



September 18, 2025



Looking for turkey supper?

Look no further - the Okotoks Turkey Supper
is back and better than ever!

Saturday October 4, 2025 at 5:30 pm

Cost: \$28 Adults

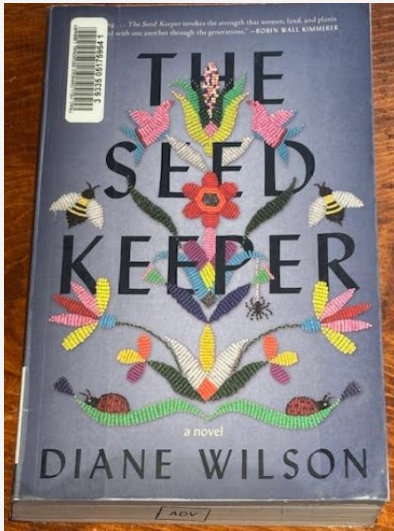
\$14 Ages 7-12

Under Age 6, free

ONE sitting of 150 people! Get your tickets early!

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

FIRESIDE BOOK CLUB



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

**September's read: The Seed Keeper
by Diane Wilson**

**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.

**Listening is an art that requires attention over talent, spirit over ego,
others over self. - Dean Jackson**

*Have you ever wondered what it feels like
to be truly listened to?
Or how to listen to others without
judgement or the need to fix?*

Julia will be hosting a Listening Circle for six Wednesdays
starting September 24th from 3-5 p.m. at Okotoks United in the Chapel.

A ***Listening Circle*** is a group of people who meet to listen to each other's lives
and to oneself, provide discerning questions and nurturing feedback.
Each session will have a clear format and specific guidelines for the process. The
purpose is to learn to listen deeply, NOT to judge or find solutions to
anything.

Learning this process hones not only listening skills but the ability to be with
people in all situations. It teaches participants how to listen mindfully.
The group will be limited to six participants so please speak to Julia directly if you
wish to participate.

Partners
In Deed



YOU ARE INVITED!

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER TRANSFORMING LIVES: ENVISIONING THE FUTURE

Saturday October 4 2025, 8:30am-11:00am

Gasoline Alley Heritage Park

Ticket sales at

www.partnersindeed.com/2025fundraiser!



Join us as we learn about programs and initiatives that continue to support those living in poverty and how we can continue to sustain the community! We will be joined by Carolina Segovia and Rosmary Penuela from the Dominican Republic!



JACKET RACKET 2025 STARTS SOON!

Jacket Racket will run from October 21 to November 1 this year. We are partnering with St. Andrews United Church, Dewinton and St. Vincent de Paul again. Our community partners are eager to get started collecting winter clothing and posters will be going out soon. If you haven't participated in Jacket Racket before, this is your chance to be part of a rewarding outreach here at Okotoks United Church. We gather hundreds of coats, hats, mitts, scarves and boots to distribute over 6 days in Oct/Nov. We usually have over 300 people coming through our doors to clothe their families for winter. We need people to put up posters, stock the racks, sort clothing, launder and repair any items if needed, and, on the open days, help people find what they need. Sign up in the foyer on Sunday, Sept 28.



TLC

Teaching, Learning Creating



**BRING ALONG YOUR
FAVOURITE CRAFT AND
ENJOY CREATING
TOGETHER!**



*Weekly drop in craft time,
Tuesdays 1:30 - 3 pm*

Autumn Equinox
Labyrinth Walk

Sunday, September 21st
2:30 - 4:30 pm





BIBLE STUDY - A Song of Faith
Beginning September 18th in the large conference room,
join a 10-week bible study - 10 am to 11:30 am.
Please let Julia know if you plan to attend.

Have you read Broadview Magazine?

Take a moment and browse through a unique,
challenging, award-winning read.



Broadview is an independent Canadian magazine featuring award-winning coverage of spirituality, justice and ethical living. As a registered charity, Broadview challenges and inspires readers seeking to live a purpose-filled life.

You can subscribe as an individual for \$36.95 or as part of Okotoks United Church's group subscription for \$30! Please contact Traci at the church office before October to get the church rate.

There are copies of previous editions of Broadview on the literature table in the foyer. Please take one or two home to see what it's all about. It is a great magazine!



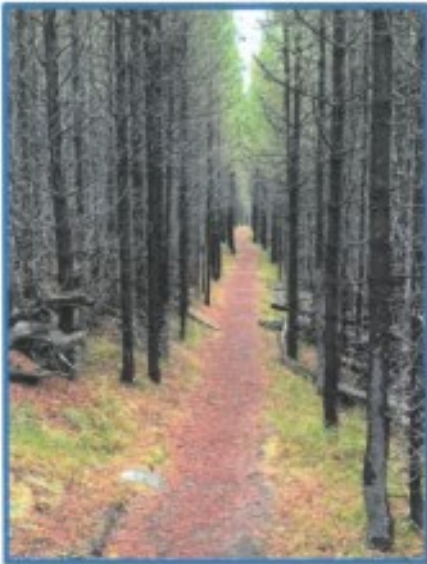
Are you seeking physical, mental or spiritual healing?
Come experience a healing session! To book a session,
please contact: Gisela Dyck at 403-938-2506



JOURNEY with GRIEF

Workshop Oct 24-25, 2025

Grief affects each one of us at some time in our lives. To accompany one another along the way is a true gift of grace that requires practicing compassion and sacred presence.



Come share the journey in *Journey With Grief*, a gentle weekend workshop program in which a small group will companion each other through loss or radical life change. To create safe space, the program will follow Parker Palmer's *Circle of Trust Touchstones*. Facilitated by Rev. Leila Currie, Minister of Gaetz United Church in Red Deer, certified Spiritual Director, and *Anam Cara* (Soul Friend).

Friday night 6:00 to 9:00 pm | Saturday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
(lunch provided) Cost: \$65. Registration limited to 12. To register call 403.933.4114 or email uccinthevalley@gmail.com



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**Stand Firm - King's Fold Retreat Centre -
November 13/14-16, 2025**

Waitlist available

Contact Julia if you'd like to be
added to the waitlist

OKOTOKS SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTRE PRESENTS:



PROFILE

Native to the Kainai of Southern Alberta, Camille Pablo Russell, (es-pa-ko-me-kwan) aa'spahk'ko'mii'kwan "Shooting in the Air" is an award winning international speaker/storyteller, author, respected Blackfoot ceremonialist and cultural carrier.

Pablo grew up with his grandparents and was nourished in traditional ceremonial life. Nearly 40 years after joining the sundance as a young man, he continues to leads The Path of the Buffalo Sundance every summer. His gift of storytelling is vital to transfer teachings, for belonging and cultural preservation. Pablo has pledged his life in service to following these Old Ways, spreading deep and simple truths that cut through the modern haze for people all over the world.

VISIT: thebuffaloway.ca

ELDER CAMILLE PABLO RUSSELL

The Buffalo Way

Introduction to the Path of the
Buffalo Medicine Wheel
Discussion & Refreshments to follow

Thursday Oct 2, 2025
7:00 – 9:00 pm
Okotoks United Church
43 Riverside Drive

Entrance by donation

(\$15 suggested - proceeds to
Okotoks Spiritual Life Centre)

VISIT: www.okunited.ca



NEWS FROM ST. ANDREW'S UNITED

Written by P. Marie Wedderburn



On September 7th twenty-two people joined Julia for this communion service. Julia's message was entitled "New Life" as she spoke from the parable of the prodigal son found in Luke 15:11-24. The parable is about change as the prodigal son "came to himself"; we were asked what in our own lives requires change? This change continues to be hard work and is not magic or instantaneous. Change is the nature of the world. Consider for a moment these statistics about change: 2.5% of the population want change; 13.5% adapt to the change; 34% require proof that the change is good; 34% are late to adapt to the change; and 16% are forced into the change. Change is another word for transformation and God is about transformation. In the Moment of Silence following the message we were asked "Are we willing to change? To be transformed?"

Then on September 14th sixteen people joined with Julia as she continued speaking about transformation/change. Her message was entitled "Why Change?" and again we heard another part of the prodigal son parable found in Luke 15:11-24. Transformation is a complete change in character and rarely happens overnight. To be transformed one is in a state of discomfort for comfort is the 'enemy' of transformation. As we seek transformation let us come to our God source through prayer and meditation. Let us write it down. Let us get used to discomfort. Let us not give up. Let us remember that to be transformed requires risk. We were all given an index card to write down our own answer to the question "What in our own lives requires transformation or change at this time?" May we all continue to answer this question as we centre our lives on God and Jesus.



Need a quiet moment midweek?
Join us for
mid-week worship, Wednesdays
at 10:00 am in the chapel.



Prayers:

Okotoks-DeWinton Pastoral Charge
Westminster Pastoral Charge

WILD CHURCH

Like A Rock

Sunday
Sept 21st
2:00-3:30 pm

Join friends of the wild as we learn from the Big Rock through scripture, song and silence. Meet at the Okotoks Erratic parking area along Hwy 7 west of Okotoks.



Please RSVP with your name, phone # & size of group to:
wildchurchcalgary@gmail.com



As of
September 28,
Children 5 and up
are invited
to attend
Sunday School
during service at
Okotoks United!

Notice of Roadwork

As part of the Town of Okotoks' River's Edge Infrastructure Improvement project, Shawne Excavating & Trucking Ltd. will perform watermain replacement work **starting September 10, 2025**.



The work is anticipated to take three weeks to complete.

To complete replacement of the existing watermain along Riverside Drive, the following road closure is required: Riverside Drive between Northridge Drive and Riverside Gate. **Please note: Access to Riverside Gate via Northridge will be blocked during the watermain construction. Please plan accordingly.**

Okotoks United Church continues to search for 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.



**The Rum Runners, MzBehavin and
Friends of Rum Runners Present
A Free Concert in support of Okotoks Food Bank**

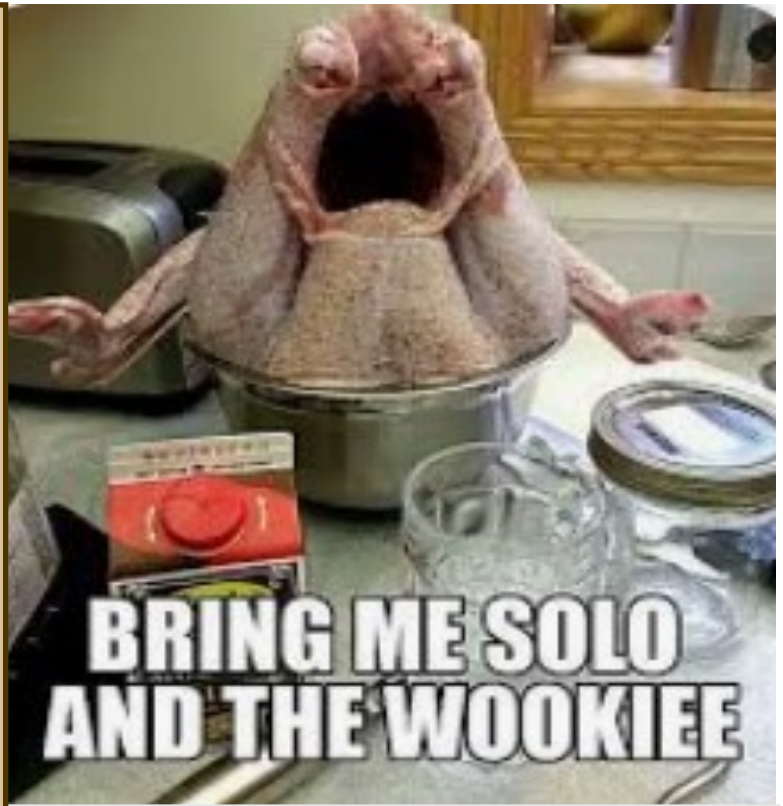
September 27 @ 7 pm at Okotoks United Church

**Join us for an evening of music and fun! Donations of cash,
cheque, credit card or food are appreciated.**

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



I shot my first turkey today!
It scared the pants off of everyone in the frozen food section.



I can't wait to make a huge Thanksgiving dinner so my child can eat one roll.

- said many Mothers



THE GLANCES BEGAN SHORTLY AFTER THEY LEARNED THAT INSIDE EACH OF THEIR FRIENDS WAS A MAGIC BONE THAT COULD GRANT THEM THEIR GREATEST WISH



Dear Black Friday:
We all have big screen TVs. Put the groceries on sale.

