

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 okunit-ed@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 Ruby's children:

In loving memory of Ruby Loucks

Kids' Ministry

Schedule for November 2019

Nov 22 - Youth Group - Bubble Soccer

Nov 24 - A Christmas Eve Gift



Information Session for 2020 Mission Possible Trip to the Dominican Republic

- Gary Dzurka will be holding an information meeting on January 12th, 2010 immediately after Sunday service for anyone interested in joining the Mission Possible Team to travel to the Dominican Republic in 2020. The session will last about 45 minutes where you can learn more about past adventures and expected costs for the trip. We already have several youth committed to the 2020 trip so we are planning for a Mid-August departure date. The meeting is open to anyone interested in joining the team - previous travelers have ranged from 7 to 70 years old. Everyone is welcome.

Mission Possible Fundraising Concert Update

The fundraising concert featuring the Windmill Theatre Players raised \$4,600 for the new Health and Wellness Center in the Dominican Republic. Thank you to all those that made special financial donations, those that attended the concert, donated silent auction items and donated snacks. A very special thank you to Windmill Theatre Players for donating their time and talents.

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



Photo: Steve Hayward

OKOTOKS-DEWINTON UNITED CHURCHES

Sunday, November 24, 2019

Theme: Simplicity

Worship Leader: Rev. P. Marie Wedderburn, Mark Dutkoski

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: Where Two or Three Are Gathered **MV 14**

Acknowledging the Territory

Invitation to Worship Prayer responsively

Dear God, **hear our prayer today.**

Give us the wisdom to know your will, and how to apply it to our lives.

Give us the strength to use your direction in the face of all resistance and pain.

Help us spread your love through our actions. Let our actions inspire others to appreciate your love.

Give us strength. Remove all fear of those who persecute you and assure us that we follow your will. Amen.

*Hymn: Come and Find the Quiet Centre **VU 374**

Grounding Moment

Time with the Young and Young at Heart

*Hymn: O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee **VU 560**

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Choir Anthem

Scripture: Mark 3:1-6 (NRSV)

Sermon: Simplicity or Complexity

Quiet Time for Reflection, Prayer and Healing

Prayers of the People and The Prayer that Jesus Taught **VU 959**

* Hymn: 'Tis The Gift To Be Simple (Simple Gifts) **VU 353 (tune 352)**

*Go Out and Change the World (Commissioning)

*Blessing

*Going Out: Sent Out in Jesus' Name **MV 212**

Postlude

Theme for November:

Simplicity

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:

Lyn Fitzmaurice, Sharon and Len Campbell, Audrey Hipwell, and a young child know as "C" facing serious health issues

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.



125 Royal Ave.
Turner Valley, AB

**Christmas
Tea & Sale**

Saturday, Nov. 30, 2019

1:30 – 3:30 PM

Baking & Books

Jewellery & Crafts

New-to-you Table

Silent Auction

Tea

Adults \$5.00 Kids (6-12) \$2.50

Church Happenings:

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

Bible Study - 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!

Birth of Jesus for Progressive Christians

November 18th – December 16th 6:30 – 8:00

Cost: \$20.00

The Christmas Story most people know is an odd collection of many stories. What's really important to understand about the biblical stories of Jesus' birth?

That's what we will explore in this study.

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer if you plan to join Julia for a 5-week study of the birth of Jesus.

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.

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!**

Would you like to help out by removing snow from the side-walks and walkways around the church? We've got a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. Your help would be greatly appreciated!



**DEWINTON UNITED CHURCH
PRESENTS**

**Christmas in the Country
December 1st at 7:00 pm**

Tickets are available from
Bonnie Campbell (587) 226-3839
or any DeWinton member.
Limited seating so get your tickets
early! Tickets are \$15.00

Okotoks United Church Christmas Market:

This year's Christmas Market will be held on Friday November 29th 3 - 8 pm and on Saturday November 30th 10am - 2 pm. The Okotoks United Church Harmony Group will once again run the Bake Tables. This year we are looking for donations of holiday-type of baking, including cookies. They can be dropped off in the office on Thursday November 28th during the day or in the evening from 7:00 -9:00 (during choir practice) and on Friday, November 29th in the morning. This year will also once again feature our café that will serve up homemade soup, buns and dessert! **Also, If you'd like to help with set-up, working the bake tables, treasures tables or café please sign-up on the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the foyer.**

