

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 Pathways 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.



New Blood Performance

What: Poetry, Song, Dance - Contemporary & Traditional

When: Friday, April 13, 2018 at 7:30 pm

Where: Foothills Mennonite Church - 2115 Urbana Road N.W., Calgary

Tickets: \$14 at bit.ly/New-Blood

For more information please see the poster on the bulletin board in the Foyer.

DeWinton Annual General Meeting

Sunday, March 11th following the service. Pot luck lunch to follow.
Annual Reports will be available soon.

Harmony Group Meeting

The next Harmony Group Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 20th at 1:30.

2017 Tax Receipts

The 2017 Tax Receipts are available for pick up from the literature table in the Foyer.

Announcements Sunday, February 18, 2018

This Week...

Thursday - Bible Study - Chapel - 10:00 - 11:30 am

Thursday - Choir - Sanctuary - 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Friday - Youth Group - 7:00 - 9:00

Lenten Conversations

Beginning this Tuesday, February 20th, Julia will host a one-hour Lenten Conversation from 6:30 – 7:30 in the Board Room (upstairs). This will continue through the season of Lent. Topics will focus on the subject of the sermon that week and go from there. No need to sign up, just drop in. This is an opportunity for some rich discussion through the Lent season (and before Julia leaves for sabbatical).

Okotoks Annual General Meeting

Sunday, February 25th following the service. Please set aside time to attend this special annual meeting of the congregation. All who attend OUC are encouraged to attend. Questions are welcome. **Annual reports are available on the literature counter in the foyer.**

Seder Haggadah (Passover Meal and Liturgy)

On **Thursday March 29th from 5:30 – 7:30** the Worship Team will host a Seder meal to commemorate Jewish Passover, the festival Jesus observed with his disciples before his betrayal, crucifixion and resurrection. This is an opportunity to recall an important Jewish festival dedicated to freedom from slavery in Egypt and remember that liberation for all people is something we have in common with our Jewish brothers and sisters. This year we will be selling tickets at a cost of \$5.00 to cover costs of the meal. Please see Heather Puttee or the office for tickets.

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.



Bible Study

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

2018 Offering Envelopes

The 2018 offering envelopes are available for pick up from the literature table in the Foyer. **If you are currently on the list for envelopes but no longer require them or would like to start using envelopes, please notify the office via email at okunited@telus.net as soon as possible. Thank you.**

Reader's Digest Book

If you borrowed a Reader's Digest Christmas book recently, could you please return it as it is on loan to us and it is now due. Thank you.

Two books borrowed but not returned....

The Fourth Gospel by John Shelby Spong and Healing Touch The Church's Forgotten Language by Zach Thomas have been borrowed but not returned. If you could please return The Fourth Gospel book to Gisela Dyck and Healing Touch The Church's Forgotten Language book to the Church's library it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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 February

February 18 - Godly Play

February 25 - Coat of Many Colours



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!



Images of Spirituality Women's Retreat - Entheos Retreat Centre (West of Calgary)

When: April 6th – 8th, 2018

Facilitator: Shirley Cunningham (author of *Kissed by God: Holy Women Create!* and *Chasing God.*)

Worship Leader: Julia Kimmett

The annual **Images of Spirituality** gathering follows a long Christian tradition of "taking time away." It is an occasion for women to come and rest for a while in a quiet place away from their daily pre-occupations. In an atmosphere of openness, freedom and love, women gather to explore facets of spirituality, theology, and worship. Each participant has the opportunity to reflect on her own spiritual journey in order to return home rejuvenated by the weekend experience.

Please see <http://www.imagesofspirituality.ca> to register or for more information.