

# WE CAN CONNECT



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## Daily FAITH Videos

Many of you will be receiving links to the **Daily FAITH** Videos sent out by Julia and Matthew. Joanne is also putting links to the videos on our website if you missed them. If you aren't receiving them or don't wish to receive them, please email [dailyfaithvids@gmail.com](mailto:dailyfaithvids@gmail.com). And please feel free to share them with others. If you know of people who would like to be put on the daily list, please send us an email. We are inviting people to "sponsor a day" of the Daily FAITH video for \$20.00. Could you sponsor one of the daily offerings? If so, call the church office. We'll give a shout-out to whomever sponsored that day. It would be easiest to sponsor the day by sending an e-transfer to the Okotoks church office, but we'll find other ways to receive payment if interested. To get all videos try this link:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4snfkwd9o9\\_1KMf1znsr-w](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4snfkwd9o9_1KMf1znsr-w)

## Please Pray For:



- Food banks and their volunteers
- Postal workers
- Utility workers
- For people who live by themselves
- People who have lost aging parents

Please refer to our website [www.okunited.ca](http://www.okunited.ca) for updated information, links to the newsletter and Daily Faith videos.

## What On Earth? Submitted by Carol Price

What is this? This is a CBC weekly newsletter on all things environmental, where the CBC highlights trends and solutions that are moving us to a more sustainable world. The following is a portion of an interesting article in this week's edition:

### Is our response to the novel coronavirus indicative of our ability to fight climate change?

Last week, business columnist Don Pittis wrote about what the slow response of most countries to the novel coronavirus has in common with action on climate change. Now that the COVID-19 threat is upon us, scientists and innovators are pulling out the stops to find ways of coping. That rush of invention is no surprise to historians.

In the 1620s, living through the plague inspired economist and polymath William Petty to devise a system to count the cost of future calamity. Part of the "political arithmetic" he invented includes concepts we use today to try to imagine how much it's worth spending now to prevent something worse from happening several years down the road, said Canadian economist Aidan Vining.

Unfortunately, our failure to prepare for an outbreak that epidemiologists have repeatedly warned was coming is a reminder that humans are not very good at thinking themselves into the future. Society's blinkered approach to the future risk of disease provides a lesson for our failure to address the potentially catastrophic effects of climate change.

According to economist Carolyn Fischer, who works with the University of Ottawa's Smart Prosperity Institute, another difficulty is calculating the present value of the risk of planetary devastation. If a future plague could lead to complete societal and economic breakdown similar to what happened during the Black Death, Fischer said it may be worth spending a lot to prevent it from happening — even if we cannot be sure if or when it will occur.

Fischer said the same thing applies to climate change. "Maybe we can draw some lessons from this crisis for what happens when you react too late."

**If you are interested in finding out more/subscribing – just google, What on Earth Subscription Center and enter your email. What on Earth? will come straight to your inbox every Thursday. Thanks, Carol Price**

## Special Bell Ringing at DeWinton

You are invited to a "drive-in bell ringing" at DeWinton this Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> where we will ring the bell once for every life lost in Nova Scotia recently. We can pray together (in our cars) following the bell ringing. We are asking that you be at the church in De Winton and parked by 10:00 a.m. We will begin ringing the bell at 10:15.

Please remain in your cars throughout the morning. Also, when you get there, please begin filling the parking lot from the back of the property to the front, starting on the east (bell side) of the parking space. For those who are unable to attend we will be video-taping the bell ringing and putting it up on our website so you can watch it at a later date.





You know if you keep a glass of wine in each hand you can't accidentally touch your face

This is stupid I just tried to make hand sanitizer and it came out as rum and coke



### Update on Okotoks Food Bank, April 20, 2020 from Carol Price:

Tuesday, March 31 was the official opening of the new location for the Food Bank in Camshay Plaza, Stockton Ave. Our move has been very timely in that 3 weeks later, Food Banks Alberta requested the Okotoks Food Bank take on the role of distribution hub during the COVID 19 crisis. This will involve storing pallets of non-perishable items and freezer items for the smaller food banks in our area. We are able to help out with this request as we now have the warehouse and freezer space to accommodate. A number of new procedures have been put in place due to COVID 19 for the safety and protection of clients and volunteers alike. In some cases, volunteers are driving food items to those affected by the pandemic.

Okotoks continues to be very generous and creative with both financial and food donations to the Food Bank during these stressful and challenging days. Everyone involved with the Food Bank is very appreciative and grateful for such on-going kindness.

### Volunteers are Essential

This week, April 19-25, is volunteer appreciation week. Premier Jason Kenney thanked all volunteers and encouraged our continued service in the face of challenging times. Thanks so much for the work that so many of you do at the church and in the community. Without those who serve, society would collapse, as would the church. You are a true blessing.

### Newsletter submissions:

Would you like to contribute to the weekly newsletter? Where were you when all this happened? Would you like to share with congregation members what you are doing? Or, what message would you like to pass along to the congregation? If you'd like to submit something to the weekly newsletter send an email to [okunited@telus.net](mailto:okunited@telus.net).

### Youth Group Message From Candice:

We are still meeting for Youth Group and Sunday School via Zoom. Youth group will take place every Friday at 7:00 pm for 45 minutes. Sunday School will take place every Sunday at 11:00 am for 30 minutes. Please email Candice at [cndcsutton@gmail.com](mailto:cndcsutton@gmail.com) if you would like to join and I'll send

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

The office continues to remain open at this time. Please contact Diane at [okunited@telus.net](mailto:okunited@telus.net) or 403-938-4357 for church related news. Please contact Julia at [okjulia@telus.net](mailto: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](mailto:okcongregationalcare@telus.net)

### Stay Informed:

Also, please look to reputable sources for information. Please check [www.alberta.ca](http://www.alberta.ca) or [www.alberta.healthservices.ca](http://www.alberta.healthservices.ca) for up to date information. There is a lot of misinformation going around. Let's not spread it.

### 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>