

# CONNECTIONS



## SAVE THE DATES



**February 19, 2023**  
**Okotoks**

**&**

**March 12, 2023**  
**DeWinton**



Combined Service

*Potluck*

**JANUARY 29, 2023**

**Masks Are  
Encouraged**

Let's take care of each  
other's health.

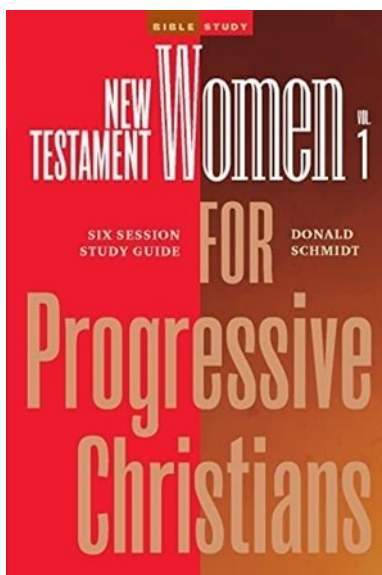


## WORSHIP SCHEDULE - 2023

REVISED:

(legend: OK/DW=Okotoks/DeWinton, DV=Diamond Valley)

2023	OK/DW	DV
Jan 1	Lay-led or PS	Lay-led Ukulele group
Jan 8	Mark	Traci Fontana-Wegelin
Jan 15	Lee	Julia 1
Jan 22	Julia 1	Mark
Jan 29 (5 <sup>th</sup> )	Julia 1 (Karen, Mark, Traci)	n/a
Feb 5	Linda Ormson	Julia 2
Feb 12	Karen P	Linda Ormson
Feb 19	Mark D	Karen P
Feb 22: Ash Wed		
Feb 26 (Lent 1)	Julia 3	Traci Fontana-Wegelin
March 5 (Lent 2)	Karen M	Julia 3
March 12 (Lent 3)	Julia 4 DW AGM	Karen M
March 19 (Lent 4)	Ted S	Julia 4
March 26 (Lent 5)	Julia 5	Ted S
April 2 (Lent 6)	Mark	Julia 5
*April 6: Maund Thurs		
*April 7: Good Friday	Julia	Julia
*April 9: Sunrise	Service at Big Rock	N/A
April 9	Julia 6	Lee
April 16	Ted S	Traci Fontana Wegelin
April 23	Dean	Ted S
April 30 (5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday)	Julia	



## ***New Testament Women for Progressive Christians Vol. 1***

***By Donald Schmidt***

*“Although women often play a crucial role in the most significant events in the Bible, they are typically cast as secondary characters who are less important than the male lead. Or they are presented as bit players who aren’t even named. Yet these are strong women and we do an injustice to the biblical narrative and a disservice to ourselves if we gloss over them.” (Book Jacket)*

***Join us as we study a number of New Testament Women and discuss their importance in scripture, to Christianity and to us.***

**January 10/12 – February 14/16**

**10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

**Cost: \$16.00 for book\***

(\*can also be purchased as an e-book from Wood Lake Books)

Please email Julia at [okjulia@telus.net](mailto:okjulia@telus.net) if you wish to join the study

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## Youth Group Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> *"Rowdy" Games Night*



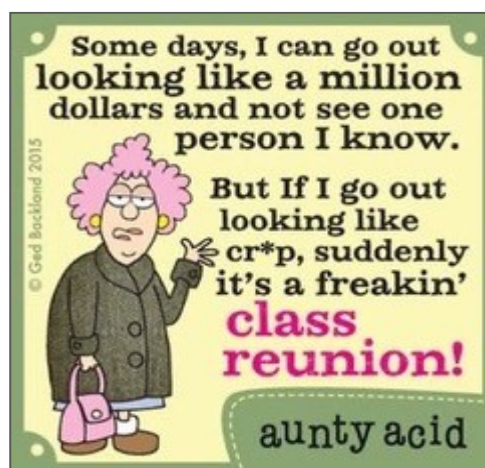
Youth Group with Julia, Olivia & Friends

Okotoks United Church

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Open to all youth grades 6 and up  
(visitor's are always welcome)

Note: Youth Group takes place the third Friday of every month



## Outreach and Justice Group

What does justice look like?

How do we advocate for change that matters?

Let's talk...

**January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 6 - 8 p.m.**

**Pot Luck Dinner and Discussion (Board Room)**

**Note: This year we will continue to discuss  
Affordable Housing and any other initiatives that  
arise in relation to Justice and Outreach.**

Okotoks United Church  
43 Riverside Dr. Okotoks

RSVP to Julia at [okjulia@telus.net](mailto:okjulia@telus.net) if you plan to attend



### Prayers:

- ♦ Grace Anglican/United
- ♦ Woodcliff: Calgary
- ♦ Castor: Knox

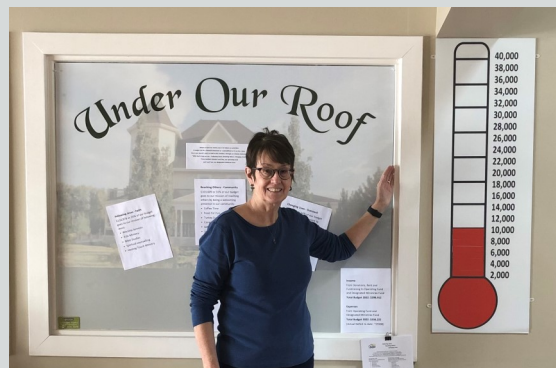


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## Under Our Roof

### Under Our Roof Mortgage Campaign



THANK YOU to all the people who have already made donations to our mortgage campaign. Our current donation amount is \$9,553.00.

Note: When you make your donation please identify it clearly as “for the mortgage” so we can keep track of our progress.

## JULIA OFFICE HOURS WINTER - 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
UCV or DW/OK Worship	<b>8-3</b> <b>OK</b>	<b>8-4</b> <b>UCV</b> Bible Study 10-11:30	<b>8-3</b> <b>OK</b> Mid-week Worship 10-10:45 Wednesdays	<b>8-3</b> <b>OK</b> Bible Study 10-11:30	<b>Off</b>  <b>Youth Group</b> <b>6:30-8:30</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Friday</b> <b>of each month</b>	<b>Off</b>

***Julia can be reached for urgent Pastoral Care needs 24/7 at 403-702-2249.***

If you wish to reach Julia for anything other than urgent concerns, please email her at [okjulia@telus.net](mailto:okjulia@telus.net) and she will get back to you during office hours, or call and leave a message at either 403-938-4357 (Okotoks) or 403-933-4114 (United Church in the Valley) and your call will be returned during office hours.

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## Chinook Winds Regional Council Representative Needed

In The United Church of Canada a regional council is a grouping of communities of faith in a local area. Laypeople and ministers meet to oversee the work of the church within each region. There are 16 regional councils in The United Church of Canada.

Okotoks De Winton Pastoral Charge is a member of Chinook Winds Regional Council. The role of the Chinook Winds Regional Council is to encourage and connect communities of faith of The United Church of Canada in Central and Southern Alberta. Chinook Winds Region extends from south of Highway 13 in Alberta to the Canada-United States border.

Are you interested in learning more about The United Church of Canada beyond our own church doors? Our congregation is entitled to elect two representatives to the Chinook Winds Regional Council. We are looking for one more person to fulfill this commitment. The time requirement is not onerous. In this role you would be invited to attend the Region's Annual Meeting in May, plus the occasional webinar or other learning opportunities throughout the year. You will have the opportunity to meet other United Church people and to learn what new initiatives The United Church, the Region and local congregations are undertaking....how other congregations are surviving and thriving in this uncertain world.

If you are interested or have questions about this role please talk to our current Regional Representative, Sally Salter.



NEW!

### MCG CAREERS WORKSHOP

#### COMPUTER BASICS

Starting  
January 24,  
2023

Topics include:

- ✓ Navigating online resources
- ✓ Utilizing Microsoft Word and Google Drive
- ✓ Understanding online applications
- ✓ Exploring Microsoft Excel and Zoom
- ✓ So much more ...

All services offered at **NO COST**

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

[highriver@mccareers.com](mailto:highriver@mccareers.com)

Workshops are held in  
High River.

SCAN HERE TO  
REGISTER ON  
EVENTBRITE



"The usual stuff — a new virus from the Joker, spyware from the Penguin, malicious code from Cat Woman, another phishing scheme from the Riddler."

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## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2023:

**By: Carol Price**

March 8th, is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day also makes a call for accelerating women's equality world wide.

IWS has occurred for well over a century, with the first gathering in 1911 and is now celebrated by over a million people. Pre-COVID we did celebrate International Women's Day at our Church. Rowen House Emergency Shelter in High River joined us in providing artists, speakers, delicious pot luck dinner, an important recognition of an important day.

Unfortunately, I am unable to continue to work on the Ministry and was wondering if there is someone who would be interested in taking my place in working with our community to host/co – host International Women's Day 2023?

If you are interested, please contact Lorna at the OUC Office (403-938-4357).

## OPPORTUNITY IS KNOCKING - LET'S OPEN THE DOOR!

- The church is now fully open, with this in mind the greeters and offering collection ministry is being revamped.
- If you are interested in joining this important ministry please contact Betty-lou at: [blbayley67@gmail.com](mailto:blbayley67@gmail.com) or leave a message at (403) 383-4587.





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- A close-up photograph of a person's hand, palm up, holding a large, multi-colored word cloud. The word 'heal' is the largest and most prominent in the center. Other words include 'kindness', 'gratitude', 'intention', 'balance', 'create', 'unconditional', 'grace', 'spiritual', 'purpose', 'journey', 'love', 'trust', 'give', 'wisdom', 'ones', 'nurture', 'forgive', 'guidance', 'release', 'growth', 'sense', 'accept', 'harmony', 'believe', 'receive', 'ask', 'peace', 'soul', 'now', 'divine', 'change', and 'touch'. The background is a soft, out-of-focus purple and blue gradient.

- **Big Rock Singers 2022-2023 Season** (September 2022 - May 2023) Wednesday night, and Saturday (May 2022 - May 2023)
- **Big Rock Singers Italy 2023 Tour** (September 2022 - May 2023) Wednesday and Thursday night, and Saturday (May, September, October, November, January, April)
- **Shintani Wado Kai Karate Foundation** (January - June 2023) every Monday and Wednesday night
- **Drop-In Qigong** (November – March, 2023) Wednesday morning from 11:00 - 12:00 pm
- **Al Madinah Calgary Islamic Assembly - Prayer Group** (December 2022 – June 2023) every Friday afternoon
- **Christ Commission Fellowship Calgary** (January – June, 2023) Sunday from 1:30 - 6:30 pm
- **Okotoks Food Bank Soup Making Program** (January – June, 2023) the second Wednesday every month from 12:00 - 4:00 pm
- **Ukrainian Winter Celebration** (Saturday, January 28, 2023) in conjunction with the Calgary Catholic Immigration Services.

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## Mid-Week Worship

Come and find the quiet centre.

Come catch your breath and pause.

Come be reminded of God's presence.

**Come and join us for Mid-Week Worship:**

a short contemplative service  
of song, Scripture, silence, and prayer  
**every Wednesday morning,  
from 10:00-10:30AM**



## Pastoral Care

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pastoral care need please call  
Julia at 403-702-2249.

### **Okotoks United Church Office**

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**Congregational Care Team** invites you to reach out for confidential spiritual and compassionate care by email at: [okcongregational-care@telus.net](mailto:okcongregational-care@telus.net)

**The office is open Monday to Friday  
From 9:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

**Please contact Lorna at [okunited@telus.net](mailto:okunited@telus.net) or 403-938-4357.**