

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.



SUNDAY
AUG. 21 - Sept. 11, 2016

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

For any new announcements between August 19 - September 12, please email or speak with Julia and she will make a verbal announcement on Sundays. New printed announcements can be emailed to okunited@telus.net and will be added for Sunday September 18.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Kid's Ministry is looking for you! **We are looking for volunteers to lead Sunday School during the fall.** But here is the fun part, the curriculum is up to you! Do you have a skill you would like to share, an organization you are a part of? Talents are meant to be shared, are you musical, artistic, do you have stories to share, activities to show off? We want to share the experiences and talents of our congregation with the children and youth of the church. You don't need any experience either, Candice will help you to design your lesson and make sure you have it all set-up for your Sunday. All you need to do is sign-up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer or contact Candice either at church on Sundays or via email at cnedsutton@gmail.com.
Please come join us upstairs this fall!

Sincerely, *Candice Sutton*

OUC TURKEY SUPPER - SUNDAY OCTOBER 2

Our annual Turkey Supper will be held on **Sunday October 2, 2016.**
Tickets will go on sale after worship on Sunday September 4, and will be available in the office and after worship until the supper date.
As in past years we will be asking for several volunteers and donations to make the supper a success. Please check the table of sign up sheets that will be located in the Foyer when the tickets go on sale.
If you have any questions, please contact Sally Salter at (403) 995-3481 or ssalter050@gmail.com

4th Annual Faith & Family Stampede Game

Saturday September 24th - 2pm

Our church is again looking to participate in this family fun event with the Calgary Stampede. **Tickets are only \$20.** After the game our section is allow to come onto the field and participate in meeting some of the players and joining the event picture. Please use the sign-up sheet posted in the foyer for your tickets. **Ticket cutoff will be Sunday September 11th so don't wait!** You can drop off your ticket money in an envelope with your name on it at the church office.

If you have any questions please contact Gary Dzurka @ 403-938-4662.

SUNDAY OFFERING COUNTERS NEEDED

If you would like to join the team, please contact Betty-Lou Bayley at blbayley67@gmail.com or (403) 938-9493 to sign up. If you want more information on this volunteer position she would be happy to share what is required.

The Food For Fun Ministry Continues

There is such a thing as a free lunch! Please join us on:

September 18 - Welcome Back Cake

October 16 - Lunch hosted by the Worship Committee

We are asking for individual or group volunteers for November 20 & December 11.

A signup sheet is located on the church bulletin board in the Foyer.

Please contact Sharon Campbell at (403) 995-4503 if you have any questions.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

YOUTH GROUP - BBQ THEME FOOD DRIVE

The Youth Group food drive for the Okotoks Food Bank is still ongoing, thank you to those who have generously donated items. We are asking for donations of condiments, which always run out at the Food Bank first. **Items such as: ketchup, mustard, relish, mayonnaise, pickles, salad dressing, BBQ sauce. Thank you!**

Candice Sutton & the OUC Youth Group

CREMERY MARKET PHOTOS

My usual photographer is taking August off, so if you have or will be taking photos at the Market on Sunday's can you please send them to me for the Market social media at cdcsutton@gmail.com **Please note that before anyone takes pictures of those not from the church they need to have their verbal permission before we can publish them. Thanks so much! Candice**

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Are you looking for a fun, dynamic, engaging way to study the Bible? If you answered YES, then Thursday morning Bible Study is for you. We meet from **10:00 – 11:30 every Thursday morning** in the Chapel beginning on **September 22nd**. This fall we will be studying the epistles (letters) of Paul. If you are interested please speak to Julia for more information or bring your bible and just come. **Everyone welcome.**

OKOTOKS FOOD BANK

The Okotoks Food bank will be holding a **Food drive on Saturday September 17 from 10am - 1pm. Flyers and bags will be delivered to each house on Wednesday September 14 and volunteers will return to pick up the donation bags on the Saturday.** We are coordinating this drive with the ones conducted for the Calgary Food Bank and Airdrie Food Bank that day. Thank you in advance for your contributions. Sheila Hughes - Executive Director

COUPLES DINNER CLUB

Time to rotate again. Starting in Sept. Buy 1 get 2 free!!

A dinner club is made up of groups of 3 or 4 couples so 6 to 8 people. We meet together in homes once a month for 3 or 4 months, then you rotate between groups so you can meet others. As well if any singles are interested in getting together for a single or single again dinner group, you just need a leader. I will help to get you started. **Would love to have you!**

As well we will be having our annual pot luck picnic in August if you are thinking of joining you could come and meet all the "winers & diners". Call me or email for details at carolkeen@shaw.ca or call 403-982-2847

PASTORAL CARE....

Compassionately Caring for and Supporting Each Other...

New this fall - Conscious Aging

In our youth-obsessed culture, we often fear aging.

Join us as we welcome Facilitator, Colleen Lemire, to lead an interactive research-based 8-week course where participants explore and challenge their own beliefs about aging from the insights and research of current authors and experts in aging and elder hood and from each other's wisdom. Conscious Aging helps participants manage retirement, grow in wisdom, and live with new acceptance, purpose, peace, and optimism. Covers self-compassion, forgiveness, surrender and more. This course is for pre- and early retirees, mid-agers, and seniors who want to live more fully.

Cost: No program cost. \$25 cost to purchase required workbook and will be available first session.

Dates: Wednesdays, September 14 to November 2

Time: 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Location: Okotoks United Church - Boardroom (2nd floor)

Registration Deadline: August 31 - Contact church office 403- 938-4357 or add your name to the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Foyer.

Please contact Julie Leggett at 403-827-5131 or by email okpastoralcare@telus.net with any questions.

REMIT DISCUSSION

The United Church of Canada is in a significant period of transition as we look at the structures and processes of the denomination. Several remits have been forwarded from the 2015 General Council Meeting that Julia attended and congregations are being asked to vote on these remits which include among other things changing the court structure of the church and changing the funding model of the denomination. If you would like to learn more about the remits and give feedback to the Boards who will be voting on your behalf, please join Julia **on Saturday, Oct. 15th from 10 - noon in the Conference Room.** Information about the remits can be found at <http://www.gc42.ca/remits>.

WORSHIP COURSE

Worship is a heart-felt response to the work of God in our lives. If you would like to know more about how we put worship services together and the various elements of the worship service then this course is for you. The Worship Committee is also looking for more lay people to participate in Worship Services. If you have an interest in learning about worship or participating in leading worship then join us on **Monday September 12th** to learn more. **Please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer if interested or speak to Jody (Worship Chair) or Julia for more information.** The time of day we meet will depend on who will be taking the course.

**Course dates will be
Sept. 12 & 19, Oct. 3 & 17, Nov. 7, 14 & 21.**