunteers to assist in Sunday School and participate in the It Takes a Village Program. We also require additional volunteers to help with supervision of Youth Group. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer your time (we would be so grateful!)

Please contact Candice at cnecsutton@gmail.com

DEDICATED BY:

IN THE NAME OF:

For \$20.00 your dedication to a loved one, a special date or occasion could appear on the back of the Sunday bulletin!
We are also looking for photos for the bulletin covers.

Please contact Betty-Lou at
blbayley67@gmail.com to arrange
to be a bulletin sponsor or submit photos.

PASTORAL CARE...Compassionately Caring for and Supporting Each Other

Please join Anne Scappaticci and I as we pull together the final pieces of INSPIRATIONAL work that began at our October visioning session...This will be our final "visioning" session where we will present the draft material (including new name) that we have created based on your most valuable input gathered from the first two sessions. We'd also love your ideas on moving forward and setting up training/orientation topics and other ways to support those who provide congregational care and then we will discuss next steps in organizing a pastoral care team within our church.

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

DATE: Sunday January 29, 2017

TIME: Immediately following church service until 1:30pm

LOCATION: Upstairs in church boardroom.

Light lunch will be provided.

Please RSVP by January 25th 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 so we can confirm lunch numbers.

IN THE KNOW

We all know that when looking for information or a destination, most people these days will check out the World Wide Web. Joanne Dzurka has created a beautiful website that has been praised by many people looking to know more about our community. It is one of the primary tools we use for promoting what we do. And it is key to getting information to those outside of the church looking for a church home.

Joanne is moving on to other projects and will be giving up her job as our webmaster. We're looking for someone who will take over maintaining our website. The program for maintaining our website is very user friendly. If you have an interest in this project, please speak to Joanne or Julia to see what is entailed. It would require 1-2 hours per week and can be done from home.

Knowledge of the ministries and programs of the church would be an asset but can be learned.

THE CREMERY COMMUNITY MARKET

The 2017 market will run from June 11 - September 24, from 10:30-2pm.

Past volunteers will be contacted in the next few months to confirm your continued involvement and new volunteers can sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the Foyer.

For more information please contact Bev Carlson
at bevcarlson@nucleus.com or (403) 938-5396.

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 if you have something to share.

SPIRITWISE - MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN DYING

SpiritWise is presenting a Public Forum on the subject of Medical Assistance In Dying (MAID) on Wednesday February 1 @ 700pm at the High River United Church.

Please see the poster on the Community Board
in the Foyer for more information.