

# Newsletter



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## ***Blessings of the Easter season!***

On behalf of the board of Olds United Church, I greet you, in the name of the Risen Christ. As we enter into the season, I am sure you share with me the joys of spring – seeing the first robins, finding tulips peaking out from the damp earth, feeling the warmth of the afternoon sun shining through the window.

Along with the newness of spring, for the community of Olds United Church comes the joy of being part of a community of people who share the common bond of faith. We are what church theorists call a “pastoral sized church,” – currently averaging 50 to 60 people for weekly worship on Sunday mornings. One of the gifts of our size is that we are a close community, we know each other at least by name, and connect not just at church, but outside church as well.



One of the benefits of that “knowing” one another is that we care well for one another, across generations as well. Our size makes it easy for us to reach out and welcome newcomers as well. And, we certainly have room to grow. Did you know most new comers to church join because a friend invited them to come?

We also enjoy the gift of community engagement in places such as the lodge and long term care, with the local ministerial, and through members involvement in supporting various community agencies and initiatives. These are just a few examples of how Olds United Church members and adherents take seriously the call to live out their faith. We are realizing that there is a core group of active members of the church who are sharing a large load of responsibility, and we would dearly love to have others come forward and share in the joys and responsibilities of ministry with us. The United Church presence in Olds is important and valued by many. It would be wonderful for a wider circle of people who think of themselves as part of the United Church to join more actively in the mission and ministry we offer. We invite you to prayerfully consider how you are able to share your time, your talents, and your financial support with the church. We are at a critical time in the life of the church. For the past year, we have been operating under a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Sundre United Church, sharing my time on a ¾ for Olds, ¼ for Sundre basis. Our midway evaluation of this working arrangement was very positive. Now, we come to the point of a doing a final evaluation, leading up to decision making around moving from this MOA to a more permanent arrangement. It is vitally important that we have engagement of as many of the Olds United Church members in this evaluation and decision making process as we can. On Sunday April 12, we'll be undertaking the evaluation, and have proposed May 3<sup>rd</sup> as a congregational meeting to address the decision of moving

forward to a formal, permanent relationship with Sundre as a two-point pastoral charge. These are critical, yet exciting times. We'd appreciate your input in shaping the future of our ministry.

As our mission statement says: “We teach the ways of God and Jesus Christ through worship, programs and music.”

Come, join us on the journey.  
Blessings,

*Rev. Tammy Allan*

## **Upcoming Worship Services**

<b>April 19</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. Worship</b>
<b>April 26</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. Camp Sunday</b>
<b>May 3</b>	<b>10:00 Worship &amp; Communion</b>
<b>May 10</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. Worship</b>
	<b>Mother's Day</b>
<b>May 17</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. Worship</b>
<b>May 24</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. Worship</b>
<b>May 31</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. Worship</b>
<b>June 7</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. Worship &amp; Communion</b>
<b>June 14</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. Worship</b>
<b>June 21</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. Worship</b>
<b>June 28</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. Worship</b>

**Enclosed are envelopes for a donation for the Observer. This amount covers half the cost of the yearly subscription.**

## **Coming Events**

- **Camp Sunday Service on Sunday April 25 at 10:00**
- **Church cleanup will take place April 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.**
- **Camp Clean up at Kasota on May 2. Talk to Leo Quaife for time, what is needed for clean up.**
- **Church Picnic June 7. More details to follow.**

**The Chic and Billie Miller fund is now accepting applications. Applications can be seen on our website at [www.oldsunited.ca](http://www.oldsunited.ca).**