

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:okunited@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

### 2020 Offering Envelopes Are Available:

The 2020 offering envelopes are available for pick up this Sunday from the literature table in the Foyer. If you are currently on the list for envelopes but no longer require them or would like to start using envelopes, please notify the office via email at [okunited@telus.net](mailto:okunited@telus.net). Thank you.

### Loving Our Neighbours Stewardship Team:

Your "Loving Our Neighbours" Stewardship team this year is Karen Jones, Stewart Thomas and Karen Pryznyk. We would be happy to talk to you anytime. We plan to keep you informed each month about the places your donations are having an impact in our church, our community and our world. Thank you for all your time talent and treasure.

### Images Of Spirituality Women's Retreat

**Date:** April 3th - 5th, 2020 at Entheos Retreat Centre

**Session Leader:** Rev. Julia Kimmett of Okotoks United Church

**Registration Fee:** \$250\* - by March 6, 2020, \$270\* - after March 6, 2020. Non-refundable deposit of \$100.00. Julia will lead attendees through a weekend of discussion, stories, worship, music, reflection, and creative arts. Our understanding of God and discover practices that will help us connect with God that bring greater meaning to our spiritual lives will also be featured. Cost includes double accommodation, meals and program. There are a limited number of bursaries available to cover a portion of the registration fee so if you require a bursary contact the registrar at [in-fo@imagesofspirituality.ca](mailto:info@imagesofspirituality.ca). For more information and registration, go to [www.imagesofspirituality.ca](http://www.imagesofspirituality.ca). Register early so you won't be disappointed. You may also follow us on Facebook at Images of Spirituality-Alberta.

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



Photo: Bonnie Chant Kinsman

**OKOTOKS-DEWINTON UNITED CHURCHES**

Sunday, January 26, 2020  
Theme: Who We Are In Christ

Worship Leader: Rev. Julia Kimmett  
Guest Speaker: Maya Povhe

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: I Am a Child of God **MV 157**

Acknowledging the Territory

Invitation to Worship

*Sisters and Brothers, we are the church.*

**Young and old and in between, we are the church.**

*The whole spectrum of colours, we are the church.*

**Differently abled, differently gifted, we are the church.**

*Speaking all languages and liturgies, we are the church.*

**We are the church, followers of Jesus wherever we are.**

*We bring our voices to the family of believers,*

**to praise, give thanks and worship.**

\*Hymn: Open My Eyes **VU 371**

Grounding Moment

Time with the Young and Young at Heart

\*Hymn: I Have Called You by Your Name **MV 161**

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Choir Anthem

Scripture: Ephesians 2:11-22

Sermon: **Messy House**

Communion Hymn: One Bread, One Body **VU 467**

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Prayer that Jesus Taught **VU 959**

\* Hymn: Though Ancient Walls (Vs. 1,3,4) **VU 691**

\*Go Out and Change the World (Commissioning)

\*Blessing

\*Going Out: Who Is My Mother **MV 178**

Postlude

**Theme for January:**

**Who We Are In Christ**

**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:**

**Nader, Kinda and Senta who are celebrating a pending birth.**

**Lucille M.**

**A young child known as "C" battling childhood leukemia.**

**Orlin M. recovering from major surgery.**

**Prayer Requests**

If you have a prayer request please fill out a Prayer Card (found in the seat pocket in front of you) and deposit it in one of the Prayer Boxes found on the candle-lighting stations at the front of the sanctuary.

Requests may also be emailed to [okcongregational-care@telus.net](mailto:okcongregational-care@telus.net).

**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!

**Healing Ministry** - the Healing Ministry Healing Session take place Monday, February 3rd 1:00 - 4:00. Please contact Gisela Dyck at 403-938-2506 for more information or to book an appointment.

**Fireside Book Club Meeting** - the next meeting will be on Monday, February 3rd 7:00 - 9:00 pm in the Fireside Room. We be discussing The Inconvenient Indian by Thomas King. All are welcome.

**Congregational Care**

As a faith community, we all take responsibility for caring for all members of our community. We do this naturally as we come to know each other. Sometimes, there are people in our community who require more care – permanently or temporarily. This is where our **Congregational Care Team** is invaluable.



On Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Julia and Sally will host a Congregational Care gathering for all those who are interested in participating in the future of Congregational Care Ministry. We are currently revising this ministry. Congregational Care has many facets, including but not limited to personal visitation, phone visits, prayer, and cooking and delivering food. If you are able to fill any of these roles or you are interested in finding out more about Congregational Care, please join us for this meeting. All are welcome to attend.

February 2<sup>nd</sup> is a Food for Fun Sunday so please enjoy lunch with your friends and neighbours in the foyer then join us afterwards in the Conference Room for the meeting. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you are planning to attend.

**Kids' Ministry Schedule for January/February 2020**

January 24 - Youth Group  
January 26 - "Jesus is the anchor to my soul"  
February 5 - Baptism of Jesus  
February 7 - Youth Group  
February 9 - Elijah Fed by Ravens  
February 16 - Fish and Loaves  
February 21 - Youth Group  
February 23 - Healings of Jesus



**Food For Fun: Sunday February 2nd.**

Food for Fun is an opportunity for people to gather for fellowship and conversation. Each month we need 8 people to sign up to bring soup (enough for 20 people), serve it and clean up after. Buns will be provided. Set-up will be taken care of. If we share the load, we hope that people will only have to do it once a year.



In the spirit of respect and truth, we acknowledge that we live, work and worship on the traditional territories of the people of Treaty 7 – the Blackfoot Confederacy (Siksika, Kainai, Piikani), the Tsuut'ina, the Stoney-Nakoda Nations and the Métis Nation, Region 3. The United Church is committed to restoring right relations with the first peoples and to living in peace and harmony on this land.

**Okotoks United Church Snow Angels Needed!**

So far we've had one person sign up to be our Snow Angel. We desperately need more! Please sign on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the OUC foyer. Your help would be greatly appreciated!



**Thank you from the Kid's & Youth Ministry**

A big thank you to Barry Tymchuk for helping out Candice and the Kid's and Youth Ministry by transporting the "stuff" to the salvage center. Thanks a bunch Barry!

**Cookies for after service:**

If you'd like to bake cookies for the congregation to enjoy after service please give Gayle MacPherson a call at 403-938-1971 or Heather Puttee at 403-652-7778.

**Rendez-Vous 2020 Comes to Alberta**

Save the date: August 11 - 14, 2020 for Rendez-vous 2020. Check out the poster on the Community Bulletin Board in the foyer.