

WE CAN CONNECT

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Please Pray For:

- Taber-Knox United Church

What Are You Doing for Lent?

On weekdays throughout Lent (February 17th – April 3rd), you are invited to come and sit in the chapel for a time of devotion, prayer and reflection.* There will be some Lenten devotionals and a public journal there for you to write in if you wish (remember, it's public so anyone can read it).



The office is open from 9:00 – 2:00 on weekdays so feel free to drop in anytime for some quiet time. You can even get a tattoo! By the way, just in case you're worried, the tattoos are temporary. They'll eventually wear off. The spiritual benefits won't. *Please follow proper health protocols.

MARCH 14TH, 2021





Seder Dinner - April 1, 2021

On Thursday April 1 we will be celebrating Maundy Thursday with a Seder Dinner.

A Seder meal is a Jewish tradition that was set out in the book of Exodus as a means of remembering the original Passover when the Hebrews were finally freed from the clutches of Pharaoh.

A Christian Seder takes the same basic preparation and elements of this Jewish meal and ritual, modifying some parts. It is celebrated on Holy Thursday as the Last Supper celebrated by Jesus and his disciples was almost certainly a Seder meal.

This year we will gather in our own homes meeting via Zoom, reciting the story of Israel's redemption from bondage in Egypt.

If you would like to be part of this celebration at 5:30 on April 1 please email Diane at okunited@telus.net or phone 403-938-4357 to sign up. When you register we will email you instructions and a script or you can pick up a copy at the church.

Guidelines for "Have Your Say"

We are inviting members of the congregation to write articles/opinion pieces for our weekly newsletter under the byline "Have Your Say." The following guidelines will determine the scope of the writing. Please submit your piece to Diane at okunited@telus.net.



1. The article/piece must cover something that is currently being discussed in the local news (e.g. COVID, coal mining on the eastern slopes, indigenous affairs, current politics, random acts of kindness, vaccines, good news stories, environment).
2. The article/piece must be respectful and thoughtful, recognizing that others have differing opinions.
3. The editorial team of Diane, Carol Price and Rev. Julia have final editorial responsibilities for the piece.
4. The maximum length of the article is to be no more than 400 words.



NEWS FROM ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

Written by P. Marie Wedderburn



It has now been a year since we gathered together for worship at St. Andrew's United Church. However, last Friday (March 5th), the occupants of sixteen vehicles gathered on the church grounds to celebrate another birthday. As the birthday celebrant stood on the church steps, the church bell rang, many smaller hand-held bells also rang, and vehicle horns honked in celebration. Our hope and prayer continues to be that each time we have either a birthday drive-by or a birthday park and honk at the church, that the people celebrating a birthday feel the love and connection with our Community of Faith.

And at this past Sunday's "Zoom power social" gathering for check-in, Julia asked the question "Where or with whom did you feel most loved as a child?" As each of the twenty-three people present answered this question, we learned a little bit more about one another.

Speaking of the Zoom power social gathering on Sunday mornings, please remember that Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m. this Sunday, March 14th. Consequently we still meet at 9:30 a.m. but if you forgot to turn your time-pieces ahead one hour you will miss the gathering at which we answer another question posed by Julia!

Greetings from the 2021 Images Planning Committee!

This is your invitation to the 31st Annual Images of Spirituality Gathering. Come and join with other women to celebrate God's great gift of a creative spirit within each of us. This year, we celebrate our 31st gathering Saturday April 10, 2021 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We will join online through Zoom and spend the day with one another virtually.



Theme: GROUNDED IN GOD: an opportunity to explore the longing of our heart/soul and discover how being *Grounded in God* meets our deepest needs.

Session Leader: Rev. Julia Kimmitt of United Church

The day will include sessions with Julia, small group discussion, a lunch break, and some craft time together as well as singing, communion, and fellowship.

To learn more about us and to register, please visit <http://www.imagesofspirituality.ca/>

Registration Fee: \$25.00 by March 31, 2021

Hope you can join us. 2021 Images of Spirituality Planning Committee:

Sandra (chair), Connie, Joanne, Nancy, Ruth, and Maureen



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 **KID'S KORNER:**
KID'S AND YOUTH GROUPS ARE TAKING A BREAK STARTING THIS SATURDAY, MARCH 6 AND GOING UNTIL APRIL 10. WE WILL RESUME SUNDAY SCHOOL ON APRIL 11.
DURING THIS TIME, THERE WILL BE NO MEETINGS OF YOUTH GROUP OR SUNDAY SCHOOL. WE WILL STILL COMPLETE THE SPECIAL EASTER PROJECTS THOUGH!



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.

To contact **Julia** email her at okjulia@telus.net or phone her at **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

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



*Tensions are high in the produce section
as no one dares to lick their fingers*

We should train all Amazon delivery drivers to give the vaccine. The whole population would be immunised by Saturday. Thursday if you've got Prime.



**We are not
aging, we are
ripening to
perfection.**