

Any Questions?

Feel free to ask a greeter or welcome host for assistance.

Enhanced Audio headsets for the hard of hearing are available from the sound person.

Washrooms are located in the foyer, one in the nursery and two more near the church office.

Can't find it in the bulletin?

Check out our website for all the latest on our upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, detailed information on our core values, and much more!

Sermon: Our sermons for each week are uploaded on our website.

Congregational Care: Our Congregational Care Team invites you to reach out for our confidential spiritual and compassionate care, contact okcongregational-care@telus.net or the church office at 403-938-4357.

Stay connected! Sign up for our weekly emails - keep in touch throughout the week through our website. E-mail Diane Willis at okunited@telus.net to sign up for our weekly e-mails.

Healing Ministry - Healing Ministry - the Healing Ministry Healing Session take place the first and third Monday of each month from 1:00 - 4:00. Please contact Gisela Dyck at 403-938-2506 for more information or to book an appointment.

OUR WELCOME HOSTS ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP TOO!!

You can find them in the entryway

This bulletin is sponsored by Heather & Richard Puttee:

In loving memory of Isabel Reid

OUC Pilgrimage to the Holy Land April 25th – May 5th, 2020

From a cultural, political, and historical perspective, there's probably no country on Earth as interesting as Israel. Sacred ground to Jews, Christians, and Muslims, Israel is home to an amazing diversity of influences and historic sites. Come join us on our personalized journey to this amazing place. We have designed a unique itinerary just for our group, some of which you will not find on any other tour. We will visit the Old City of Jerusalem, Bethlehem (the birthplace of Jesus), Rachel's Tomb, Masada, the Dead Sea, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Magdala, Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam, and many other stops. Julia has been to Israel before and brings that knowledge and experience to share with us. We have only a few spots left. If you are interested please speak to Julia or Sally Salter. The next meeting is January 6, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the Chapel.

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With God's Help we are:
 Following Jesus,
 Reaching Others,
 Changing Lives



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OKOTOKS-DEWINTON UNITED CHURCHES

Sunday, January 5, 2020
Theme: Who We Are In Christ

Worship Leader: Rev. Julia Kimmett

Congregational responses are printed in bold
*Indicates: please stand in body or in spirit

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candle

Work of the Community (Announcements)

Word of Welcome

Gathering Chorus: I Am a Child of God MV 157

Acknowledging the Territory

Invitation to Worship

A new year, full of possibility.

Each day, as children of God, we are possibility

God's Spirit enlivens and inspires us with dreams.

Dreams beyond what we can do ourselves. We will need God's help.

We will ask and receive what we need.

The strength and desire to serve the world.

May God's presence fill us to overflowing,

**that we might embrace our calling to care for all,
for the sake of God's creation and all who live here.**

We have come to worship. Let us praise God.

*Hymn: A Light Is Gleaming VU 82

Grounding Moment

Time with the Young and Young at Heart

*Hymn: I Have Called You by Your Name MV 161

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: John 1:1-14

Sermon: *Refracting Light*

Prayer/Reflection

Prayers of the People and The Prayer that Jesus Taught VU 959
(on screen)

* Hymn: I Am the Light of the World VU 87

*Go Out and Change the World (Commissioning)

*Blessing

*Going Out: Who Is My Mother MV 178

Postlude

Theme for January:

Who We Are In Christ

Kid's Ministry:

Kids, newborn to 4 years are welcome in the nursery anytime during the service. The nursery is located next to the Sanctuary near the west foyer door. Kids aged 5+ are invited to join Candice for the Kid's Ministry program.

New Comers!

We would love to get to know you! You are welcome to fill out a card that is in the chair in front of you in the sanctuary. If you have any questions about our church please see our host after today's service.

Prayer needs:

**Nader, Kinda and Senta
who are celebrating a
pending birth.**

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request please fill out a Prayer Card (found in the seat pocket in front of you) and deposit it in one of the Prayer Boxes found on the candle-lighting stations at the front of the sanctuary. Requests may also be emailed to okcongregationalcare@telus.net.

Church Happenings:

Choir - come join the choir every Thursday evening from 7:00 - 9:00 in the Sanctuary.

Bible Study - will resume on Thursday, January 16th, 2020. Come join us for weekly Bible Study Thursday mornings 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Room upstairs. This year we will be studying Acts. All are welcome to come learn with us!

Fireside Book Club - The Fireside Book Club will meet on Monday January 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room when we will discuss "The Art of Racing in the Rain" by Garth Stein. Everyone is welcome!

Information Session for 2020 Mission Possible Trip to the Dominican Republic

- Gary Dzurka will be holding a 45 minute information session on January 12th, 2020 immediately after Sunday service for anyone interested in joining the Mission Possible Team to travel to the Dominican Republic in 2020. Come learn more about past adventures and expected costs for the trip. We've got several youth committed to the 2020 trip with a mid-August departure date. The session is open to anyone interested in joining the team - previous travelers have ranged from 7 to 70 years old. Everyone is welcome.

Left-over Christmas Baking?

Christmas baking left-over? Why not drop it off at the church to be enjoyed after Sunday services? Please remember baked goods containing nuts can't be used.

Thanks.



Kids' Ministry Schedule for January 2020

January 5 - Epiphany
January 10 - Youth Group
January 12 - "God's love helps us stand strong"
January 19 - "I have hidden your word in my heart"
January 24 - Youth Group
January 26 - "Jesus is the anchor to my soul"



2020 Offering Envelopes Are Available:

The 2020 offering envelopes are available for pick up this Sunday from the literature table in the Foyer. If you are currently on the list for envelopes but no longer require them or would like to start using envelopes, please notify the office via email at okunited@telus.net. Thank you.

In the spirit of respect and truth, we acknowledge that we live, work and worship on the traditional territories of the people of Treaty 7 - the Blackfoot Confederacy (Siksika, Kainai, Piikani), the Tsuut'ina, the Stoney-Nakoda Nations and the Métis Nation, Region 3. The United Church is committed to restoring right relations with the first peoples and to living in peace and harmony on this land.

Okotoks United Church Snow Angels Needed!

So far we've had one person sign up to be our Snow Angel. We desperately need more! Please sign on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the OUC foyer. Your help would be greatly appreciated!



White Gift Sunday

We've received \$4165.00 in gift cards and \$9,432.01 in cash/cheques for a total total received of \$13,597.01

Thank you to all who donated these gifts to the **Benevolent Fund**. This will go a long way to help those in need.