

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 okcongregationalcare@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 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: Karen Pryznyk

I was raised in a little town called Onanole, Manitoba just south of Riding Mountain National Park. We attended the Onanole United Church. In fact we lived right next door. I taught Sunday School as a teen, sang in the choir and mowed the lawn in summer. It was a great place to grow up.



Grant and I were married in 1972 and moved around a fair bit with his work. We moved to the NWT in 1979 where I attended churches where Inuktitut was the main language for preaching and singing. While there I wrote a story about the faith challenges of learning to sing the Lord's song in a strange land that was featured on the back page of the Observer. After four years in the Eastern Arctic we moved to Yellowknife, raised our kids there and enjoyed every moment of living in that vibrant, frontier city in the middle of the rocks and lakes and forests of the Canadian Shield. Our daughter, son-in-law and two eldest grandchildren still live in Yellowknife. We moved to Okotoks in the summer of 2016 to be closer to our son and two youngest grandchildren. Thanks to the enthusiastic welcome of Sharon Parsons and others and the vibrant preaching of Rev. Julia, I found a church home at OUC. I am now the Board Chair.

I love to read theology books and am learning to play the ukelele!

My faith is always changing and growing thanks to the people I meet, the teachers I have learned from and the books I read. My picture of God is just getting bigger and more loving every day.

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



Photo: Tom Bell

OKOTOKS-DEWINTON UNITED CHURCHES

Sunday, August 11, 2019

Theme: Stories you Never Heard in Sunday School

Prudence is foresight and far-sightedness. It's the ability to make immediate decisions on the basis of their longer-range effects.

John Ortberg

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

Patios and Parks, Rivers and Raindrops all remind us of the joy of summer.

We immerse ourselves in God's good creation.

We make choices that take us in new directions or we play it safe by not straying too far from our norm.

Whatever we choose, we hope we are following God's way for us.

We can never be certain of the outcome but we can be sure of the way.

Jesus has shown us the way and it is the way of truth and love, caring for all creation with gratitude and generosity.

The God we worship will companion us on the way.

Thanks be to God.

*Hymn: Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love

VU 574

Gathering Prayer

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: Judges 11:1-40

Sermon: **Rash Decisions**

Prayers of the People and The Prayer that Jesus Taught

* Hymn: Amazing Grace

VU 266

*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 you think rash decisions are being made today that will affect our future?
- How can we work toward making better decisions?
- How do you make decisions that honour God's intention for the world?
- Where are we failing to help people to learn to make better decisions?

Themes for August:

Stories You Never Heard in Sunday School

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.

Kids' Ministry



Schedule for August 2019

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

Upcoming events:

Blessing of the Animals - August 25, 2019

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

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.

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.



CALGARY PRIDE

**Sunday
Sept 1st**

The Calgary Pride Parade - 11 am to 1 pm and Pride in the Park - 11 am to 6 pm are being held Sun, Sept 1st.

See calgarypride.ca for more info.



Prayer needs:

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

Ron Milton and Lyn Fitzpatrick

Sharon and Len Campbell

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. Talk to Julia or Sally to sign up.



Outdoor Service and Picnic - Sunday, Sept 1 at 10 a.m.

We will be having a combined service on Sunday Sept 1 **at the DeWinton Church**. DeWinton will provide the meat and the drinks. Okotoks will provide the Salads and Desserts. There will be games for the kids. Please bring your lawn chairs. (there will be no service at Okotoks that Sunday). If you need a ride to DeWinton please let Julia know.