

June 4, 2026

LET'S CELEBRATE!

JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE & POTLUCK



**JOIN DIAMOND VALLEY UNITED,
ST ANDREW'S UNITED AND
OKOTOKS UNITED AT 10:45 AM
ON JUNE 14 TO CELEBRATE
THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA'S
ANNIVERSARY!
BRING A DISH TO SHARE!**

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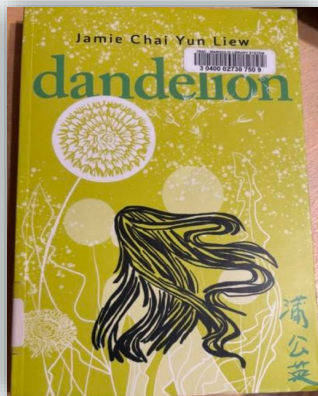


Volunteers ...
WE WANT YOU !

join us for the
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, June 11!

We'd like to celebrate you
and everything you do for this wonderful
church community.

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.



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

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

Church Boilers Update



The Board has determined that after many years of faithful service and multiple repairs, the boilers must be replaced. Many thanks to Ian McNeil in the past and to Ryan Schmitke, our current maintenance supervisor for their work in keeping the heat on and the water hot for so many years.

The Board is working on a plan for securing a contractor to do the work and for covering the expenditure. Thanks to your faithful giving, OUC is in a good place to cover the costs.

Part of the expense will come from our contingency fund. We would like to refill that fund as quickly as possible of course so that we are always ready for such emergencies. We will be accepting donations for that purpose starting this summer.

In the meantime, there will be some minor inconvenience in that there will be no hot water in the building.

Handwashing in the bathrooms will continue as before – just with cold water. There will be hand-sanitizer at the entrances for you to use as you wish.

Dishwashing will continue as usual as our machine heats up the water to a safe degree. Dishes must be scraped and rinsed (no soap please) and placed in the machine as usual.

If you have any questions. please ask any member of the Board.



Pentecost Sunday, May 24th saw twenty-three people join with Julia for worship. We heard the scripture Acts 2:1-4 where the Holy Spirit comes to the gathered disciples like the rush of a violent wind and divided tongues as of fire rested upon each of them as they began to speak in other languages as the Spirit gave them ability. Julia entitled her message "Don't Rush the Spirit." The followers of Jesus who gathered on that day of Pentecost - fifty days after Easter - had waited for this promised Spirit whom Jesus had told them would come to them. Waiting for the Holy Spirit is active and our preparation is part of our work for we cannot rush God as we stop, wait, and listen as the Spirit is always accessible to us. And what are the nine gifts/fruits of the Spirit? Are they not love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control as found in Galatians 5 :22-23. What do we do with these gifts?

Sunday, May 31st saw twenty-two people join Julia for worship. Julia entitled her message "View from the Mountain" and we heard the scripture Matthew 28:16-20. This scripture is often called "The Commissioning of the Disciples" as Jesus tells them on the mountain to "Go therefore and make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you" (NRSV). In the next few weeks before Julia's retirement on July 31st, we will enter a period of grief and discernment. For there is at the same time hope and anticipation for what happens to the community as another minister is called as well grief saying our goodbyes to Julia. We do not build relationships overnight and we also do not grow without doubt. Things will be different but as we adapt we realize again that ministry belongs to the community for we are all ministers. Transition is always the church's life as we continue to remember and reflect that Jesus through the Spirit is always present and leads..

Marie Wedderburn

Carol and Gisela would like to thank everyone who contributed to our Spring Tea with their tasty "dainties".

Those who came enjoyed themselves and stayed until the end of the event!

We raised \$354 which for Inclusion Foothills.



Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteerism is the cornerstone of church life!

Every once in a while we find that a ministry of the church is not as robust as it used to be. One of these ministries is greeter and offering collectors.

These wonderful people are the ones that welcome you at the door when you arrive at church. They also collect the offering during the service. This is the easiest job to do on a Sunday. If you are interested Contact

Betty-Lou Bayley on a Sunday, email her at blbayley67@gmail.com, or contact the office.

Enthusiasm is the only requirement!

Ethel Tucker Park - June 13, 2026



12:30 PM to 5:30 PM



EVE Izewski Dorion

Eve is fueled by an unwavering passion for cultivating a thriving food system, recognizing that it all begins with the vitality of the soil. Eve firmly believes in our inherent connection to nature—we are not merely observers but an integral part of the natural world. With her uncommon thinking, Eve brings a distinctive approach to holistic nutrition, weaving together the intricate tapestry of soil health and personal well-being. She is certified holistic nutrition consultant, permaculture design certified and holistic mindset coach.

MIKE Dorion

Mike loves food and grocery stores just cannot match the tastiness from his grandma's garden. He believes that many people from his generation have missed out on precious skills that were not passed down. His passion is around soil and soil health. Mike believes we need to get our hands in the soil and reconnect with nature. Mike is permaculture design certified, licensed compost facility operator, soil and compost specialist and food web consultant.

FOOTHILLS SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTRE
presents
SPIRITUALITY SPEAKER
SERIES

Eve Izewski and Mike Dorion

Eat the Fugly Carrot

Unearthing the truth about soil health, human health and what that means for our spirit

Thursday June 18th

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Okotoks United Church

43 Riverside Drive

Entrance by donation
(proceeds to Foothills Spiritual Life Centre)

www.okunited.ca





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

**Need a lift
mid-week?**
Please join us in the
Chapel for
Worship on Wednesdays
at 10 am.

What's Up in Okotoks??!

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

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

Foothills Spiritual Life Centre Presents

Drumming Circle with Gita Grahame

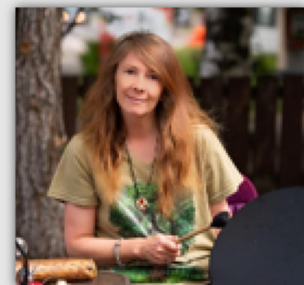
**Relax, breathe and enjoy the
steady, healing rhythm of drumming.**

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.





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