



**October 9, 2025**

# JACKET RACKET 2025



**STARTS SOON!**

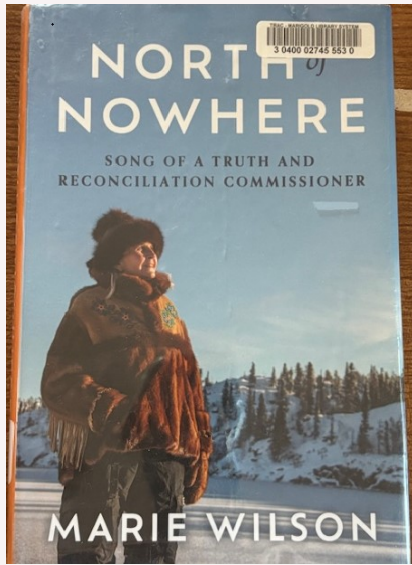
**Jacket Racket will run from October 21 to November 1 this year!**

We are, once again, partnering with St. Andrews United Church, Dewinton, and St. Vincent de Paul. 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.

Interested in helping? Contact Karen Pryzyk @ [karenpryznyk@gmail.com](mailto:karenpryznyk@gmail.com).

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

# FIRESIDE BOOK CLUB



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

**October's read: North of Nowhere  
by Marie 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.



# TLC

## *Teaching, Learning Creating*



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



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



# ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH, DEWINTON

WELCOMES KATHY COUTTS FROM OKOTOKS MUSEUM & ARCHIVES

## GIVING THANKS TO PIONEER WOMEN

IN THIS PRESENTATION, WE HEAR ABOUT THE WOMEN IN THE  
DEWINTON AREA WHO LIVED AND WORKED THE LAND



WHERE: 304 MACLEOD TRAIL, WEST

WHEN: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

TIME: 7:00 PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6:30)

COST: **FREE!**

IN THE SPIRIT OF GIVING,  
DONATIONS TO THE OKOTOKS  
FOOD BANK WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

FOLLOWED BY TEA, COFFEE, AND DAINTIES

PLEASE CONTACT MEL TERNAN AT (403) 815-4639 TO RESERVE  
A SEAT OR EMAIL [DEWINTONUNITEDCHURCH@GMAIL.COM](mailto:DEWINTONUNITEDCHURCH@GMAIL.COM)

### Attention book lovers!

A copy of "The Seed Keeper", a Fireside Book Club book, was taken from the basket in the church office but not returned. It has now been marked as **late** and, if not returned, will have to be replaced at the Book Club's expense! Please contact Gisela or Janet if you have this book.



# JOURNEY with GRIEF

REVISED  
DATES!

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](mailto:uccinthevalley@gmail.com)



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



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

## NEWS FROM ST. ANDREW'S UNITED

*Written by P. Marie Wedderburn*



The September 21st service saw twenty people join Julia as she continued her services about change and transformation. We heard two small parables from Matthew 13:44-45 and Julia's message was entitled "Treasure Hunting." We know that life is constantly changing but we were asked "What is the core you?" in the midst of this change. To demonstrate that the core you is the living water of life, we were all asked to come and fill a tiny glass with water and take it back to our seats. Water remains the essential source everything comes from. Later in the message we were asked to come and pour our glass of water back into the larger bowl of water. Thus demonstrating that we all have within us the living water of life. We are spiritual beings having human experiences. Jesus tells us that the kin-dom of God resides within us and that we are the breath of God - the water of life.

September 28th worship service saw twenty-one people join Julia for the conclusion of her Change series. We heard the scripture 1 John 1:5-10 which speaks of sin. Julia's message was entitled "Clean It Up, then Let It Go!" We often do not like to be vulnerable. We also do not like to admit our mistakes. However, when we hold onto things we become sick as we often do not know how to forgive ourselves. And if we cannot confess what we are doing sin continues. Sin is against what is right and moral and is an offense against God. Let us confess to ourselves and another person and seek forgiveness. Confession is a human need and forgiveness remains powerful. What within our lives requires confession and forgiveness?

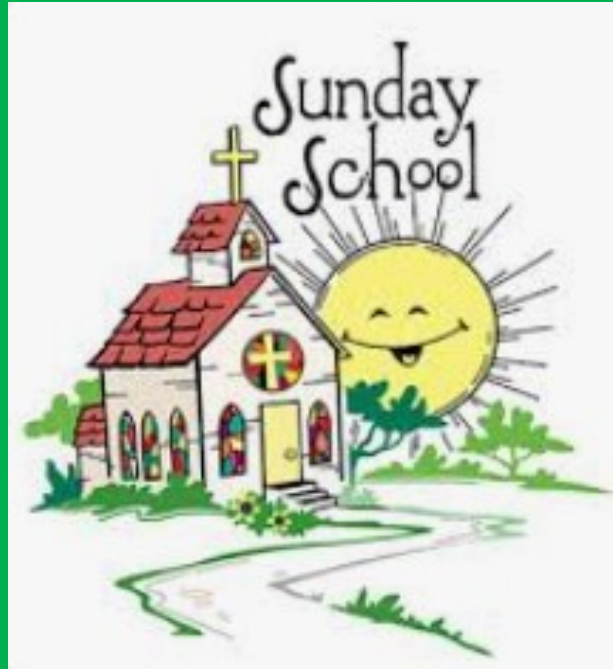
On World Communion Sunday, October 5th, twenty-three people joined Julia for worship. We heard from the scripture Ephesians 4:15-24 and Julia's message was entitled "What in the World?" This Sunday began the new theme of Sustaining Growth. In North America society is becoming more secular and we do not speak about religion as much as we used to. We are still called to love one another and remain rooted and grounded in community. For we cannot really call ourselves Christian - followers of Christ - without community. So as we prepared to share in our communion meal together we were asked to consider the question, 'are you/we all in for love?' How do we as individuals and as part of community answer this question?

At the Power Social following the service we celebrated those in our community whose birthdays are in July, August, September, and October. From this point forward, we will celebrate birthdays on the first Sunday of each month.

**Prayers:**  
**Delburne Pastoral Charge**  
**Symons Valley Pastoral Charge**



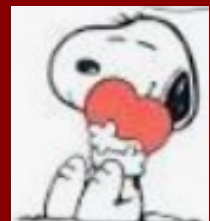
As of  
September 28,  
Children 5 and up  
are invited to  
Sunday School  
during service at  
Okotoks United!



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



My gratitude and  
thanks to Carol, Sally  
and Karen for  
filling in whilst  
I was away!





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

