

Connections

Prayers

- ♦ Bowden-Betchton St. Andrew's United Church
- ♦ Ev S.
- ♦ Marg Smith - who is recovering from recent surgery and is doing well
- ♦ For a full recovery for those who have Covid
- ♦ Anna - prayers for her recovery from recent surgery
- ♦ Noreen Milburn and family
- ♦ Jonelle McLellan - health issues
- ♦ John and Mary-Ann Bowerman - for health and healing
- ♦ St. James Parish

Broadview Magazine Subscription

The Broadview magazine subscriptions are up for renewal. The deadline is July 16, 2021. If you'd like to renew your subscription or add your name to our subscription list please let me know at okunited.telus.net. The cost for a year's subscription to this great magazine is \$25.00. For your convenience you can e-transfer your renewal fees to:

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Visits with the Vicar on the Veranda

During the month of June Julia will be available for Visits with the Vicar on the Veranda on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 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

Treasurer Position Soon Open on the Board

This is Stewart Thomas' last year as Treasurer for our Church Board.

We would like to invite you to consider taking over this position by the fall so that there can be some overlap before Stewart takes a well-deserved break.

Due to the work of our excellent bookkeeper, Audra Brown, the workload is light. You should have a head for finances and a heart for taking care of our church. It involves checking over the monthly financial reports and summarizing them for the Board once a month or as needed. You will prepare an annual budget with the help of the various team leaders.

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NEWS FROM ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

Written by P. Marie Wedderburn

Once again on Sunday, nineteen people Zoomed into our time together as a community of faith. There were a few announcements and a couple of decisions were made by the community. One of these decisions was to continue to have these Zoom gatherings on Sunday mornings during the month of July for anyone who wants to join for conversation and check-in with each other.

Julia's check-in question on Sunday was, "What are three good qualities and one challenge that you have?" I personally came up with two qualities and one challenge when I was asked to share. I did come up with a couple more good qualities later. How we answer these check-in questions each week continues to let us know one another a little better for which I for one am thankful.

As always following our Zoom time, a few of us joined the worship service at 10:30. Julia began a worship series on transitioning based on the story of the Exodus of the Hebrew people leaving slavery to wandering in the wilderness for forty years. As we now continue to begin the process of transitioning out of the pandemic, we were asked to consider "What has been your typical attitude to change or disruption?" and "Will we enter transition – the unexpected and the new – with grumbling or with grace?" How indeed do we answer these questions remains something for all of us to ponder over the coming weeks.

OUC Summer Student Update:

Hi everyone!

My name is Mackenzie and I will be the summer student here at the Okotoks United Church for the next few months. Some of you probably recognize me from my younger days and I am so delighted to be back with you all while I am between semesters at the University of Alberta.

You can catch me working in the office with Diane and Julia, as well as doing some odd projects around the church!



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National Indigenous History Month Events

June is Indigenous History month in Canada! Chinook Region Indigenous Minister Tony Snow has put together some online events for those looking to learn more about indigenous history and our collective past.

June 16 12:00 Noon to 1 PM – Lunch and Learn – Indigenous History Month Interfaith Dialogue: Living into Treaty Relations.

- ♦ a blanket exercise, discussion and discernment of reconciliation, right relations and treaty covenants with the First Peoples of Treaty 7.

Registration form: <https://form.jotform.com/211537151544248>

June 21. 12 noon to 1:30 pm. - Indigenous Day

- ♦ Join us via zoom to learn about the history of Indigenous Day, the meaning behind the celebration and the tie-in to the United Church.

Registration: <https://hillhurstunited.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/882497>

As well as the above events, a Fundraiser has been organized by McKillop United Church in Lethbridge in memory of the 215 children and in support of in support of the Regional Indigenous Ministry Fund.

How to Donate:

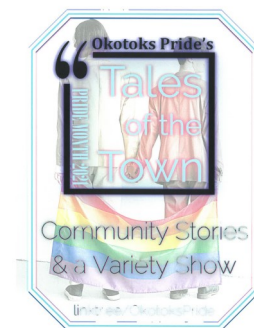
- Donations to the Regional Indigenous Ministry Fund can be made online through the Chinook Winds website.
- Or you can donate through McKillop United following these directions: send an etransfer to judy@mckillopuned.ca or with a credit card over the phone by calling 403 328 2703 between 9am and Noon Monday through Friday.

Happy Pride Month!

Also happening during June, Okotoks Pride is organizing a few events to promote and celebrate the stories of LGBTQ2S+ members of our community

Tales of the Town is a five part series, sharing the experiences of members and allies of the LGBTQ2S community in Okotoks and highlights why Pride is so important in the Foothills. The series can be found on the Okotoks pride social media pages.

As well the Okotoks pride performers will be hosting an online event in June 29th. More information and RSVP for that event can be found on the Okotoks Pride Facebook page.



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KID'S KORNER:



DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE THE KID'S MINISTRY MEETS FOR A ZOOM SUNDAY SCHOOL FOLLOWING OUR MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE. WE START AT 11:30. YOUTH GROUP WILL MEET EVERY SECOND FRIDAY BY ZOOM. WE START AT 6:30. FOR LINKS TO THE MEETINGS AND DETAILED HAPPENINGS ON SPECIFIC DATES, PLEASE CONTACT CANDICE AT CNDCSUTTON@GMAIL.COM

THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMS WILL TAKE A BREAK FOR JULY AND AUGUST. WE WISH THE KIDS AND THEIR FAMILIES A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THEM ALL AGAIN IN THE FALL. MAYBE EVEN IN PERSON!

Vaccinations

If you need more information about the Alberta Covid vaccination program check out Alberta Health Services' website at: <https://www.alberta.ca/covid19-vaccine.aspx>

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.