



August 21, 2025

**Join us August 31, 2025 at 10:45 am for the
annual 'Blessing of the Animals' service**



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



Bible Study

Beginning September 18 in the large conference room,
join us for a 10-week bible study
from 10 am to 11:30 am.

Please let Julia know if you plan to attend.

**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****



We're hiring!

Okotoks United Church is seeking an accompanist on a contract basis beginning late August or early September 2025.

This contract provides accompanist services to enhance our worship services and celebrations with the gift of music. This role is well suited to a senior piano student with excellent sight-reading skills, a local piano teacher or a person with similar experience and interest.

Know someone who might be a perfect fit?

Contact the church office or Sally Salter for further information.

DRAMATIC PLAY & LUNCHEON

Deanna Storfie and Diamond Valley United present:

IMPOSSIBLE FAITH: THE STORY of CORRIE ten BOOM

Saturday Sept 13 | 12:00 to 2:00 pm



Join us for lunch and a dramatic performance of **Impossible Faith: the Story of Corrie ten Boom**.

Actor Deanna Storfie ignites faith by bringing to life the story of Corrie ten Boom, a Christian hero who was imprisoned along with her sister Betsie in one of Hitler's concentration camps during WWII. Meet Deanna at: actingupdrama.ca

Tickets: \$25.00 Reserve your seats today!

Call 403.933.7913 or email uccinthevalley@gmail.com

Looking to downsize your personal library?

Consider putting your books in the Little Library outside the church!



Prayers:
Southminster
Brooks
Alliance Pastoral Charge

Mid-week Worship!

Beginning September 17, 2025, join us this fall for mid-week worship at 10:00 am in the chapel.

The Okotoks Fireside Book Club

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

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

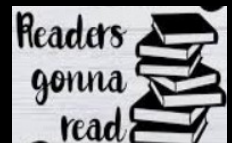
You are welcome to attend on a regular basis or simply if a book sounds like one you would like to read

**Please contact Janet Page at
587-363-5423 to join.**



I'm not addicted to reading

I can quit as soon as I finish one more chapter.



SUMMER SING!

Celebration Concert

Wednesday, August 27th, 2025

7:30 - 8:30 PM



Come hear the wonderful sounds of the second annual **Summer Sing Choir**, a dedicated group of choral music lovers from throughout Calgary. With over 100 singers joining on a weekly or drop-in basis, the sessions focused on building strong choral singing skills and learning a diverse set of music with a good dose of fun! Conductor, **Cody Obst**, leads the group in an engaging set of music that includes **Vavilov's** "Ave Maria," the **East-coast folksong** "Farewell to Nova Scotia," **Elaine Hagenberg's** "My Companion," and much more! The choir is accompanied by **Susan Varcoe**, and joined by special guests, the **Scholtz Family Brass** and percussionist, **Robin Tufts**.

80-VOICE CHOIR LED BY CODY OBST

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

SCHOLTZ FAMILY BRASS

AND

PERCUSSIONIST, ROBIN TUFTS

Emmanuel Christian Reformed Church
3020 51 St SW, Calgary, AB

Pay-what-you-can, everyone welcome!

NEWS FROM ST. ANDREW'S UNITED

Written by P. Marie Wedderburn



On August 10th twenty-two of us joined Traci Fontana-Wegelin around the campfire. Using the scripture Psalm 91:1-7, Traci entitled her message "Scary Go(o)d" as she shared some of her camping experiences. Camping can become a transforming experience as we realize once again that God's protection goes with us wherever we are. We do not change God, rather God changes us. We were asked to share a camping experience we have had with another person and how we may have realized from that camping experience that God continues to be with us no matter our circumstances. During our time around the campfire, we also sang four campfire songs.

The service on August 17th saw twenty-one people join with Julia who entitled her message "Let the Rivers Flow" from the scripture where Jesus quotes "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water" (John 7:37-39). At the beginning of the service Julia poured water into a bowl and said among other things that water is essential for all of life on the Earth. 71% of the Earth's surface is water with most of it being salt water. Fresh water, among other things, is cleansing, odourless, tasteless, and the universal solvent. Our bodies are mostly water and so the question remains **where are we giving life as the rivers of living water flow from us?** The day's moment of reflection asked us to ponder this question.

How do we answer this question in our daily lives?

**Stand Firm - Setting Boundaries in a World
that Demands Too Much
King's Fold Retreat Centre -
November 13/14-16, 2025**

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



Two spots currently
available! Contact Julia
to register.

We may not be God, but we are of
God, even as a little drop of water is
of the ocean.

— Mahatma Gandhi —



The Okotoks Food Bank Association
is honoured to be celebrating 40
years of service!

We would be delighted if you would join us as special guests at our upcoming anniversary celebration.

Event Details:

Date: Sunday, September 7, 2025

Time: 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Location: Food Bank parking lot, 220 Stockton Avenue

Activities: BBQ • Food Trucks • Live Music by the Rum Runners • Raffle • Bouncy Castle • Auction Items • Tours of the Food Bank

This milestone is a tribute to the incredible generosity, partnerships, and support that have helped nourish thousands of individuals and families over four decades. The success of the Okotoks Foodbank can be directly attributed to the people involved in every aspect of its operations, from Community Members, Board Members, Executive Directors, staff and most importantly hundreds of volunteers. We are proud of what we've accomplished together.

As a valued member of our community, your presence would mean a great deal to us. We'll also be recognizing our key supporters and community partners throughout the event.

Laughter .. not only the best medicine

est.

but the cheap-



If slow old men use walking sticks, what do fast old men use?

Hurry canes.



I can't afford an Ancestry DNA Kit to learn about my relatives. So instead, I posted online that I had won the lottery.

Still trying to wrap my head around the fact that "Take Out" can mean food, dating or murder.

