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 - 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

Gender and Sexuality MOOC – Affirming Ministry

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.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 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



OKOTOKS-DEWINTON UNITED CHURCHES

Sunday, September 15, 2019 Theme: Neighbour

Worship Leader: Rev. Julia Kimmett Worship Assistant: Martha Webster

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 are here! God is here!

We have come today to seek and search.

God's Spirit embraces us with love and compassion,

so that we might extend that love and compassion to others.

We are reminded that in God's kindom, we are one with each other.

When one is cared for, all are cared for.

May God's presence fill us to overflowing,

that we might embrace our calling to care for all,

for the sake of God's creation and all who live here.

We have come to worship God.

*Hymn: This is the Day

VU 412

Grounding Moment

Time with the Young and Young at Heart

*Hymn: Everything is Beautiful

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Choir Anthem

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37

Sermon: Who Is the Neighbour?

Reflection, lighting candles & healing

Prayers of the People & The Prayer that Jesus Taught VU 959 (on screen)

* Hymn: My Love Colours Outside the Lines

MV 138

*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.

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 15
Piglet's Night-Lights

September 20 Youth Group

September 22 The Chalk Didn't Do It!

September 29 Listen!



Upcoming events:

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

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.

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.



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!

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 and developed by KAIROS a faith based ecumenical organization
- •A movie, Indian Horse will be shown in the Sanctuary Saturday September 21, 6:00 7:30 pm in preparation of the Blanket Exercise all are welcome
- •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

Contact Janet Page for more information 403-995-8522

- •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

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 <u>Private</u> 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.

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.

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.