

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 will provide sessions during the month of August by appointment only. Please contact Gisela Dyck at 403-938-2506 for more information.

Gender and Sexuality MOOC – Affirming Ministry

What is a MOOC? 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 is being offered through the University of British Columbia by Dr. Janice Stewart called **Gender and Sexuality: Applications in Society**. 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 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>

Prayer needs:

**Karen Wolfe and her mother
Bernice Bishof**

Ron Milton and Lyn Fitzmaurice

Sharon and Len Campbell

Audrey Hipwell

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The little church with a big heart

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

Statement of Purpose

As Followers of Jesus, we are committed to:

Accepting all who come. Creating a sense of belonging;
Compassionately caring for each other and those in need;
worshipping and sharing generously with each other
and our community.

Cheerfully join our community of faith on our journey to follow
the teachings of Jesus



Photo: Joanne Dzurka

OKOTOKS-DEWINTON UNITED CHURCHES

Sunday, September 1, 2019

Worship Ministry Team

Worship Leader: Rev. Julia Kimmett
Musicians: John Dunn, Karen & Grant Pryznyk

Congregational responses are printed in bold
*Indicates: please stand in body or in spirit

Word of Welcome

Work of the Community (Announcements)

Acknowledging the Territory

Invitation to Worship

All creation delights in God's blessings,

Every creature lives only by God's grace.

The earth and everything in it belong to God.

Yet we have been gifted with such beauty and goodness.

We see the exuberance of God in the trees and the big sky.

We experience the majesty of God as we drive through the mountains.

We know the love of God through this community and our neighbours.

How can we not worship?

How can we not feel blessed?

May our lives be reflections of the beauty all around us.

Let it be so.

*Hymn Medley: This Little Light of Mine

(on insert) I'll Fly Away

I've Got Peace Like a River

Gathering Prayer

Incarnate One, in your abundant, astonishing love,

and through the power of your abiding Spirit,

strengthen us in our inner being,

that Christ may live through us,

Rooted and grounded in your beauty and love,

we come to celebrate our place in your creation.

Nurture our inner being through beauty.

Settle our souls that we might experience

the peace that passes understanding,

so that we might be conduits of your grace and love. Amen.

Hymn: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: Job 38:1-30 - 42:1-2

Reflection: Beauty All Around Us

Song: What a Wonderful World

Prayers of the People and The Prayer that Jesus Taught

* Hymn: Down by the Riverside

*Go Out and Change the World (Commissioning)

*Blessing

Themes 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 September 2019

September 1
Rabbit's Bad Mood

September 8
Boo To you, Winnie the Pooh

September 15
Piglet's Night-Lights

September 20
Youth Group

September 22
The Chalk Didn't Do It!

September 29
Listen!



Upcoming events:

Outdoor Service & Picnic @ DeWinton - September 1, 2019

Choir - begins Thursday evening, September 12, 2019 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. You are welcome to come learn with us!

Turkey Supper: Okotoks United Church Turkey Supper will be held on Sunday, October 6th.

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.

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.

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 Private 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.

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. If you have any questions you can contact Wendy Hoflin at 403 523-6933.