

### KIDS MINISTRY

January 31 Special guest Dean Salter "Michael Moose"  
February 7 Intergenerational Service  
February 14 Communion  
Food For Fun Lunch - sponsored by Kids Ministry  
Curriculum - Carol

### YOUTH GROUP

February 5 - Nancy Ferguson  
February 19 - Melanie & Ken Toews

### HEALING PATHWAY MINISTRY HOURS

The Healing Ministry will provide sessions on the  
**first and third Monday of each month from 1-4pm.**  
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**SUNDAY JANUARY 24, 2016**

### 2016 OUC AGM SUNDAY - JANUARY 31, 2016

Please pick up the Okotoks United Church *Annual Report* in preparation for our Annual General Meeting on **January 31, 2016**. A light lunch will be served followed by our meeting. This year in addition our regular business we will be voting on whether or not we will sponsor refugees.

**Please plan to attend and let your voice be heard.**

### 2016 DEWINTON AGM - SUNDAY FEBRUARY 21

**Sunday February 21, 2016**

**Immediately after worship at 9:45am, pot luck to follow**

### SHROVE TUESDAY - PANCAKE SUPPER

**FEBRUARY 9, 2016**

**4:00 - 6:00pm**

**Everyone welcome!**

### Ladies Night Out -Saturday March 5, 2016

**DeWinton Community Hall - Doors open at 5:30, Cocktails,  
3 course dinner, silent auction, fashion show and entertainment!**

**This year we present "Crooning Through Time"**

**starring Robbie Maxwell**

**Tickets are \$45.00**

Available in the church office, or see Heather Avis at church on Sundays. **Exact cash or cheque gratefully requested.**

For more information or to reserve your table of 8 or more, please call Heather at (403) 995-1141.

Did you know that silent auction donations are tax deductible? Let us know what the value is of the donation, and it can be added to your church givings.

**ALL DONATIONS VERY GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED.**

Just drop them off at the church office or contact Heather at (403) 995-1141 or Pat at (403) 938-7533.

### 2016 OFFERING ENVELOPES

2016 offering envelopes are available for pick up from the literature table in the Foyer. Please note these start on January 3, 2016, do not use 2015 offering envelopes after December 2015. If you don't have offering envelopes but would like them, or have them and no longer need them, please contact Denyse in the church office.

### OUC FIRESIDE BOOK CLUB

The OUC Book Club will be meeting on **Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7pm** in the main floor Fireside room. The book to be discussed is **"The Cuckoo's Calling"** by Robert Galbraith/J.K. Rowling - the first in a series of well written 'who-done-its'.

The gathering date for **March is Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm**. We will be discussing the delightful and much loved **"Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society"** by Annie Barrows & Mary Ann Shaffer.

The discussion in March will be short because this is the month when we select new books for the coming year - April 2016 to March 2017. To date we have twenty-one books on the suggested list, from which we will be selecting nine.

All readers are welcome. If your interest is piqued and you would like to review the suggested list – call Sharon Parsons at (403) 995-4373.

### HERE AT LAST, OUR OWN BULLETIN COVERS!

There are lots of opportunities to sponsor one of these wonderful weeks. Your \$20 cost covers \$13.00 to the Mission and Service fund with the last \$7.00 going towards the printing costs. **Sign up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the Foyer and your donation can be dropped off in the office.**

Photographs are still needed. Please submit your unique camera shots via thumb drive to Betty-Lou for consideration. We have lots of scenery shots already. Remember Thanksgiving and Christmas memories are high on the lists.  
**Happy snapping!**

### March 8, 2016 is International Women's Day!

If you are interested in joining a committee to plan an **Okotoks United Church International Women's Day event** please contact Carol Price at (403) 982-4442 or email carol.a.price@shaw.ca.

### MYSTERY EQUIPMENT

If anyone knows who owns the Crate and /or the Garnet amplifiers being stored behind the wall in the sanctuary, please contact Joanne Dzurka ASAP at (403) 938-4662.

### "WHEN YOU COME WEARING SLIPPERS" LADIES RETREAT MORE SPOTS HAVE BEEN OPENED UP!

Ladies, are you tired and need a break from everyday life? Well, sign up for the Okotoks United Women's Retreat! **April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at the FCJ Centre in Calgary**, located close to the Talisman Centre on the Bow River.

This retreat will be **limited to 25 women**. Cost is **\$175.00 per person** two sharing a room with two beds. Includes 4 meals, snacks, use of any room in the facility, media equipment. etc. and accommodation. Rev. Julia will facilitate the weekend. Sign up soon as space is limited. Fun, fellowship, renewal, and great way to get to know the wonderful ladies in our church. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Foyer. A couple of volunteers are needed to help.

**Final payment and attendance confirmation will be due the end of February to the church office.**

**Don't forget to bring your best or funniest slippers!**

Any questions or concerns please call Linda Wilson at (403) 862-3609.

### FOOD FOR FUN LUNCHES

The Food For Fun lunches were a great success in 2015 so we will be continuing them in 2016! This year we are asking the congregation for a one time donation of \$20.00 to cover the cost of the lunches for the year.

If you are able to contribute, please see Sharon Campbell after worship on Sundays or drop your donation off at the office in an envelope marked Food For Fun.

**The first lunch will be held on Sunday January 31 during the AGM and will be sponsored by the Worship Committee.**  
**Hope to see everyone there!**

### ACOUSTIC GUITAR DONATION REQUEST FOR DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Our Soto Haitian Church music team has made a request if anyone might have a **used/no longer needed acoustic guitar** for their church music team. In the past they have used an electric guitar for practice and their services. Recently they have been having many power blackouts in their community and find themselves unable to practice or use the electric guitar during service. If they were able to have an acoustic guitar on standby they could both practice and perform with it when needed. If anyone has one that they find they no longer are using the Mission Possible Team would be thrilled to take it down to the DR in March on our next trip.

Please contact Gary Dzurka (403) 938-4662  
or gdzurka@xplornet.ca for more details.

### 2015 TAX RECEIPTS

2015 tax receipts are available for pick up from the literature table in the Foyer.