

### 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](mailto:okcongregational-care@telus.net), Rev. Jonelle at 403 650-5166 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](mailto: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

### Okotoks United Church - Profile:

Diane Willis - Office & Facilities Administrator



I was born in Montreal, Quebec and moved to Calgary in 1981. While I've lived in Calgary, I've also lived in Okotoks, P.E.I. and on Vancouver Island. I currently live in Black Diamond, Alberta with my husband and two fur babies. I am a mother of 3 daughters and a grandmother with a granddaughter and a grandson.

My past work experience includes working with the Provincial Government and the City of Calgary for almost 25 years. I've also worked in Long Term Care organizations for 10 years.

I consider myself very blessed as the Okotoks United Church chose me! My role here at OUC is to provide support in administering the building, including rentals, financials, everyday maintenance. As well I help with the preparation of the weekly service bulletins and the PowerPoint presentations. I'm the friendly voice at the end of the phone.

I was confirmed in the United Church in 2012 and love attending services at a church near me. Having faith has carried me through times of extreme sorrow as well as times of happiness and joy.

In my spare time I can be spotted in quilt shops - adding to my stash or you can find me with a group of people who also love to quilt.

Would it surprise you to know that I am fluently bilingual (English and French) and that I'm learning to speak Spanish?

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



Photo: Pat Reader-Downey



**OKOTOKS-DEWINTON UNITED CHURCHES**

**Sunday, August 4, 2019**

**Theme: Stories you Never Heard in Sunday School**

“Any intelligent fool can make things bigger, more complex, and more violent. It takes a touch of genius — and a lot of courage to move in the opposite direction.” **E.F. Schumacher**

**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

*The world pushes in on us, demanding more than we are can give.*

**We have come to find respite this Sabbath day.**

*Our fears and anxieties crush us, threatening to undo our peace of mind.*

**We have come to find relief on this Sabbath day.**

*The news concerns us, the sorrow and pain are overwhelming.*

**We have come to find hope on this Sabbath day.**

*The Spirit is here, we are here. This is a safe place where all are loved and wanted.*

**We have come to meet God on this Sabbath Day.**

\*Hymn: We Praise You, O God

**VU 218**

Gathering Prayer

Special Music: I Lift Mine Eyes Up (Jan Forden and Jonelle McLellan)

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: Joshua 5:13 – 6:27

Sermon: **Breaking Down Walls**

Prayers of the People and The Prayer that Jesus Taught

\* Hymn: Dear God, Who Loves All Humankind

**VU 608**

\*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:**

- Where do we see God's name used today to justify violence in the world?
- Do we envision God differently than in Biblical times and how do we justify this difference?
- Do you think that God guides people and groups of people in the way the Israelites believed God did?
- Do you think that God favours one people group over another?

**Themes for August:**

Stories You Never Heard in Sunday School

August 11 - Jephthah and Daughter

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.

**Note:**

Diane will be out of the office August 2 - 9m 2019. We are so grateful for the wonderful volunteers who will be filling in during her absence. Diane will be back in the office on Monday, August 12th.

**Upcoming events:**

**Blessing of the Animals** - August 25, 2019

**Bible Study** - begins Thursday, September 19th, 10:00 - 12:00 in the Chapel. This year we will be studying Acts. All are welcome.

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

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

**Thanks:**

**To plant waterers:** our plants are healthy and thriving because of the dedication and tender care that they are getting.

**To greeters:** for their sunny bright faces greeting people as they pass through our doors and making us feel welcome.

**To counters:** for their excellent skills and deposits that are done keeping our finances on track.

**To hospitality team:** for brewing the best coffee in town, making the great cups of tea and serving the yummy goodies. Our tummies thank you.

**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.



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.

Picture on the front cover - this could be one of yours! Just email your pictures to Betty-Lou Bayley at



blbayey67@gmail.com.

**Prayer needs:**

**Karen Wolfe and her mother Bernice Bishof.**

**Ron Milton and Lyn Fitzpatrick**

**Sharon and Len Campbell**

**Kids' Ministry**

**Schedule for August 2019**

August 4 The Sleepover  
August 11 Pooh Welcomes Winter  
August 18 Scavenger Hunt  
August 25 A Good Night's Sleep



"And this petition requests changing 'sinner' to 'person who is morally challenged.' "