

Okotoks United Church School Lunch Program

The School Lunch Program has made arrangements with the Okotoks Bottle Depot to have bottles donated to the program. If you are recycling your bottles and cans please consider directing funds to the Okotoks United Church School Lunch Program. Thank-you.



Healing Pathway Ministry

The Healing Pathways Ministry will provide sessions on the first and third Monday of each month from 1 to 4pm. Please contact Gisela Dyck at 403 938-2506.



Salvation Army Kettle Campaign is looking for volunteers, Nov 17 - Dec 23, 2 hour shifts, both High River and Okotoks locations. Adults, supervised young people and groups welcome. For more information please call Lorelei Wilson at 403-601-9246.

Used Books Wanted

Do you have books you would like to donate for re-sale at **the OUC Christmas Market on November 24th & 25th**? If so - the Fireside Book Club would be ever so grateful and ask that you leave your donations in boxes marked **"Books"** at the East/West doors of the church or the Office Entrance off Riverside Drive. Donated treasures will be received until November 21st.



Upper Room

Copies of the November/December Upper Room are available on the literature table for \$3.00 each.

DeWinton Country Christmas:

December 3rd, 7:00 pm tickets are \$15. Please call Bonnie at 587-226-3839 for tickets.

Announcements Sunday, November 19, 2017

This Week...

Monday: Healing Touch - Healing Touch Room - 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Thursday: Choir Practice - Sanctuary - 7:30 pm

Friday: Christmas Market - Main Floor - 3:00 - 9:00 pm

Youth Group - Youth Room - 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Saturday: Christmas Market - Main Floor - 9:00 - 2:00 pm

New Members

Thinking about becoming a member of Okotoks United?

Membership is not about privilege but about commitment.

We commit to the church to declare our commitment to Christ and to the life and work of the church. We will be receiving new members on December 3rd, the first Sunday of Advent. If you would like to explore more about what it means to join and learn more about the United Church, please join Julia on **Sunday, November 19th from 1:30-4:30** for Membership Class. Sign-up on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) Seminar

Saturday, November 25, 10am -12pm at the Red Deer Lake United Church. We know that end-of-life care and medical assistance in dying are important, sensitive and emotional issues. Patients and families have many decisions to make when faced with end-of-life care. This is a free presentation and conversation for respectful information sharing and conversation around this topic. For more information please call 403-256-3181.

Okotoks United Church Christmas Market

Nov 24th 3 – 9 pm and Nov 25th 9 – 2 pm. The OUC Harmony Group will run the Bake Tables. This year we are looking for any kind of holiday-type of baking, including cookies .

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 can be dropped off at the Okotoks United Church, Thursday, Nov 23 after 9:00 am. Please label your items and include whether they contain nuts or not. Volunteers are also needed to help with the Harmony Group tables. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Foyer. Contact Gayle MacPherson at 403-938-1971 or Ellen Kneiss at 403-995-8060 if you need more information.



Join Us at High River United Church for a *Singing to End Hunger Concert*

Sunday November 26 at 7 pm A concert in support of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. This concert will include congregational singing and a choir put together just for this evening. **You are invited to join the choir for this concert. One practice needed: Nov. 23 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Email hruc@telus.net to sign up so your music can be ready for you.**



Congregational Care Team

Reaching out, supporting, encouraging and compassionately caring for one another is part of being a faith community.

Sometimes, regardless of age or life stage, we all need help and support to get through life's challenges. And so, we serve one another through kindness, humility, patience and gentleness - always aware of God's great love. Our Congregational Care Team invites you to reach out for our confidential spiritual and compassionate care, contact okcongregationalcare@telus.net or contact the church office at 403 938-4357.



Kids' Ministry

Just a reminder, children under the age of 4 need a parent/adult to join them up in our Sunday School. Thank-you for your cooperation.



Schedule for November:

Nov 17 - Youth Group
Nov 19 - The Legend of Candy Canes
Nov 26 - Intergeren

It's Time to Sing!

We would love to have you come sing with us. Practices are held Thursday nights at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary at the church. All are welcome, no matter your musical ability. We love to just have fun!



Food for Fun

Next Food for Fun: Sunday, November 19th. It's an opportunity for people to gather for fellowship and conversation. Each month we need 6 **NEW** people to sign up to bring soup (enough for 20 people), serve it and clean up after. Buns will be provided. Set-up will be taken care of. If we share the load, we hope that people will only have to do it once a year. Sign-up on bulletin board for November.



Bible Study

Join us on Thursdays from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. No biblical knowledge required. All are welcome.