



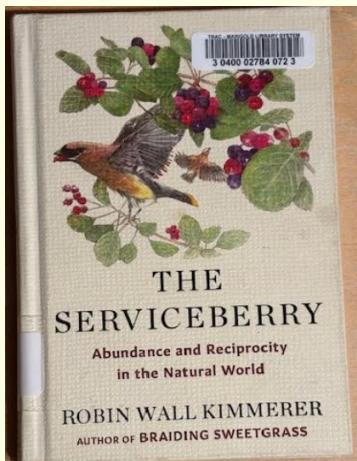
January 8, 2026



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**Bible Study begins anew on the United Church's
"Song of Faith". Join Julia and Robin
January 15, 2026
at 10:00 am in the Conference Room.**



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

**January's read is *The Serviceberry*
by Robin Wall Kimmerer**

Interested in joining?

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

FIRESIDE BOOK CLUB

NEWS FROM ST. ANDREW'S UNITED

Written by P. Marie Wedderburn

Sunday evening December 21st saw thirty-eight people attend the Candlelight Service. There was no power-point that evening as we sang the familiar carols associated with this service including Silent Night as the service ended reading the words by our lit candles. Besides the carols we sang we heard Julia tell a story of a girl spreading the light to an older man.

Mark read the nativity scripture from Matthew 2:1-12 and spoke of "Follow the Star and Not the Crowd" where the seekers follow the star and not the crowd as they come from afar seeking and finding Jesus. I quote part of what Mark wrote: "Here's the beautiful part of the Magi's story: after they encountered Christ, they were changed. Scripture says they returned home "by another road." When you truly follow the star - when you truly encounter Jesus - you don't come back the same way you came... So I ask you today,...where is the star shining in your life right now?" What is our answer to this question?

On the First Sunday after Christmas service on December 28th twenty-two people joined together for the "Cut Carols and Regift" service which included the baptism of Lucas Remy Miller son of Kristian and Christine Miller. There was no message with Psalm 100 being the message. We sang some of the carols and music that we hear at this time of year with Julia giving a brief history of I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day, 'Twas in the Moon of Winter Time, Away in a Manger, Little Drummer Boy, O Holy Night, Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy, and Do You Hear What I Hear. We also took part in re-gifting as we created our presents on a piece of paper, put them in a basket, and then drew one of these gifts from the basket at the end of the service.

The Second Sunday after Christmas service on January 4th saw twenty-six people join Julia for worship. Julia entitled her message "What's New?" and spoke from the scripture Matthew 2:1-12. We heard that the astrologers saw the star and followed it for two years before they arrived in Bethlehem. They had faith to continue to follow the star they saw rise. With hope along with expectation, they continued to follow the star. What is our expectation for this new year we have now entered? The astrologers were grounded in faith and not fear as they returned home a different way. As we are grounded in faith and not fear we are enabled to deal with any "new ways" that arise for us.



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Delia Pastoral Charge

Music
in the
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St. Andrew's United Church
Dewinton, Alberta

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED
CHURCH, DEWINTON

JP CORMIER

(WED), JAN 14, 2026 7-9 PM
\$35.00 PER PERSON

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Meditation with Brandon

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Tuesday nights from
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Donations go to Foothills
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Healing Pathways

Are you seeking physical, mental or spiritual healing?

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



Join us for the Okotoks United Church Annual General Meeting
Sunday February 22, 2026 following service



Mid-week
Worship
returns
January 14,
2026
at 10:00 am in
the Chapel



The Turkey Supper
fundraiser
garnered **\$2429!!**
Well done, organizers and
volunteers!

Children 5 and up are
invited to Sunday School
during service
at Okotoks United!





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

New Year's Resolution...



BRACE YOURSELF



By drinking 130 bottles of wine you could save a bird



Resolutions



Youth is when
you're allowed to
stay up for New
Year's.

Middle age is
when you're
forced to.

