

May 21, 2026

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Remember:

YOU ARE NEVER ALONE.

Never forget

THAT YOU ARE L  VED.

Never doubt

THAT GOD CARES

FOR YOU.



The Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 10th, saw twenty-seven people join Julia for worship. During the service we participated in the baptism of nine-month old Simon John McGie, Michael and Abby's son. Reading the scripture John 19:25-27, we heard Jesus say from the cross to his mother "Woman, here is your son" and to the disciple John "Here is your mother" and from that moment on John took Mary into his own home.

Entitling her message "Life-giving Love" Julia said there were many mothering people in her life after her mother's death. Jesus redefined family from the cross and this family is described by love. For if we consider mother as a verb John will mother Mary and Mary will mother John. As we mother (as a verb) one another we are gathered together by love which is life-giving. Before our prayers, Julia asked us to respond to this question: who has mothered you in your life? What continues to be our answer to this question?

On the Seventh and final Sunday of the Easter season, May 17th, twenty five people gathered with Julia for worship. This particular day, May 17th, each year is known as the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biophobia. We heard the scripture John 17:1-5 and Julia entitled her message "Love Knows No Boundaries."

If love indeed has no boundaries then we as the church, the body of Christ, also have no boundaries as to who is included in God's love shown to us in Jesus. For love transforms life. Even if this particular Sunday is the last Sunday of this year's Easter season, Easter and its message of resurrection and love is everywhere and every day to show us continually that love has no boundaries.

- P. Marie Wedderburn

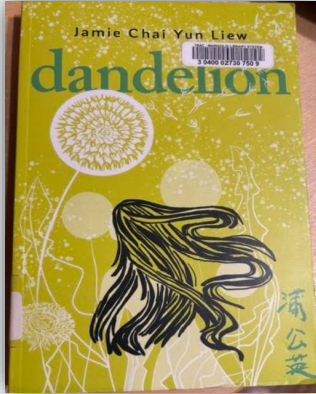
**Seeking physical, mental or
spiritual healing?
Come try a healing session!**

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

Need a lift mid-week?

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

F I R E S I D E B O O K C L U B



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

**Our current read is *Dandelion*
by Jaime Chai Yun Liew**

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL



**After candle-lighting,
kids are welcome to
join our Sunday
School Leaders up-
stairs!**

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.**



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.



If you have left a jacket, sweater, travel mug or water bottle at the church, please check the Lost and Found, located in the coat racks by the east/west foyer doors by Sunday May 30, 2026.

Any remaining items will be washed and taken to the Thrift Store on June 1.



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

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.

May is PAR (pre-authorized remittance) month!

Through an automatic monthly withdrawal from your bank account, PAR allows you to give to what matters to you most. It's really easy!

If you'd like to set up PAR, see Traci in the office.

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

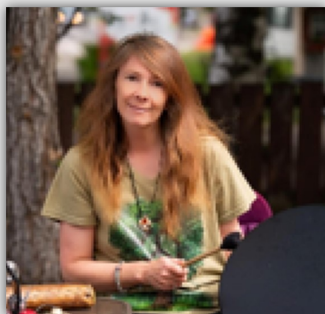
OUC's Volunteer Appreciation Dinner - June 11 @ 6:00 pm

Lemonade Day in Okotoks! - June 13 starting at 5 pm to 7 pm

Okotoks Pride Festival - Saturday June 13 at Ethel Tucker Park

Joint SAUC/OUC/DVUC service/potluck at Okotoks United - June 14

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: June 12, 20

****NOTE CHANGE IN TIME**8:00 pm to 9:30 pm**

Suggested donation \$15.



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
43 RIVERSIDE DRIVE W

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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 June 13 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



I'm guessing I burn about 1000 calories every time I try to put a fitted sheet on a bed by myself. - Anon



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