



Fall Newsletter



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Greetings friends in faith...

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven... a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance...

Ecclesiastes 3: 1 and 4

My habit, in my first career as a teacher, was to see September as a new season – yet fall really doesn't start until 3 weeks into this month. I checked the Farmer's Almanac, and in fact, the autumnal equinox doesn't start until September 22, at 10:29 Eastern Daylight Time. For us in Alberta, that means it doesn't start until shortly after midnight, September 23. Now that said – as I sit at my computer to write this piece, it's snowing. It's September 9th! And I'm wearing a shawl around my shoulders.

In spite of the fact that none of us was ready for the cold outside, I do feel like we are entering into that season of new beginnings, as young people enter new school years, as activities are re-engaged after a summer break, and we all take a long look at what lies ahead for the upcoming months. And there is all manner of warmth that lies in store for us as communities of faith.

In Olds – the longer picture includes celebrations for the 120th Anniversary of the United Church's presence in the community. Look elsewhere in this newsletter for the details of events planned throughout November to commemorate that, and plan on joining in the excitement.

In Sundre, we are still enjoying getting to know each other, as I enter my first fall season in service with your great community. One of the great events that lie in store is your famous turkey supper on September 28th. If that doesn't help us accept a new season, what will?

In both congregations, the summer included weddings, funerals and baptisms – moments of marking life events with people in community. It is an honour and a privilege to be part of those moments with both communities; Sundre and Olds, as your minister. It is a sacred gift to be part of all the seasons of your lives, part of celebrating those seasons with you. I am grateful for that gift!

As we look to this new season of being present with each other in living out our shared ministries, may we know God's blessing of love each day.

Tammy

COMING EVENTS at OLDS UNITED

- Sept. 18** Choir practice will resume at 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 14** Pastoral Care Committee wishes to invite you to a “Welcome Back” muffins and coffee time after the service.
- Sept. 28** Congregational photo to be taken after worship for our Anniversary Celebration
- October 1** A muffin and coffee party at 9:30 a.m. in the Upper Hall. All are welcome to attend. Bring a friend!
- October 8** Secretary’s Networking – Secretaries of Red Deer Presbytery – will be gathering in Olds from 10:00 a.m. till lunch time.
- October 17** Ukrainian Supper at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$14.00. Tickets available. There will also be opportunities to help with this event. Look for the sign up sheet coming soon! This is a great evening of good food among good friends!
- October 18** Hearts ‘n Harmony concert – 2:00 p.m. Tickets \$15.00, includes dessert and beverage. Come enjoy some wonderful music and great fellowship, in support of the ministries of Olds United Church!

Worship Services

September 14, 10:00 a.m. Worship
September 21, 10:00 a.m. Worship
September 28, 10:00 a.m. Worship

October 5, 10:00 a.m. Worship & Communion (World Wide Communion)
October 12, 10:00 a.m. Worship (Thanksgiving Sunday)
October 19, 10:00 a.m. Worship
October 26, 10:00 a.m. Worship

November 2, 10:00 a.m. Worship & Communion (**Daylight Savings Time Ends**)
November 9, 10:00 a.m. Worship
November 16, 10:00 a.m. Anniversary Worship Service and Communion



Choir start up!

Dear Members of the Choir,
Beginning September 18, from 7 P.M. to 8 P.M. choir practices will resume. We will be preparing anthems for: Thanksgiving, 120th Anniversary of Olds United Church, Advent, & Christmas.

Your presence at our practices is vital, & very much needed if we are to do our best with the beautiful selections we will be learning. Also, if you know of anyone who might be interested in joining us, please encourage them. Newcomers as well as former choir members would be more than welcome, & hopefully, all will find joy in creating a beautiful sound by joining our voices together in songs of praise & celebration.

Yours sincerely,

Marian Hilton



Thanksgiving Display

You are invited to show your thanks by bringing items to church that we can display in the sanctuary – items that symbolize your thanks. Last year's items included things like family photos; art work; food items...the options are only as limited as your grateful imaginations.

***Appropriate food items will be donated to the Food Bank.

Please bring your Thanksgiving display items to the church by Friday, Oct. 10 at noon, so that they can be arranged by the worship committee. Thanks!



World Food Day

October 19th is World Food Day. To extend our Thanksgiving idea, the congregation is invited to bring donations to the Mountainview Food Bank to the church during the week of October 10 to 19th.

Anniversary Planning Committee

Have you got anecdotes to share or pictures that we can use for display purposes? Please bring those items to the church as soon as possible to allow the Anniversary Committee to scan / copy photos and compile stories into a format to be shared.

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120th Anniversary Celebrations

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November 1 Saturday

11:30 am – 1:30 pm -----❖ UCW 'Soup's On'

November 9 Sunday



10:00 am – 11:00 am-----❖ Sunday Service
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm -----❖ Open House
3:00 pm -----❖ Old Time Hymn Sing

November 14 Friday

5:30 pm -----❖ Anniversary Dinner
9:00 am – 6:00 pm -----❖ Historic United Church Display

November 16 Sunday

10:00 am-----❖ Celebration Church Service and Communion,
coffee & muffins to follow

November 4 – 27

Historic United Church Display* at the Mountain View Museum with oral history
interview video, featuring **Alvina Hawthorne** and **Marianne Becker**
Mountain View Museum is located at 5038 - 50 Street Olds, 403.556.8464
Open Tuesday – Friday from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Information and tickets for '**Soup's On**' and the **Anniversary Dinner**
will be available at Olds United Church, 4810 50 Street, Olds
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