

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 okcongregationalcare@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 - the Healing Ministry will provide sessions during the month of August by appointment only. Please contact Gisela Dyck at 403-938-2506 for more information.

OUR WELCOME HOSTS ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP TOO!!

You can find them in the entryway to the sanctuary

St. Andrew's United Church DeWinton - Profile:

I was born in Hamilton, Ontario and was raised about 20 miles South East of Hamilton in a small rural village called Caistorville. Nobody ever referred to streets using their proper names.

Instead we used the names of the people who lived on them such as Warner's Corners and Klodnicki's road! The last time I visited Caistorville, everything had changed significantly from when I was a child, except for the United Church which hadn't changed one bit!

The free trade deal destroyed the Ontario manufacturing section making it very difficult to progress in a career, so I took a job at Bethany Care Society in Calgary and moved west. I still live in Calgary.

I was away from the church for a few decades, and my feeling of guilt led me to look for a small rural church. Using the internet, I found St. Andrews and was immediately taken with the friendly and family type of atmosphere. Plus, the interior reminded me of my childhood church.

I started getting involved with the Church through membership on the M&P Committee. Then, I was voted to Chair the Governing Board. In spite of this, our community of faith is growing. My two goals are to encourage further growth and to stay out of its way!

During my forties, I had a mid-life crisis and decided to take a run at med school. Well that certainly didn't work out, but I completed a degree in biochemistry and managed to be listed as a contributing author for two papers published in scientific journals. I still would rather have succeeded at being a doctor!

In my spare time, I like to take photos and play with my photo editing software. This allows me to be creative without having to know how to draw. I also like to raise flower annuals from seed and to make my own wine.

My faith is continually evolving. I'm discovering just how difficult it is to understand the Bible and that reading it is not enough. I buy books that interpret the Biblical passages that I read and these are enormously helpful. My favourite job was writing science questions for a TV quiz show called "The Quiz Kids". I was invited to see a few episodes being taped which was very interesting. Hearing a couple of my questions being used was quite a thrill!

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

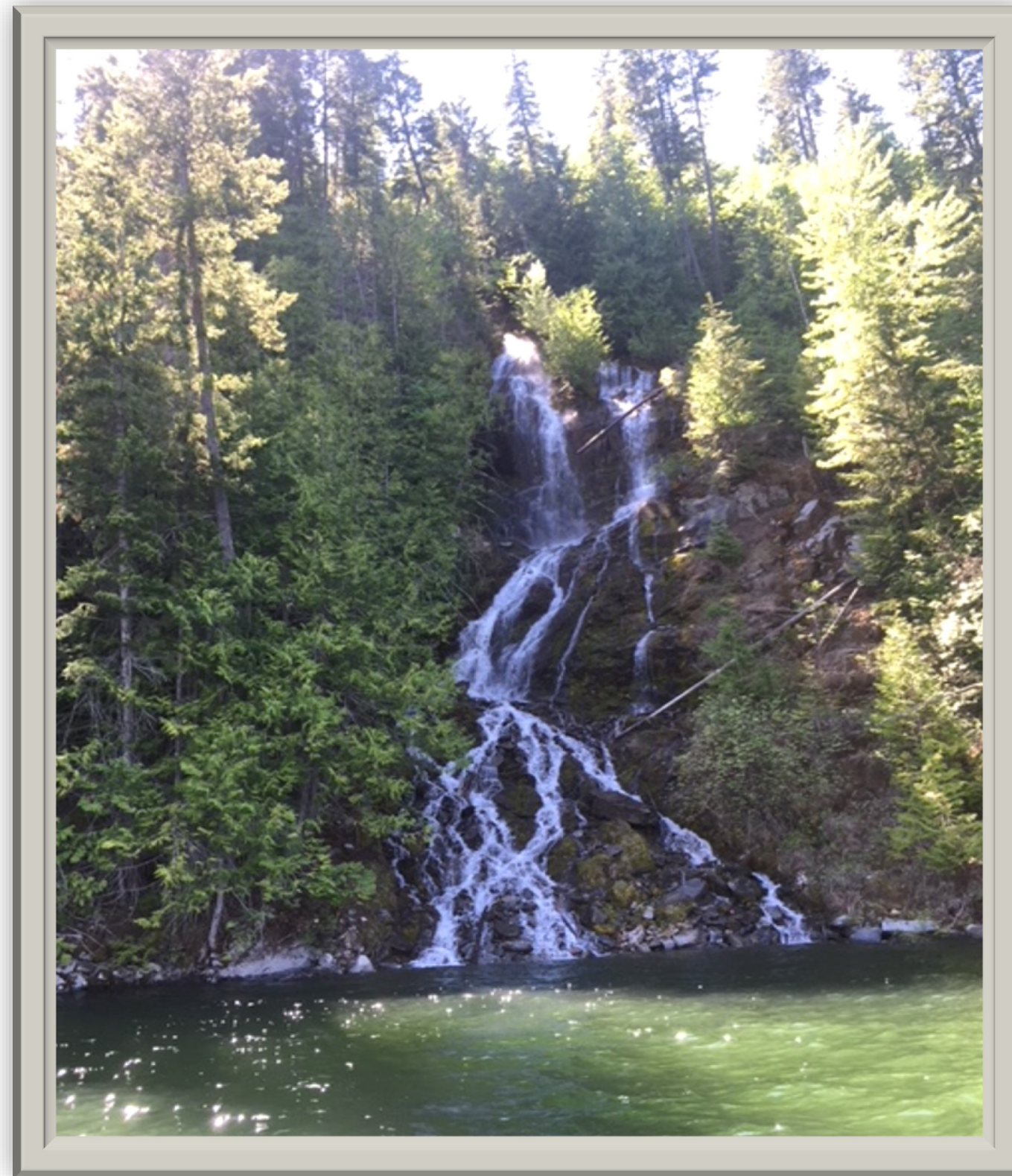


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OKOTOKS-DEWINTON UNITED CHURCHES

Sunday, August 18, 2019

Theme: Stories you Never Heard in Sunday School

Worship Ministry Team

Presiding 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

Acknowledging the Territory

Invitation to Worship

If we have come to seek God, where will we look?

In our hearts, in this community, in this place.

So this is a holy place, a place where God can be found?

If we are truly seeking.

How will we know if we have found God?

Our hearts will be softened, our lives changed, we will find strength and comfort.

Then let us seek God. Prepare your hearts for God is here.

We are open. Come, Holy One, Come.

*Hymn: This is God's Wondrous World

VU 296

Gathering Prayer

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: 2 Kings 2:23-24

Sermon: **God, Yesterday and Today**

Prayers of the People and The Prayer that Jesus Taught

* Hymn: O for a World

VU 697

*Go Out and Change the World (Commissioning)

*Blessing

Postlude

You are invited to help yourself to a cookie and find a table to discuss what you heard in the message today.

Questions for Discussion:

- **How do you reconcile God found in this passage with the God of your understanding?**
- **How might our views of God have changed from biblical times? Why?**
- **Have God “evolved” throughout history or have our views of God changed?**
- **What resources do you use to support your understanding of God?**

Themes for August:

Stories You Never Heard in Sunday School

August 18 - Elisha, Kids and Bears

Theme for September:

Neighbour

Kid's Ministry:

Kids ages 6 months to 3 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 4+ are invited to join Candice for the Kid's Ministry program.

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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.

Kids' Ministry



Schedule for August 2019

August 18
Scavenger Hunt

August 25
A Good Night's Sleep

Upcoming events:

Blessing of the Animals - August 25, 2019

Outdoor Service & Picnic - September 1, 2019

Choir - begins Thursday evening, September 12, 2019 from 7:00 - 9:00 in the Sanctuary.

Bible Study - begins Thursday, September 19th, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel. This year we will be studying Acts. You are welcome to come learn with us!

Save the date: Okotoks United Church Turkey Supper will be held on Sunday, October 6th.

August 13, 2019

Dear Friends,

This is to let you know that I'll be leaving my employment with Okotoks United and DeWinton United Churches as Congregational Care Minister effective August 31, 2019.

It has become clear in the last few days that I need to be retired, retired. I have enjoyed this time getting to know the congregation and hearing your stories of your faith journey. John and I will continue to be active members of both of the congregations and we look forward to getting to know you better, if on a less formal basis.

Blessings, Reverend Jonelle McLellan

OUC Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

April 25th – May 5th, 2020

Have you ever dreamed of travelling to Israel to see the land where Jesus walked, taught and healed?

This is your chance. Julia and Sally have been working with Arlene (and Quinton) at Pace Setter Travel to plan a personalized *Private* group tour to The Holy Land next April. Talk to Julia or Sally to sign up.



Outdoor Service and Picnic - Sunday, Sept 1 at 10 a.m.

We will be having a combined service on Sunday Sept 1 **at the DeWinton Church**. DeWinton will provide the meat and the drinks. Okotoks will provide the Salads and Desserts. There will be games for the kids. Please bring your lawn chairs. (there will be no service at Okotoks that Sunday). If you need a ride to DeWinton please let Julia know.

We have much to learn and do to restore right relations with our neighbours, the Siksika, Kainai, Piikani, Stoney-Nakoda, and Tsuut'ina First Nations. We will do our best to respect those who were here before us and to be good stewards of the land.



CALGARY PRIDE

**Sunday
Sept 1st**

The Calgary Pride Parade - 11 am to 1 pm and Pride in the Park - 11 am to 6 pm are being held Sun, Sept 1st. See calgarypride.ca for more info.



Prayer needs:

**Karen Wolfe and her mother
Bernice Bishof**

Ron Milton and Lyn Fitzpatrick

Sharon and Len Campbell

Audrey Hipwell

Our Mission Possible Team has arrived safely in the Dominican Republic - prayers needed for their mission