

WE CAN CONNECT



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NEW! SUMMER Daily FAITH (Faith Alive In The Home)

Many of you have been receiving links to the **Daily FAITH** Videos sent out by Julia and Matthew. Joanne and Shirle are putting links to the videos on the Okotoks and De Winton websites if you missed them. If you wish to see any of the videos, you can access them all at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/U1znsr-w/videos>

Beginning Monday, June 1st we will be moving to a **summer** Daily FAITH schedule where you will receive two videos per week (Sunday and Thursday), plus perhaps a few random "guest" videos. Matthew will be off for several weeks over the summer to complete his final year of studies and to take a little break.

Julia and Matthew have designed a summer Daily FAITH booklet for your use throughout the week. Stay tuned for details on how to get the booklet.

If you would like to comment or have a question about Daily FAITH, you can continue to use the dailyfaithvids@gmail.com address.

Thank you for your sponsorship of Daily FAITH videos. Your support has greatly helped each of the congregations. Sponsorship of the Daily FAITH ministry still continues through contacting the Okotoks office at okunited@telus.net or calling 403-938-4357.

Please Pray For:



- Food banks and their volunteers
- Postal workers
- Utility workers
- For people who live by themselves
- People who have lost aging parents
- Kids who are home schooling and their parents
- Olds-Sundre United Church

Please refer to our website www.okunited.ca for updated information, links to the newsletter and Daily Faith videos.

How are you spending your time?

Would you like to send in photos of how they are spending their time during COVID-19. gardening, hiking, sewing, reading. It would be nice to "see" people and what they're doing. Or we could send a photographer around and take pics of them waving from their window or balcony. Email your photos to okunited@telus.net so they can be added to the newsletter.



Reopening our Communities of Faith

As many of you heard this week, the province is launching its reopening guidelines and many businesses will be slowly reintegrating into some activity, including Faith Communities. Both Boards in the coming weeks will be considering when this might happen for us. There are many regulations in place for reopening and these must be given careful consideration and we contemplate opening our doors for any activities. As much as we would love to be together again, Covid-19 is still a very real threat and we want to ensure that all will be safe and healthy when we do reopen. If you are interested in reading through the required regulations for worship and other activities in the church, please click on the following links and read them through. The more people are informed, the more we can make an informed and responsible decision.

Guidelines from the United Church of Canada:

<https://www.united-church.ca/community-faith/being-community/reopening-churches-during-covid-19>

Guidelines from Government of Alberta:

<https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/covid-19-relaunch-guidance-places-of-worship.pdf>

And for a story on what happened in a Calgary United Church please check out the following link:

<https://chinookwindsregion.ca/2020/05/11/united-church-directly-impacted-by-covid-19-tells-its-story/>



These are Labrador Retrievers. They come in a variety of colors. They are loved & treated equally no matter their color. They don't fight each other over their color differences. When it comes down to it, they are all Labs, they are all dogs.

Dear humans, do better, be better.
Be more like Labs.



Why are the annoying servants staying in my home all day now?



Okotoks United Church Office - We're here for you!

The office continues to remain open at this time but will change to Monday to Thursday 9:00 - 2:00 effective May 8th. The office will be closed on Fridays. Please contact Diane at okunited@telus.net or 403-938-4357 for church related news.

Please contact Julia at okjulia@telus.net or 403-702-2249 (cell) at any time.

Congregational Care Team invites you to reach out for confidential spiritual and compassionate care by email at: okcongregationalcare@telus.net

On-line Worship Services

If you would are interested in viewing live worship services, please go to this link:

<https://www.united-church.ca/community-faith/being-community/worship-online-during-covid-19>

Kid's Ministry Zoom Program Days and Times:

Sunday School, Sundays 11:00 am

Activities, stories, check-in and prayer

Youth Group, Fridays 7:00 pm

Games, check-in and discussions

For Zoom meeting numbers and passwords for these events, please email Candice at cndcsutton@gmail.com

Okotoks Food Bank Update – May 2020:

Three weeks after moving to the new location in the Camshay Building, the Okotoks Food Bank was asked by Food Banks Alberta to be a Distribution Hub for our area during the COVID 19 crisis. We have been able to help Salvation Army High River Foodbank. Food Rescue High River, Claresholm Foodbank, and Oilfields Foodbank. Donations continue to come in on an amazing basis – both in food donations and financial donations. Beginning the week of May 11th, the Foodbank was able to include PPE kits in each food hamper. Most foodbanks across Canada have seen a drop in usage, related to many factors. The current outlook is that foodbanks will see a surge in need over the next 3 to 6 months. Thanks so very much for your continued support to our foodbank. Submitted by Carol Price, Okotoks United Church representative on Okotoks Foodbank Board.

Okotoks United Church - Rentals Update:

Over the past 3 months we've been very fortunate to have rented out our commercial kitchen to small business owners who produced hot sauce, flavoured honey and now we currently have a wonderful baker here making cookies, cupcakes and other great baked goods. They were very appreciative that they could keep their business going during this tough time because we were able to help them out.