



Newsletter

Sundre United Church

Minister: Rev. Tammy Allan

September – October, 2014

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 lies 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

Worship Services

September 21, 1:30 p.m. Worship
September 28, 1:30 p.m. Worship

October 5, 1:30 p.m. Worship & Communion (World Wide Communion)
October 12, 1:30 p.m. Worship (Thanksgiving Sunday)
October 19, 1:30 p.m. Worship
October 26, 1:30 p.m. Worship

COMING EVENTS at SUNDRE UNITED

- Sept. 28** Annual Turkey Supper and Silent Auction. Please purchase tickets in advance for seatings at 4:00 or 5:30 pm. Cost is \$15.00 for adults, Youth (6-12) \$7.50, 5 & under Free
- October 1** Focus Group session at the church hall from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. to discuss ideas for effective ministry within 10 paid hours per week. The church board and Rev. Tammy encourage everyone to attend
- October 5** Beginning of bringing items for Mountain View Food Bank for the month of October

COMING EVENTS at OLDS UNITED

- October 17** Ukrainian Supper at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$14.00. Tickets available.
- November 1** UCW Soup's On 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- November 14** Anniversary Dinner – 120 Years at 5:30 p.m.

For more information about Olds Anniversary Celebrations, please contact Olds United at: 403.556.3052

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