

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 - the Healing Ministry has scheduled a Healing Session for Monday, September 16th 1:00 - 4:00. Please contact Gisela Dyck at 403-938-2506 for more information.

**OUR WELCOME HOSTS
ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP
TOO!!**

Gender and Sexuality MOOC – Affirming Ministry

What is a MOOC? MOOC stands for **Massive Open Online Courses**. Many universities are now offering free MOOC courses to people all over the world. You simply register on-line and then take the course at your own speed. You access the material via your computer.

What does this have to do with us? On **September 17th**, a six-week MOOC course is being offered through the University of British Columbia by Dr. Janice Stewart called **Gender and Sexuality: Applications in Society**. As we launch into the Fall and all of our programs, we will be offering several opportunities to engage in our **Affirming Ministry** process. This is one way to become more LGBTQ+ savvy.

Please access through the following website or check the www.okunited.ca, **Affirming Ministry** tab for more information: <https://www.classcentral.com/course/edx-gender-and-sexuality-applications-in-society-12333>

Prayer needs:

Karen Wolfe and her mother Bernice Bishof, Ron Milton and Lyn Fitzmaurice, Sharon and Len Campbell and Audrey Hipwell

Dying with Dignity Canada Information Session, Saturday September 14, 1:00 - 4:00 at the Kerby Centre. Please RSVP at events@dyingwithdignity.ca or 1-800-495-6156

Old Time Family Dance - Saturday, September 21, at the Flare n' Derrick Community Centre in Turner Valley. Tickets \$10 at the door, kids 16 and under are free. Fiddle Music by The Gates Family Band. Questions - call 403-804-4622.

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



Photo: Elizabeth Pitura

OKOTOKS-DEWINTON UNITED CHURCHES

Sunday, September 8, 2019
Theme: Neighbour

Worship Leader: Rev. Julia Kimmett
Special Music: Abe Enns

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: God You Call Us Here Together

Acknowledging the Territory

Invitation to Worship

We come with our needs, our hopes, our dreams.

We come to serve, yet reluctant to be served.

Can we let down our guard enough to let our hearts be known?

If we let people in, will we be hurt, embarrassed, or feel foolish?

We are invited by the One who humbled himself, to humble ourselves.

Loving ourselves well means we can love others well, but it requires us to be vulnerable.

We approach today the Vulnerable One who showed us how to love.

May our acts of worship go deeper so that we might be open to love and be loved.

*Hymn: And On This Path

MV 8

Grounding Moment

Time with the Young and Young at Heart

*Hymn: Jesus Loves the Little Children

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Special Music: "Most People Are Good" David Frasier, Ed Hill & Josh Kear

Scripture: James 2:1-17

Sermon: Worshipping Jesus or Following Jesus?

Reflection, Prayer/Candle Lighting, Healing

Prayers of the People and The Prayer that Jesus Taught

VU 959

* Hymn: When I Needed a Neighbour

VU 600

*Go Out and Change the World (Commissioning)

*Blessing

*Going Out: You Shall Go Out with Joy

VU 884

Postlude

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.

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 September 2019

September 8
Boo To you, Winnie the Pooh

September 15
Piglet's Night-Lights

September 20
Youth Group

September 22
The Chalk Didn't Do It!

September 29
Listen!



Upcoming events:

Choir - begins Thursday evening, September 5, 2019 from 7:00 - 9:00 in the Sanctuary.

Fireside Book Club - The Fireside Book Club will meet on Monday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room when we will discuss The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver. Everyone is welcome!

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

Turkey Supper: Okotoks United Church Turkey Supper will be held on Sunday, October 6th. Turkey, gravy, stuffing, veggies, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, home-made buns and pie! Invite your family and friends. \$20 for adults and \$12 for children 12 and under. Tickets available after church in September and in the church office. You can also purchase them by phoning the church office at 403-938-4357. A limited number of take out meals are also available.

Join us for The Blanket Exercise September 22

The Blanket Exercise is an interactive educational program that teaches the history of Indigenous Peoples in Canada. The program was created in response to the 1996 report of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples and is used as a teaching tool across Canada.

KAIROS a faith based ecumenical organization developed the program in 1997 in consultation with Indigenous elders and representatives.

On Sunday September 22 Okotoks United Church will welcome KAIROS who will facilitate The Blanket Exercise. The Exercise will be held at Okotoks Public Library at 1:00. A box lunch for \$5.00 per person will be available at the church following the church service. If you wish to take part, bring a blanket and join us in the Program Room at the library to experience this moving, interactive and participatory history lesson. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board to give us an idea of how many people to expect. As there is a cost to the program a free will offering will be taken that day to cover the costs. Contact Janet Page for more information. 403-995-8522

Getting together - Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
September 17th, 7:00 p.m.

As many of you have heard, Julia & Sally Salter have been working with Arlene Dufour at Pace Setter Travel in Okotoks to plan a personalized Private group tour to The Holy Land from April 25th – May 5th, 2020. Many have already signed up. It promises to be a great group and a great trip.

For those going and those wondering, we will be holding a meeting on Tuesday, September 17th at 7 p.m. to talk more about the trip, what's in store and what we will be doing to prepare. This is a great time to meet all who are already going or to consider whether you would like to go.

Please contact Julia okjulia@telus.net or Sally ssalter050@gmail.com for more information.

Concert in the Country - DeWinton Church

The DeWinton United Church is planning an Evening of Song with Don and Ruth Henry on Sunday September 15th beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are from Wendy Hoflin and are \$10. Tickets can be purchased at the door. If you have any questions you can contact Wendy Hoflin at 403 523-6933.

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.