

WE CAN CONNECT



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NEW! SUMMER Daily FAITH (Faith Alive In The Home)

Many of you have been receiving links to the **Daily FAITH** Videos sent out by Julia and Matthew. Joanne and Shirle are putting links to the videos on the Okotoks and De Winton websites if you missed them. If you wish to see any of the videos, you can access them all at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/U1znsr-w/videos>

Beginning Monday, June 1st we will be moving to a **summer** Daily FAITH schedule where you will receive two videos per week (Sunday and Thursday), plus perhaps a few random "guest" videos. Matthew will be off for several weeks over the summer to complete his final year of studies and to take a little break.

Julia and Matthew have designed a summer Daily FAITH booklet for your use throughout the week. Stay tuned for details on how to get the booklet.

If you would like to comment or have a question about Daily FAITH, you can continue to use the dailyfaithvids@gmail.com address.

Thank you for your sponsorship of Daily FAITH videos. Your support has greatly helped each of the congregations. Sponsorship of the Daily FAITH ministry still continues through contacting the Okotoks office at okunited@telus.net or calling 403-938-4357.

Please Pray For:



- Food banks and their volunteers
- Postal workers
- Utility workers
- For people who live by themselves
- People who have lost aging parents
- Kids who are home schooling and their parents
- Campbell-Stone United Church - Calgary

Please refer to our website www.okunited.ca for updated information, links to the newsletter and Daily Faith videos.

How are you spending your time?

Would you like to send in photos of how they are spending their time during COVID-19. gardening, hiking, sewing, reading. It would be nice to "see" people and what they're doing. Or we could send a photographer around and take pics of them waving from their window or balcony. Email your photos to okunited@telus.net so they can be added to the newsletter.



Visit on the Veranda with Julia

Beginning next week, **June 16th**, I (Julia) will be available for **Visits on the Veranda Tuesday to Friday from 1-3 p.m.** These will be physically distanced visits for anyone needing a little time to get out, catch up or just share what's on your heart and mind. They will be 45 minutes visits with time for prayer. All are welcome.



A cozy space on the veranda will be set up so you can come up the ramp of the veranda and sit in the chairs provided. Julia will come out the front door and join you. Please bring your own beverage and a warm jacket in the event of cooler weather.

Please call to make an appointment to visit - (403)938-4357 or (403)702-2249.

Look forward to seeing you.

Julia

School Lunch Program Update:

Click on this link to read a very interesting article that was published on the Chinook Winds Region's Website:

<https://chinookwindsregion.ca/2020/06/05/okotoks-united-church-lunch-program-adapts-to-childrens-current-needs/>



Look what Jack Parsons is doing!



First day working from home.



I miss the 90s
when bread was
still good for you,
and no one knew
what kale was.

Okotoks United Church Office - We're here for you!

The office continues to remain open at this time Monday to Friday 9:00 - 2:00. Please contact Diane at okunited@telus.net or 403-938-4357 for church related news.

Please contact Julia at okjulia@telus.net or 403-702-2249 (cell) at any time.

Congregational Care Team invites you to reach out for confidential spiritual and compassionate care by email at: okcongregationalcare@telus.net

On-line Worship Services

If you would be interested in viewing live worship services, please go to this link:

<https://www.united-church.ca/community-faith/being-community/worship-online-during-covid-19>

Kid's Ministry Zoom Program Days and Times:

Sunday School, Sundays 11:00 am

Activities, stories, check-in and prayer

Youth Group, Fridays 7:00 pm

Games, check-in and discussions

For Zoom meeting numbers and passwords for these events, please email Candice at cndcsutton@gmail.com

Reopening our Communities of Faith

As many of you heard this week, the province is launching its reopening guidelines and many businesses will be slowly reintegrating into some activity, including Faith Communities. Both Boards in the coming weeks will be considering when this might happen for us. There are many regulations in place for reopening and these must be given careful consideration and we contemplate opening our doors for any activities. As much as we would love to be together again, Covid-19 is still a very real threat and we want to ensure that all will be safe and healthy when we do reopen. If you are interested in reading through the required regulations for worship and other activities in the church, please click on the following links and read them through. The more people are informed, the more we can make an informed and responsible decision.

Guidelines from the United Church of Canada:

<https://www.united-church.ca/community-faith/being-community/reopening-churches-during-covid-19>

Guidelines from Government of Alberta:

<https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/covid-19-relaunch-guidance-places-of-worship.pdf>

And for a story on what happened in a Calgary United Church please check out the following link:

<https://chinookwindsregion.ca/2020/05/11/united-church-directly-impacted-by-covid-19-tells-its-story/>