

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:okunited@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!!

You can find them in the entryway to the sanctuary

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 17<sup>th</sup>**, 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](http://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 www.united-church.ca/hurricane-dorian-relief](https://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: Jack Parsons



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.