



June 19, 2025

Okotoks Spirituality Life Centre's  
Spirituality Speaker Series  
with  
Rabbi Glickman



Spirituality in Judaism: Three of the most important things to know about Judaism and Jewish life.

Discussion and refreshments follow.

Please join us on Thursday June 19, 2025 from  
7:00 to 9:00 pm at Okotoks United Church

Entrance by donation.

Join us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/OkotoksUnited>  
Visit St Andrew's United Church website: [Dewintonunitedchurch.ca](http://Dewintonunitedchurch.ca)

## Garage Sale at St. Andrew's United Church in DeWinton

Tuesday July 1, 2025 from 8 am to 2 pm

Drop off donations at St Andrew's on Sunday June 22 from 12 to 2 pm

We are only accepting the following:

- Kitchenware
- Toys/games
- Jewelry
- Pet accessories
- Garden usables
- Artwork
- Christmas décor
- Knick-knacks



THE DE WINTON COMMUNITY  
ASSOCIATION IS HAPPY TO HOST OUR

## 43RD CANADA DAY BREAKFAST

TUESDAY JULY 1, 2025

FOOD, MUSIC & GAMES

GREAT BREAKFAST, RADIO DJ  
LIVE ON LOCATION, CHILDREN'S  
GAMES AND FACE PAINTING AND  
SO MUCH MORE !

ADULTS \$7, Children \$5 (under 6 free)

Tuesday July 1 from 9 am - 12 pm

RAIN OR SHINE

THE DE WINTON UNITED CHURCH WILL BE  
DOING A QUILT RAFFLE (VALUE OF \$750).  
TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE  
BREAKFAST. DRAW WILL BE AT 11:00AM.  
TICKETS ARE \$5 EACH. PROCEEDS GOING TO  
THE ROWAN HOUSE



Prayers:  
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### Please note:

From June 27 to August 29, 2025,  
the church office will close  
at 12:00 pm on Fridays.



ST. ANDREW'S UNITED  
CHURCH, DEWINTON

# MZBEHAVIN'



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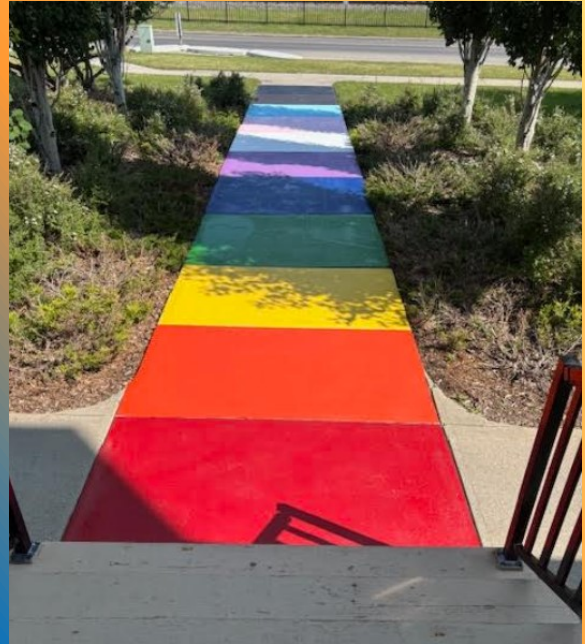
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# Did you notice?!

## Have you seen?!



Our thanks to Ryan Brown for his time and talented painting skills! Also, a big thanks to all the sponsors of the sidewalk colours.

It looks fabulous! ❤️

Our gratitude, as well, to the master sewers whose tireless efforts produced these lovely foyer banners.

❤️ They're beautiful!

Healing Ministry welcomes everyone who is seeking physical, mental or spiritual healing.

Come experience a healing session!

To book a session, please contact: Gisela Dyck at 403-938-2506



## The Okotoks Fireside Book Club

2nd Tuesday of each month,  
at 1:00 pm in the Boardroom.

Check the church website to see what we're reading and discussing!

You are welcome to attend on a regular basis or simply if a book sounds like one you would like to read and participate in the discussion.

Interested in joining? Please contact Janet Page at 587-363-5423.

Do you live in Okotoks and need a ride to church on Sunday mornings?

Contact Traci in the office no later than Fridays at 1:00 pm to arrange transport.

## Stand Firm - Setting Boundaries in a World that Demands Too Much

### King's Fold Retreat Centre - November 13/14-16, 2025

The "Stand Firm" theme is based on Galatians 5:1 and Jesus' practice of going to a solitary place to listen and rejuvenate. It is an opportunity to gather with other women for meaningful conversation and activities that contribute to setting health boundaries and caring for self. There will be plenty of time to rest, walk, take in the beauty of the setting and tend to your well being. All activities are optional. This retreat, we have added an optional extra night (the 13th) for more time to rest and get to know the other women.

Formal programming will begin the evening of the 14th.

Facilitated by Spiritual Directors Rev. Julia Kimmett, Diamond Valley and Elaine Mansfield, High River, our desire is that this Retreat be refreshing and life giving. Activities will be tailored to meet these objectives.

Cost:

Thursday-Sunday (Nov 13-16)	Shared Room	\$560.00
Friday - Sunday (Nov 14-16)	Shared Room	\$390.00

Note: Price includes dinner at 4 pm on night of arrival

Contact Julia to arrange for payment and registration.



## A message from Sophia:

I wanted to thank all of you for the lovely cards, gifts, and well-wishes and a big thank you to the community of Okotoks United for my wonderful time here!



You have shown me so much generosity and grace, and it is a blessing to know each and every one of you. We truly feel like a family!

I'll make sure to drop by whenever I'm home from school.

I will never forget the kindness and community shown to me.

Wishing you all the best!

## Another thank you ...

Thank you for inviting my family and me to your wonderful 100th celebration of the United Church of Canada. ... It was fun to reconnect and visit with many people we've known over the years plus meet some new ones too. The pancakes, entertainment and children's centre were all enjoyable. The service and exhibits honoured and celebrated our proud history and that of our denomination with its many forms of ministry. It was an important and meaningful time to honour our strong and deep roots as we move into our future. Blessings for the present and future .

- Rev. Marilyn Evans





# Oh .. how we celebrated!!







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## **NEWS FROM ST. ANDREW'S UNITED**

*Written by P. Marie Wedderburn*



At the celebration of The United Church of Canada's 100th anniversary service on June 8th at Okotoks United, at least twenty-one people who usually attend St. Andrew's attended. The morning saw a pancake breakfast, kids activities which included balloons and face painting, and musical presentations before we gathered around tables for the service at 10:45. Julia entitled her 100th anniversary message "There's a Spirit at Work" from the scripture Ephesians 1:15-19; 3:16-21. On June 10, 1925 there were four streams flowing into one river to form The United Church of Canada: the Methodist Church, Canada; the Congregational Union of Canada; 70% of the Presbyterian Church in Canada; and the Union Churches. Julia then gave us a brief summary of what the communities of faith at St. Andrew's United and Okotoks United have been and are involved in as service oriented congregations as we all continue to honour God in service. Our celebration service included serving our table group the communion meal. Oh, and by the way, we began our service by singing Holy, Holy, Holy and concluded the service by singing Amen, Amen, Amen. At the reception following the service, we shared some cake and continued fellowship with one another.

On June 15th, twenty-two people joined with Julia for worship. Julia entitled her message "In the Beginning..." and we heard one of scriptures' beginning stories from Genesis 1:1-5 where God brought order out of chaos. Genesis 1:1-5 is a story, not fact. We celebrate beginnings and we all have stories of our own beginnings. There are many creation stories in the world and they express expansion and connection. Everyone lives by stories. There is no objective reality, only stories. Some stories require revisioning. In the response time following the message, we were asked to answer the question in small groups "What story or stories need revisioning today?" What is our own response to this question?

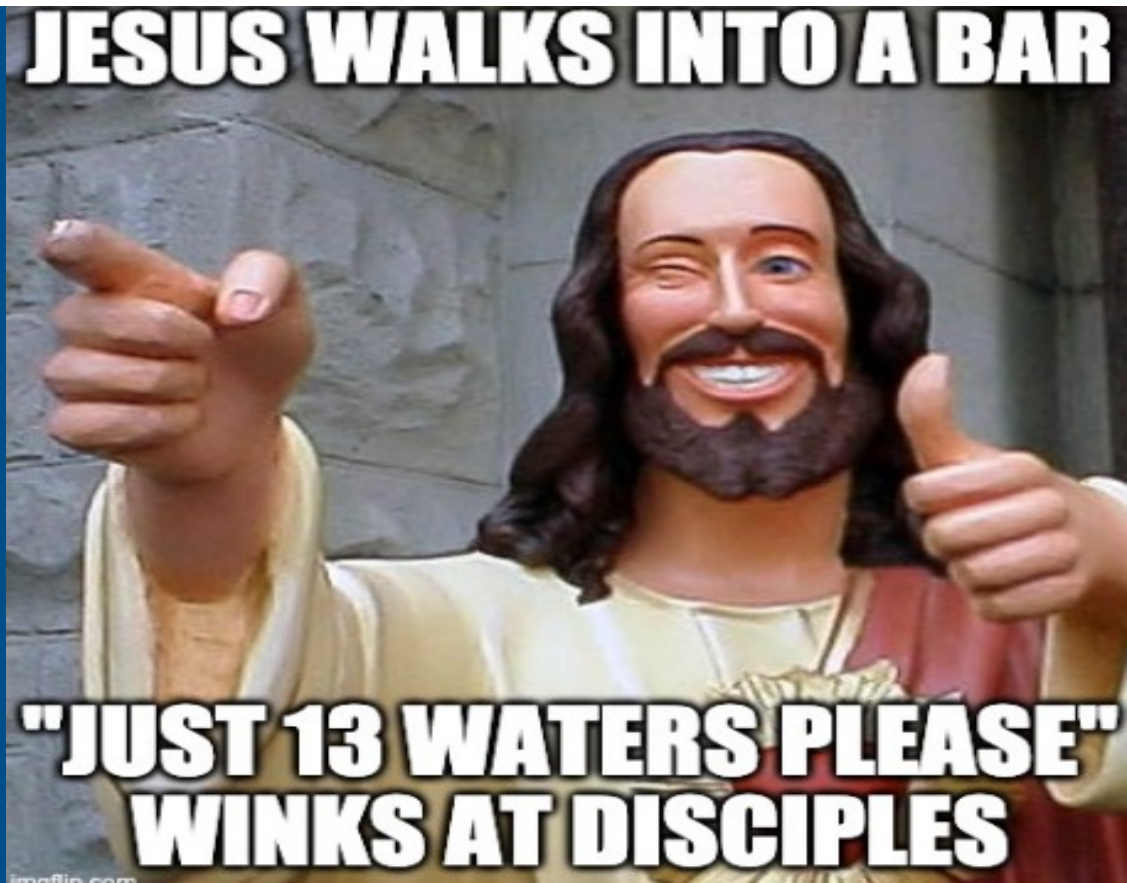
In May, a weekly one-hour program for those interested in chair yoga and meditation was offered at the church. It was well attended and participants were very satisfied with the program.

Due to its popularity, the program will run again in June, every Friday at 11 AM until 12 PM in the chapel. The activities include chair yoga flexibility exercises, breath work, and meditation. The opportunity to go for nature walk after class can also be arranged for those interested.



The cost is \$40 for the whole program or \$12 for drop-in participants. For more info, **contact Marti Cleveland-Innes @ [thepracticalprofessor@gmail.com](mailto:thepracticalprofessor@gmail.com).**

Laughter .. not only the best medicine  
but the cheapest.



"I'm done. Do you need me  
to put in a good word for  
you 'bout anything?"

