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Effective October 20, 2017 the Olds Community Lending Shelf became an outreach partner of Olds United Church. This means that this very important community non-profit is now housed in the lower level of the church building, and has more space to carry out its work. As Tammy says, "we are happy to be able to provide space for these great folks, and we are pretty sure their director, Lucinda Watkins, has a spouse who is very happy to have his garage back!"

Posted June 28, 2017

A Thank You from our Moderator, The Right Rev. Jordan Cantwell and Cheryl Curtis, Manager, Mission & Service Giving

Thank you for generous giving for Mission & Service that changes the world.

Red Deer Presbytery is recognized for giving \$289,837 for the Mission & Service of The United Church of Canada in 2016.

To put that into context, the nine presbyteries of Alberta and Northwest Conference gave \$2,498,246 in total for 2016. Together, across the whole church(13 Conferences) we gave \$25,322,586 in the year 2016.

Mission & Service giving means that families needing food and care are welcomed and fed, people who are sick in hospital are visited and accompanied, people needing justice declare their call for rights with a supportive community, and people needing housing find shelter and security. It also means that students receive bursaries for their journey to becoming ministers, churches testing innovative ministry ideas get funding and coaching, people from the margins find a welcome and a home in our church, and searchers find spaces of belonging.

We make these great things happen through Mission & Service and through the ministry of our local church.

Posted January 30, 2017

There's a new face at Ponoka United Church! An exciting new partnership has been formed with Bashaw United Church whereby the Reverend Robin King will be the minister for both churches. While each of our congregations will remain independent, there will be services at the same time each week. Robin will alternate being at each service and the Message and Learning Together (Children's message) times will be livestreamed to the other church. Services will be available online and, in the future, we hope they'll be fully interactive between the churches. For more information, please [click here](#).

Great News from Wetaskiwin - As of December 31, 2016 First United Church, Wetaskiwin has paid off the mortgage on their new building! They thank you for your support and prayers over the years. And more great news for them! They also received notification that their request to become an Affirming congregation has been approved!

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Can you help reunite these two old friends? Until about three years ago, these two ladies exchanged holiday greetings. One lady moved two years ago and they have not been in touch since. Her cards were returned undeliverable and she is hoping someone might know where her old friend lives now. The missing lady's name is Shirley Kirby and she was from Cluny. If you know her, please contact the Presbytery office for contact information.