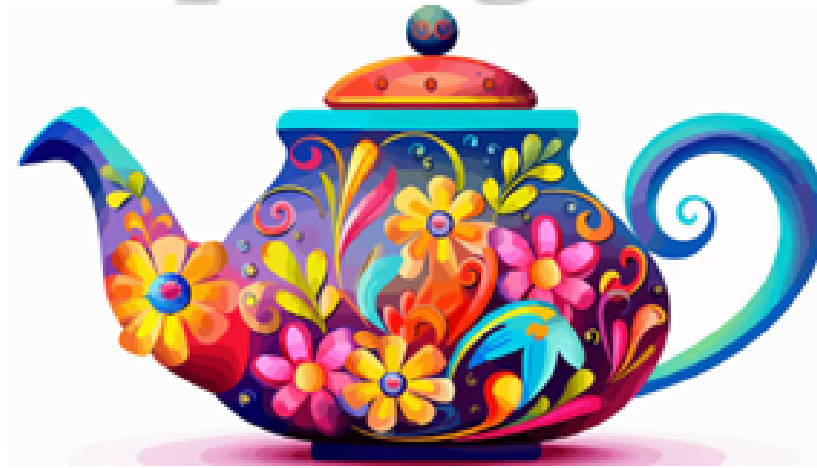


May 7, 2026

Spring Tea



You are invited
to enjoy a nice 'cuppa with
homemade dainties.

Monday May 25, 2026

2 - 4 pm

\$8 per person

Please wear fascinators or
your favourite hat!

No reservations required.

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Visit St Andrew's United Church website: Dewintonunitedchurch.ca





On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 26th, twenty-four people joined with Julia for worship. Julia entitled her message "Help Me to Understand" and we heard the scripture passage from John 20:19-28 where Jesus appears to the gathered disciples on the evening of his resurrection. However, the disciple Thomas was not with this gathering. Could it be that Thomas wanted to grieve alone? For what is grief? It is when we lose someone or something that we think should be permanent in our lives. Thomas reminds us that there is no right or wrong way to grieve. Thus we should never force anyone else to grieve as we do. Thomas later saw Jesus which is also a reminder for us that Jesus never wants us to be separate from him in our grief. For as our United Church Creed states "In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God."

The Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 3rd, saw twenty-six people join Traci Fontana-Wegelin for worship. Traci entitled her message "The Message Is the Music" and read Ephesians 5:18-19 which says "Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts." (NRSV) For music is an expression of our faith. For example one of the hymns we sang was "There Is a Balm in Gilead" (VU 612) which is an African-American Spiritual which created community as it was sung by the slaves. For the message is in the music. So I ask us to contemplate: Which psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs are important to us as a community of faith and as individuals for the message they give to us?

- P. Marie Wedderburn



After candle-lighting, kids are welcome to join our Sunday School Leaders upstairs!

Spill the Tea Fashion Show

hosted by the
De Winton Community Association
in support of Rowan House

Enjoy an afternoon
of tea and desserts

Come dressed in your
spring finery along with
your favourite hat.

Amazing
Raffle prizes
from local
shops

Fashions from
Ginger Laurier in
Okotoks



Gather your sisters, daughters, mothers, grandmas and friends
AT DE WINTON COMMUNITY HALL

May
9TH
from 2pm -5pm

Tickets - \$25,
1/2 table(4) \$100 (plus GST)
Table of 8 \$200 (plus GST)

Contact : dwca@platinum.ca
for tickets. or call 403-938-2525

We are looking for an Accompanist!

Our wonderful Joanna will be graduating from high school in June and heading off to university in the fall. Joanna's last day with us will be June 21st.

We need your help in hiring a new accompanist. Experience has shown us that this contract is best filled by word of mouth. If you have any connections to piano teachers in the area could you help us by sharing our job posting with them? If you can help please talk to Sally Salter or Pat Reader-Downey. Copies of the contract description are available through Sally Salter or Traci in the office. The start date for this contract is flexible.

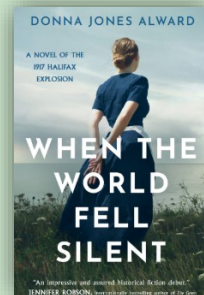


FIRESIDE BOOK CLUB

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

Our current read is *When the World Fell Silent*
by Donna Jones Alward

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



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

Need a lift mid-week?

**Join us for Worship on
Wednesdays in the Chapel
at 10 am.**

Hello friends,

**A peer support group for Allies of LGBTQ+2SIA folks meets in
Okotoks on the second Saturday of each month at 43 Riverside Drive.**

**Our next meeting will be May 9 at Okotoks United Church starting at
4 pm. You will find moral support, helpful information, non-
judgmental listening, anonymity and confidentiality. Let's strengthen
the network that supports our loved ones!**

Questions contact Kathleen & Judy: kmhnychrch@gmail.com



There is Room (duo)
May 27, 2026
Return Engagement!

Lindsey Herle on violin and Elizabeth Clarke on piano, both very accomplished musicians.

Join us for an evening of beautiful music consisting of Gordon Lightfoot, movie themes, popular classical favorites plus more that will get your toes tapping !

When: Wed, May 27, 2026

Time: 7:00 pm
(doors open at 6:30 pm)

Where: St. Andrew's United Church,
DeWinton

Cost: \$25.00 per person

FREE! Baking, tea, and coffee



www.thereisroomduo.com

Net proceeds go to various charities
that our church supports

For information or tickets – please e-transfer to:
dewintonunitedchurch@gmail.com

LET'S CELEBRATE!

Joint Worship Service & Community Potluck

Join the communities of Diamond Valley United, St. Andrew's United and Okotoks United Church as we mark the United Church of Canada's Anniversary with a joint Service and Community Potluck.

10:45 AM JUNE 14
OKOTOKS UNITED CHURCH
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AI FOR EVERYONE



1 TO 3 PM SAT MAY 30

Love it or hate it, AI is here.
How can you make the most
(*and* best) of it?

Diamond Valley United Church
invites you to *AI for Everyone* with
host Manuel A. Fernandez.



Free online
registration required.
Call 403.933.4114

Foothills Spiritual Life Centre Presents

Introduction to Spiritual Direction

Join Spiritual Directors Sarah Lyon, Julia Kimmett and Linda McLaren—all three of which are “trained listeners”—guiding with intuitive questions and deep listening—in the practice of Spiritual Direction/ Spiritual Accompaniment.

The evening will include an experiential offering of a Listening Circle Practice.

**May 21, 2026
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

Coming soon

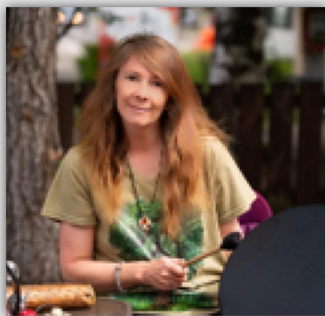
Okotoks Community Clean Up - May 9 , @ 9am-12 pm

Okotoks Public Works Equipment Showcase - May 21 10 am -1 pm

OUC's Volunteer Appreciation Dinner - June 11 @ 6:00 pm

Okotoks Pride Festival - Saturday June 13 at Ethel Tucker Park

Okotoks Parade and Children's Festival - June 20 10am - 3 pm



Foothills Spiritual Life Centre Presents

Drumming Circle with Gita Grahame

Relax, breathe and enjoy the steady, healing rhythm of drumming.

**Offered the second Friday of each month
Next date: May 8, 2026
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

These big Cheerios are way better than the small ones. And you don't even need milk.



I HATE IT WHEN PEOPLE ASK ME IF I DID ANYTHING EXCITING OVER THE WEEKEND... LIKE I'M OVER HERE SKYDIVING. I'M OLD. I WENT TO WALMART, DID SOME LAUNDRY, ATE TOO MUCH FOOD, AND TOOK A NAP.



I love my pillow because it gives me



Different hairstyles every morning

I took a long hard, look at myself in the mirror this morning.

I won't be doing that again.



MOM, I JUST REALLY NEED TO FOCUS ON MY ART RIGHT NOW



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