



## Newsletter

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### **September 2015 Newsletter**

Greetings Olds and Sundre United friends,

It seems that fall is sneaking up rather quickly, after our hot dry summer. It's good to get back into the swing of activities and events that are coming our way.

I do want to remind you all that on January 1, 2016, we officially become a 2 point pastoral charge. At that time, I will begin a new call to ministry with you, as the minister of the Olds-Sundre Pastoral Charge. (Currently I am called to Olds only, with Sundre "renting" some of my time). We've done a lot of work to get us to this point, however one of the pieces we need to attend to as we enter this new relationship is to look at our vision and mission. How do we want to share the good news of the gospel in the communities we serve? What might we do to be more relevant in this time and place?

This fall, we'll be engaging in a process of visioning, using a set of resources produced by The United Church of Canada. We'll be spending some of our worship time in both Olds and Sundre exploring who we are as faith communities, and how we are called to live our faith. Also, emerging from this process, we will develop a new governance model for each congregation and for our joint board.

Your participation, as members and adherents of the soon to be Olds-Sundre Pastoral Charge is important to the process. We (myself and the board members of Olds and Sundre) really look forward to seeing you on the Sunday's set aside for this process. You can be assured that it will be a time of worship filled with rich conversation, prayer and song. In Olds, things will happen during the 10:00 worship time, and in Sundre during the 1:30 worship time. Interspersed with these weeks of visioning focus will be our more traditional worship patterns.

The fall worship schedule will look somewhat like this:

Sept. 13 – regular worship, Season of Creation theme

**Sept. 20 – Introduction to the Visioning Process.** Also in Sundre, we will be dedicating our new Peace Pole after worship, at 2:30.

Sept. 27 – Regular worship with a guest preacher as Tammy is away

Oct. 4 – Regular worship with World Wide Communion. Tentative date for brief Congregational meeting immediately following worship to approve Tammy's new call.

Oct. 11 – Thanksgiving worship

**Oct. 18 – 2<sup>nd</sup> visioning worship**

Oct. 25 – Regular worship

**Nov. 1 – 3<sup>rd</sup> visioning worship**

Nov. 8 – Remembrance Day worship

**Nov. 15 – 4<sup>th</sup> Visioning worship**

Nov. 22 – Regular worship

**Nov. 29 – Culmination of the visioning worship process and First Advent**

Together with the joint board of our two congregations, I am excited about the potential outcomes of this process, and hope you will plan on joining us for as many of these worship opportunities as you can!

Blessings,

Tammy



## Upcoming Worship Services

**Sept. 13 10:00 a.m. Worship & "Welcome Back Muffins & coffee"**

**Sept. 20 10:00 a.m. Worship**

**Sept. 27 10:00 a.m. Worship**

**Oct. 4 10:00 a.m. Worship & Communion**

**Oct. 11 10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Sunday**

**Oct. 18 10:00 a.m. Worship**

**Oct. 25 10:00 a.m. Worship**

**Nov. 1 10:00 a.m. Worship & Communion**

**Nov. 8 10:00 a.m. Worship**

**Nov. 15 10:00 a.m. Worship**

**Nov. 22 10:00 a.m. Worship**

**Nov. 19 10:00 a.m. Worship – First Sunday of Advent**

**Dec. 6 10:00 a.m. Worship – Second Sunday of Advent - Communion**

**Dec. 13 10:00 a.m. Worship – Third Sunday of Advent**

**Dec. 20 10:00 a.m. Worship – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Dec. 24 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve**

**Dec. 27 10:00 a.m. Worship**

### UCW News

- All women are invited to attend our meetings which are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. in the Upper Hall. Plan to join us for information, fellowship and fun.
- Muffin Party on Oct.14 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the church. Anyone is welcome to attend. Donations will gladly be accepted.
- Stitching group will begin again on Oct. 14 & 28 in the afternoon.
- Soup's On and Bake Sale will be held on Nov. 7, 2015. 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

### Upcoming Events

1. Men's Breakfast will be held September 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. at Olds United Church. Come and join a morning of fellowship.
2. 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Ukrainian Supper at Olds United Church, September 25 at 6:00 p.m. Adults \$14.00; Ages 6-11 \$7.00. Tickets are available at the Church Office.
3. Anniversary Supper will take place on November 20<sup>th</sup>. More details at the church office.

### Calls to Worship

Taken from the earth...

**like lumps of clay.**

Made from the soil...

**like lumps of clay.**

Moulded and fashioned...

**like lumps of clay.**

Worked and reworked...

**like lumps of clay.**

People of God, look around you!

Look and see what God has made...

Your sisters and brothers...

**creations of beauty!**

The birds of the air,

the fish of the sea..

**creations of joy!**

Every star, every planet,

Every atom, every quark...

**creations of love!**

As part of the love-given, joy-filled,

Beautiful creation,

Let us give thanks to the Potter

who gave us like and form –

**Alleluia. Alleluia! ALLELUIA!**