

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 – 2nd visioning worship

Oct. 25 – Regular worship

Nov. 1 – 3rd visioning worship

Nov. 8 – Remembrance Day worship

Nov. 15 – 4th 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





Cancellation of Turkey Supper & Silent Auction

The Sundre United Church Board members had to make a difficult decision at the September meeting because our core event leaders and volunteers are unable to organize the fall supper and silent auction. This has been a year where many of our Board Members have experienced significant and prolonged family or community commitments.

In lieu of the budgeted \$5000.00 that is usually raised at this event to cover regular operational costs, we are requesting that everyone considers donating financially the equivalent of the cost of dinner tickets, baking/cooking or silent auction items. A large thermometer will be displayed in the church with a goal of \$5000.00

Thank you in advance for your financial support and understanding.

