

WE CAN CONNECT



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SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Shannon and Brian have been in touch with the School Board and are awaiting confirmation as to how many families will need lunch supplies. The plan is to make lunch kits up at the church for 7 days worth of lunches and to deliver them to schools. This will start on Monday!

Daily FAITH Videos

Many of you will be 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.

Next week 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 your church office, but we'll find other ways to receive payment if interested.

Please Pray For:



- Judy Niven whose husband passed away on March 24th
- Cae Parry - recovering from surgery
- Kelsey - recovering in hospital from a traumatic car accident as she also mourns the loss of her husband and infant son
- Those who don't have the resources to meet their needs
- Those who have been laid off due to current circumstances
- Truck drivers who are delivering our food and mail carriers
- Please pray for our medical and government leaders and for wisdom to prevail
- medical staff and all support workers, grocery store workers, essential service helpers, those who will be processing EI and Assistance claims in the coming weeks, municipal employees, call centre workers, and so many more
- We pray that people will remain safe and healthy

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>

Power in Prayer

Friends, we can all use a little boost at times. Knowing that others are praying for us means a lot. If you have a church directory, why not sit down daily with your directory and say a prayer for others in your faith community. Maybe pray for one person a day, or one letter a day (e.g. pray for everyone with the last name "A" today, and "B" tomorrow). As we move through this challenging time, let's hold each other in our prayers and reach out to help where we can.

Also, there are a lot of unsung heroes working hard to keep us safe and healthy.

Please refer to our website for updated information, links to the newsletter and Daily Faith videos. Thanks to Joanne Dzurka for keeping our website up-to-date! Great job Joanne.

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 if you would like to join and I'll send you the login info. Thanks, Candice



Seven Sacred Teachings Lenten Study

For information on the Lenten Series with Tony Snow please refer to the Chinook Winds website chinookwindsregion.ca or refer to last week's newsletter.

Bless Your Neighbours

How about blessing your neighbours by turning toward each of them regularly and sending a blessing their way? That's a lot of good energy going out. Bless others and it will bounce back!

Telephone Conference with Premier and Chief Medical Officer

On Tuesday, Julia joined a Tele-Town Hall meeting with Premier Jason Kenney and Chief Medical Officer Deena Henshaw. All Faith Community Leaders in the province were invited to join. It was amazing to hear Rabbis, Imams, Priests and Ministers expressing their prayerful support to our leaders and asking thoughtful questions. There was no really new information regarding the status of the Covid-19 virus and hygiene protocols. The bottom line is: **Stay home! Don't meet in large groups! Wash your hands frequently and well! Care for each other!**

The Premier did indicate that this is not a "flash in the pan" and current distancing protocols could be in place for at least 2-3 months. Basically what we have been hearing. He did indicate that the economic situation for Albertans will be rather grim for a long time and that we really need to look out for each other. Spiritual Leaders and faith communities, as far as Dr. Hinshaw is concerned, are essential workers and are encouraged, as much as possible, to keep in touch with their communities of faith.

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

Okotoks United Church Office

The office continues to remain open at this time. 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

I asked a Walmart worker where I could find the nuts.
He said they're in the toilet paper aisle.

Holidays Pg on FB

SOMETIMES I WONDER IF ALL OF THIS IS HAPPENING BECAUSE I DIDN'T FORWARD THAT MESSAGE TO 10 OTHER PEOPLE