

OLDS-SUNDRE PASTORAL CHARGE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2017

Greetings Friends!

The weather is finally beginning to help us believe that it is indeed spring! And we are in the season of Easter. May you all find moments of joy and blessing in this season.

We wanted to send a newsletter this month to let you know of some of the great things in store for this spring and summer, so that you can mark your calendars and plan on participating! We thought it would be just a page... but we're a busy lot!

Fabric Sale

On May 7th during worship, Addie and Brian Johnson shared some of their story of their most recent trip to Roatan. Olds United Church, over a year ago, made a commitment to this mission work, naming it as a formal outreach of our church. If you missed the Johnson's presentation, hopefully you will be able to take some time to ask them about their work in Roatan. Also, on May 12th and 13th, there will be a fabric sale here at the church, in support of this mission!

Dinner and Concert

In both of our churches, balancing the budget takes some creative planning and shared work, which in turn enables us, as communities of faith, to do the ministry that we share. One of the events happening this spring is the evening of dinner and music, with guests "Sweet and Sour Women's Chorus". The Olds UCW is putting on this event and all are welcome! Please, get your tickets in advance to help the good people who will be preparing dinner! It promises to be a great evening. Supper and concert is just \$20; concert only is \$10. This could be a great Mother's Day present!

Celebration of Ministry Service

At the end of May, The Alberta and Northwest Conference of the United Church will be holding an event here in Olds. On the Sunday morning May 28th, all are welcome to attend the Celebration of Ministry Service at 10:00 at the Pomeroy Hotel.

At this service, the ministries of people retiring from ministry, as well as people entering ministry will be honoured. Four people will be ordained into ministry, and others will be received into the United Church through transfer from other denominations. If you have never worshipped with several hundred people, this is the opportunity. The sense of the Spirit among us will be awesome! Plan on attending, as there will be no regular worship that day in Olds or Sundre.

The Chic and Billie Miller Fund

The Chic and Billie Miller Fund is a fund set up by the Millers to support community initiatives in Olds. Applications are out now (on our website), and decisions will be made with regards to distributions of this year's funds later in mid-May. We are

grateful to the foresight and commitment the Millers showed in leaving this legacy for our community.

Olds Church Picnic

Our annual church picnic will be June 4th, location to be announced soon. Pulled pork will be provided, potluck salads and desserts!

Christian Motorcycle Worship Service

On June 11th, Olds and Sundre will be worshipping together at 10:00, in Sundre. The Christian Motorcyclists group will be leading worship, followed by a lunch.

Cremona United Church Decommissioning and Decovenanting Service

Cremona United Church ceased having regular worship services in December 2016. On June 11th at 3:00 pm, people of Red Deer Presbytery will join with the folks of Cremona United Church to celebrate the formal end of their ministry in that area. All are welcome to attend.

Something New for Sundre United

On the days that it is our turn to share in worship at the Sundre Supportive Living Centre (aka The Lodge), we are going to move our regular worship service to 2:00 pm, at the Lodge, and join with the folks there! We've had one go at this, and it was well received! Our next turn will be June 18th, so mark your calendars and join us.

National Aboriginal Day Celebrations – June 21st

You are invited to share in a day of celebration of Aboriginal culture in Olds on June 21st. This day has several sponsors, including The United Church of Canada, through the Justice and Reconciliation Fund. Our minister, Tammy, and Deborah Trehearne, from Olds United, are both on the planning team, as well as Deborah's grandson, Ryley. Posters and information about the day will soon be out! Mark your calendars, and plan on joining us for the celebrations!

Summer Worship

As we approach the summer months, you are reminded that on 4 Sundays throughout the summer, we – Olds and Sundre – will join in worship with Didsbury and Bowden (and perhaps this year some of the folks from Carstairs-Bancroft too). Dates and locations will be announced soon!

Financial Updates

Together, we endeavour to ensure that the mission and ministry that we share is financially supported and sustainable. Sometimes, that can be a balancing act, and I (Tammy) for one, am grateful for the work of our Office Administrators (Maureen and Kathy) and our Treasurers (Richard and Pat) for taking care with that ministry of "Finance." The following is a brief summary of where we are at in each congregation. As we enter into the summer months, please prayerfully consider the needs of your church home.

Sundre update:

Chequing Account:	\$19,190.57
Savings Account:	\$2829.62
Investment Account:	\$42,538.44
Investment Account:	\$35,876.35
Short Term Investments:	\$5,000.00
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Olds United Church Financial Update

March 2017		1st Quarter	
Income:	7,567	Income:	24,388
Expenses:	12,534	Expenses:	31,849
Surplus/Deficit:	(4,967)	Surplus/Deficit:	(7,462)



The Olds / Sundre Pastoral Charge

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