

Gender and Sexuality MOOC – Affirming Ministry

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 okunited@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

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, **Gender and Sexuality: Applications in Society** is being offered through the University of British Columbia by Dr. Janice Stewart. 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 for you 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>

Hurricane Dorian Relief: This powerful category 5 hurricane, landed in the Bahamas in early September 2019 and left a trail of destruction and destroyed thousands of homes and left approximately 60,000 people without shelter. The United Church of Canada is accepting funds to help with relief and reconstruction efforts and is working with global partners the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas (MCCA) and ACT Alliance (ACT). ACT's regional office in El Salvador is mobilizing a rapid assessment team in the Bahamas to assess humanitarian needs. Donations received through: **Online** via our [secure donation page](https://www.united-church.ca/hurricane-dorian-relief) www.united-church.ca/hurricane-dorian-relief **Phone** 416-231-5931 or toll-free 1-800-268-3781 ext. 2738 and use your Visa or MasterCard.

Send a cheque, money order, or Visa or MasterCard information with donation amount to:

The United Church of Canada
Philanthropy Unit - Emergency Response
3250 Bloor Street West, Suite 200
Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4

Please be sure to note **"Emergency Response—Caribbean Relief (Dorian)"** on the face of your cheque.

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



Photo: Shannon Olson

OKOTOKS-DEWINTON UNITED CHURCHES

Sunday, September 22, 2019
Theme: Neighbour

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

Gathering Chorus: God You Call Us Here Together

Acknowledging the Territory

Invitation to Worship

Listen, the Holy One is calling us. Inviting us into all of the broken places.
It is hard to meet people's needs in this world. It seems so resistant to change.

Perhaps we are the ones resistant to change. We like things as they are.

We will change, as long as it doesn't ask too much of us.
God beckons to us, asking us to trust and respond to the call to use what we have to care for each other, to make this world all it can be.
Then help us, Holy Mover, to respond to Your call. We are in Your service.

*Hymn: Teach Me God to Wonder
Grounding Moment

VU 299

Time with the Young and Young at Heart

*Hymn: Jesus Loves the Little Children/Everything is Beautiful

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Choir Anthem:

Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon: What do you see?

Reflection/Prayer/Lighting of Candles/Healing

Prayers of the People and The Prayer that Jesus Taught

VU 959

* Hymn: Would You Bless Our Homes and Families

VU 556

*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, 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:

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

Kids' Ministry

**Schedule for September
2019**

September 20
Youth Group

September 22
The Chalk Didn't Do It!

September 29
Listen!



**Kids/Youth Ministry
Donations Needed:**

Do you have any throw pillows or throws to help warm up the Youth Room? If so please see Candice. Thanks.

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 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. If you'd like to sponsor a turkey please sign-up in the foyer on the Turkey Supper sign-up sheets.

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.

The KAIROS Blanket Exercise:

Today Okotoks United Church will welcome Cheryle Chagnon-Greyeyes, an elder from Muskeg Lake Cree Nation who will be facilitating The KAIROS Blanket Exercise.

Please join us for lunch immediately after church then in the Program Room at the Okotoks Library at 1:00 where the Blanket Exercise will be held.

The Blanket Exercise, a profound, spiritual experience, is an interactive history of First Nations People from the time they first lived on this land until the present. If you'd like more information about the Blanket Exercise please check out this video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KzXdi_RDkjc

Please remember to bring a blanket and as there is a cost to the program a free will offering will be taken afterwards.



Your Affirming Ministry Team is back and we're excited to continue on our Affirming journey with you! We have been getting inspired by connecting with The Affirming Faith Community in Calgary and the surrounding areas and can't wait to share with you what we have planned for this year. Stay tuned for more information about upcoming events and more!

Fund Raising Initiatives Report:

Over the past several months there has been a Fund Raising activity to support our International Outreach Ministry. Okotoks United Church has been sending teams to the Dominican Republic to participate in community development since 2012. This year, the Ministry was supported by our coffee sales. Volunteers have been selling delicious coffees and we have enjoyed the very same coffee during social times at Church.

In total the volunteers sold \$2,260.00 in coffee with a profit of \$904.00 to support our International Outreach Ministry!

The Church Board thanks everyone involved for their many hours of volunteering in this fundraising event. Thanks too to everyone who supported the Coffee Sales - a great cup of coffee while supporting our Ministry!

We welcome all to St. Andrews United Church in DeWinton every Friday at 6:30 pm to join in and "howl at the moon" with the Foothills Ukulele Orchestra. All levels of ukulele players are welcome. Please come if you want to sing along or just enjoy an evening of music. Donations kindly accepted.

