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 okunit-ed@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

FOOTHILLS PRESBYTERY INVITES YOU TO A CELEBRATION OF SMALL CHURCHES

Saturday, October 29th, 2016

11am - 3pm

(REGISTRATION 10-11AM)

At the Red Deer Lake Community Hall

(178136 – 112 St. SW – South of Highway 22X on

112 St. W)

This is for the lay people and Ministers of the congregations to celebrate and share what is making their congregations successful

Lunch is included (paid for by Presbytery) but a REGISTRATION DEADLINE of October 20th is needed to accommodate the caterer! Mileage will also be paid.

Jacket Racket time already!

Our Jacket Racket Ministry has been providing warm winter clothing to people in Okotoks and area for over 20 years! It is that time again for Phase One of Jacket Racket – Donation and Collection - donation tubs are placed at Sobey's, Okotoks Rec Center, Okotoks Library, Foothills Dry Cleaners, and at each door of our Church! Please donate gently used winter clothing items for babies, children, teens, and adults. Let your friends and family know we can support each other in exchanging items. Donating first, then, starting Tuesday, October 22 – Phase two - everyone is welcome to come and find "new" winter items!

We will be gathering winter items until early November and during that time there will be 7 different opportunities to come and join us! There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you are able to help out with this Ministry.

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Worship Theme Team: Heather Puttee, Betty-Lou Bayley



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



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OKOTOKS-DEWINTON UNITED CHURCHES

Sunday, September 29, 2019 Theme: Neighbour

Worship Leaders: Rev. Lee Spice and Mark Dutkoski

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 (Lee, welcome visitors)

Gathering Chorus: God You Call Us Here Together

Acknowledging the Territory

Invitation to Worship:

One: We are called to gather as the family of God.

All: We gather, and ask for God's presence.

One: We are called to gather, in all of our diversity.

All: We gather, and ask for grace.

One: We are called to gather, and recognize our neighbor.

All: May The Holy One grant us hearts to reach to one another. Amen.

*Hymn: Called by Earth and Sky MV 135

Grounding Prayer

Time with the Young and Young at Heart

*Hymn: I am Walking the Path of Peace (Love, Grace, Hope) MV 221

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Choir Anthem:

Scripture: I Kings 21

Sermon

Prayers of the People (Silence, healing room, candles, followed by prayer led by

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The Prayer that Jesus Taught

Our Father/Mother/Creator in heaven

hallowed be your name,

vour kingdom come.

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread,

Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil:

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours

now and forever. Amen.

* Hymn: Let There Be Light VU 679

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 29 Listen!

VU 959



Kids/Youth Ministry Donations Needed:

Do you have any 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 Conference Room upstairs. 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 a limited number of tickets left. If you'd like to volunteer to help out with this year's Turkey Supper please fill out the sign-up sheet in the foyer. Thanks!

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.

Orange Shirt Day - September 30, 2019:

Residential schools were church-run schools where approximately 150,000 Métis, Inuit and First Nations children were sent between the 1860s and the 1990s. The schools harmed Indigenous children by removing them from their families, forcing them to speak English or French instead of their ancestral languages, disconnecting them from their culture and traditions and forcing them to adopt Christianity in order to assimilate into Canadian society. The government has since acknowledged that this approach was wrong, cruel and ineffective, and offered an official apology to the Indigenous people of Canada in 2008.

Why is September 30th a special date? September 30th falls during the time of year when Indigenous children were taken away to residential school.

Why is it an orange shirt? The "orange shirt" in Orange Shirt Day refers to the new shirt that Phyllis Webstad was given to her by her grandmother for her first day of school at St. Joseph's Mission residential school in British Columbia. When Phyllis got to school, they took away her clothes, including her new shirt. It was never returned. To Phyllis, the colour orange has always reminded her of her experiences at residential school and, as she has said, "how my feelings didn't matter, how no one cared and I felt like I was worth nothing. All of us little children were crying and no one cared."



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!

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.