

WE CAN CONNECT



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Daily FAITH Videos

Many of you are receiving links to the **Daily FAITH** Videos sent out by Julia and Matthew. Joanne is also putting links to the videos on our website if you missed them. If you aren't receiving them or don't wish to receive them, please email dailyfaithvids@gmail.com. And please feel free to share them with others. If you know of people who would like to be put on the daily list, please send us an email. We are inviting people to "sponsor a day" of the Daily FAITH video for \$20.00. Could you sponsor one of the daily offerings? If so, call the church office. We'll give a shout-out to whomever sponsored that day. It would be easiest to sponsor the day by sending an e-transfer to the Okotoks church office, but we'll find other ways to receive payment if interested. To get all videos try this link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4snfkwd9o9_1KMf1znsr-w

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
- Morrin United Church

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

Broadview Magazine –

Also, the Broadview magazine subscriptions are up for renewal. The deadline is May 29th. If you'd like to renew your subscription or add your name to our subscription list please let me know at okunited@telus.net. The cost for a year's subscription to this great magazine is \$25.00.

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:

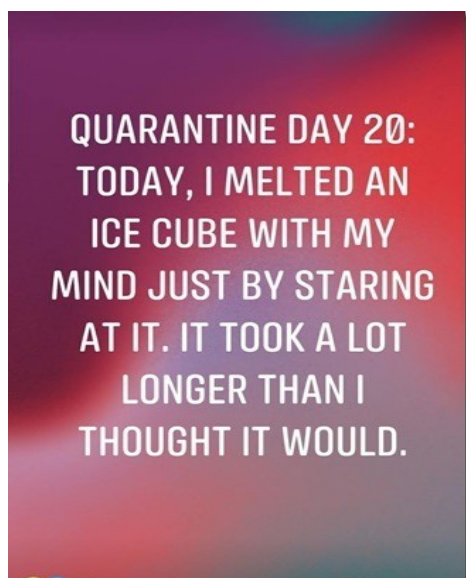
<https://www.united-church.ca/community-faith/being-community/reopening-churches-during-covid-19>

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/>



Volunteer Opportunity at OUC:

Are you looking for something to do? We currently have a volunteer opportunity for work to be done around OUC. The project is clearing the winter debris from the parking lot including hosing down the pavement. We'd like to get this done in the next couple of weeks if possible. If we could get this done then we can have a local Okotoks company paint parking lines in the parking lot at no cost to OUC.

A big thank you to the wonderful person who helped out by bringing the recyclable things to the recycling centre. Much appreciated.

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 be 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>

Bible Study:

Join Julia for Bible Study on Thursday morning 10:00 - 11:30. On Thursday, May 7th, the Bible Study group started a new Bible Study session on Parables. Please email Julia at okjulia@telus.net if you'd like to join.