

**OLDS UNITED CHURCH
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My name is Kelly Grittner and I am the Minister at Olds United Church.

A focus of my work continues to be helping the church implement its new Ministry Plan which lays out a focused path for the future of the United Church in Olds.

It is important that the congregation meet from time to time to receive updates and remain current on a number of issues being discussed by the church community.

Worship remains the focus of our ministry and each Sunday we look forward to worshipping with you and discussing our ministry after service over coffee and goodies.

Sunday worship remains the cornerstone of our community and continues to take place at 9:30 am.

Sunday worship on *January 15th, 2023* will be held in the church hall and time has been set aside during the worship service to hold a *Congregational Meeting* and reflect on a number of issues currently under consideration by the congregation.

Agenda items include: (a) ratification of lease with Olds Hospice Society; (b) update on lease with Redemption Church; (c) initiating on a trial basis moving to a congregation of the whole governance model; and (d) transfer of property to United Church Beneficial Trust.

The future use of our land and building is articulated in our Ministry Plan as follows:

GOAL: USE OUR LAND AND BUILDINGS TO SUPPORT OUR MISSION

Objective: To have a facility that supports the congregation's Mission in a financially sustainable manner.

1. Olds United Church, to date, has been unsuccessful in reaching a financially suitable sale price for our Property and building.
2. Continue discussions with support of the Chinook Winds Region to consider redevelopment of our existing Olds United Church facilities that will allow the congregation to remain an important part of the Olds community. This may mean developing a housing component such as a market affordable apartment or condo building with a Developer of acceptable standards and reputation.
3. Plan to retain the Olds United Church Hall, currently owned by the congregation, as our future sanctuary/chapel allowing the congregation a place to continue to pray and have a meeting place for congregational gatherings and further remain a United Church family as history has allowed.

I hope to see you this coming *Sunday, January 15, 2023* for worship, fellowship and stewardship of our church community.

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