

# 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](mailto: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](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

Please refer to our website [www.okunited.ca](http://www.okunited.ca) for updated information, links to the newsletter and Daily Faith videos.



## Broadview Magazine – Save the Date!

We at Broadview Magazine invite you to join us for our first-ever **National Online Reading Club** on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm EDT.

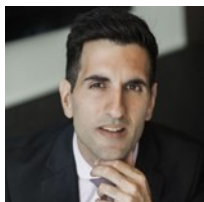
Broadview's editor Jocelyn Bell will be joined by three writers from our May 2020 issue as they speak about how they discovered their stories and share anecdotes from their research and interviewing.



**Diane Peters** wrote our cover story, "[Rescue Dog Racket](#)." Canadians love the idea of adopting a pet who needs a home — especially during COVID-19. But as Diane discovered, not all rescue agencies are what they seem.



**Sidrah Ahmad-Chan** wrote the feature, "[Life as a Part-Time Hijabi](#)." She'll tell us what her head scarf has taught her about Islamophobia.



**Paul Salvatori** interviewed [Noam Chomsky](#) on the private interests undermining democracy and threatening the planet. Find out how he landed an interview with one of the world's leading intellectuals.

This will be a great hour of conversation, including a Q&A where you can interact with these writers directly. The event will happen via Zoom – you can test the app here ahead of time: <https://zoom.us/test>. The Meeting ID will be emailed at noon on Monday to those who already subscribe to the magazine. If you'd like to be added to this Zoom meeting please send me an email at [okunited@telus.net](mailto:okunited@telus.net).

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](mailto:okunited@telus.net). The cost for a year's subscription to this great magazine is \$25.00.

## Bible Study:

Join Julia for Bible Study on Thursday morning 10:00 - 11:30. Next Thursday, we will be starting a new Bible Study session on Parables. Please email Julia at [okjulia@telus.net](mailto:okjulia@telus.net) if you'd like to join.



### Beware of Email Scams:

Over the last few months, email scammers have targeted churches, regional offices, and congregants across the country. Often, people will receive an email that appears to be from a minister or a church staff person, asking for urgent financial assistance, sometimes in the form of gift cards.

One way to see if an email is a scam is to check the sending email address: it will not be the "proper" address, if a scam.

However, if in doubt, please do not hesitate to contact Julia or the church office by phone to confirm if an email is authentic. That said, Julia or the church office will **never** individually contact you by email asking for immediate financial assistance.

### Volunteers Opportunity at OUC:

Are you looking for something to do? We currently have 2 volunteer opportunities for work to be done around OUC. One 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. The other project is to take our recycling stuff to the recycling centre. We currently have about 3 large bins of mixed recyclables to go. If you'd like to help out, please email me at [okunited@telus.net](mailto:okunited@telus.net) or give me a call at the office. Social distancing and other Covid19 protocols will be respected for these activities. Thanks, Diane.

### Newsletter submissions:

Would you like to contribute to the weekly newsletter? Where were you when all this happened? Would you like to share with congregation members what you are doing? Or, what message would you like to pass along to the congregation? If you'd like to submit something to the weekly newsletter send an email to [okunited@telus.net](mailto:okunited@telus.net).

### Youth Group Message From Candice:

We are still meeting for Youth Group and Sunday School via Zoom. Youth group will take place every Friday at 7:00 pm for 45 minutes. Sunday School will take place every Sunday at 11:00 am for 30 minutes. Please email Candice at [cndcsutton@gmail.com](mailto:cndcsutton@gmail.com) if you would like to join and I'll send

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

The office continues to remain open at this time. Please contact Diane at [okunited@telus.net](mailto:okunited@telus.net) or 403-938-4357 for church related news. Please contact Julia at [okjulia@telus.net](mailto: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](mailto:okcongregationalcare@telus.net)

### Stay Informed:

Also, please look to reputable sources for information. Please check [www.alberta.ca](http://www.alberta.ca) or [www.alberta.healthservices.ca](http://www.alberta.healthservices.ca) for up to date information. There is a lot of misinformation going around. Let's not spread it.

### 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>