

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.



Services for the Season

Sunday, December 17th – 7:00 p.m. (tonight)

De Winton Candlelight & Communion Service

Sunday, December 24th – 10:45 a.m.

Okotoks Family Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 24th – 9:00 p.m.

Okotoks Candlelight & Communion Service

White Gift Sunday

White Gift Sunday is December 17th. This year, as we have done in the past two years, we will be collecting gift cards for gas, groceries and household needs for the Benevolent Fund. Please bring your gifts to the service and we will continue to use them to serve those in need in our community throughout the year. Thank you for your generosity.

Announcements Sunday, December 17, 2017

This Week...

Tuesday: Cookie Delivery

**Sunday: Okotoks Family Christmas Eve Service - 10:45 am
Okotoks Candlelight & Communion Service - 9:00 pm**

Blessing Others with Cookies

Several years ago, a group of church angels got together to spread some holiday cheer. We distributed bags of cookies to those working evenings in our town (firefighters, police, EMS, gas attendants, etc.). We thought we'd do it again this year. So... this **Tuesday, December 19th at 6 p.m.** we'll meet at the church, pack some bags and be off to spread Christmas joy to people around town. If you would like to join us, please let Julia or Sharon Campbell know today following the service. Depending on how many people we get, we may spread out into groups. A few drivers will be needed.

Making Okotoks "Dementia Friendly"

Family Tear - a play that is a powerful portrayal of one family's experience with dementia will be performed on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary - Okotoks United Church. Please join us for this free community event - everyone welcome! Also provided at this event are refreshments, community resources and encouragement.

For more information please contact Jennifer Mallamo, Dementia Friendly Coordinator, Okotoks by email at Jennifer.mallamo@thebsf.ca



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.



Salvation Army Kettle Campaign is looking for volunteers, Dec 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.

Upper Room

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

Bible Study

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

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/December

Dec 17- Youth Group

Dec 17 - Pageant Performance

Dec 24 - No Sunday School

Dec 31 - The Pretzel Prayer



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!



Counters Needed

Do you like working with numbers? If so then I have an opportunity for you! During the past month we have had 2 counters retire. Two more people would make the rotation very easy as you would be counting approximately once every 6 weeks. If you are interested in taking on this important ministry please contact Betty-Lou either after church or via email at blbayley67@gmail.com.