November 5, 2026

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Winter Clothing Give-Away Everyone welcome!

PLEASE DROP OFF GENTLY USED, CLEAN WINTER CLOTHING AT:

- Sobeys
- Okotoks Public Library
- Foothills Cleaners
- Better Than Home Laundry
- Save On Foods
- Viking Rentals Centre
- Okotoks United Church (10-2 M-Th)
- Main Street Market & More
- Okotoks Fire Hall # 1 - on Milligan

DONATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL November 6, 2026

Okotoks United Church
43 Riverside Drive

Tuesday evenings:
Nov. 3 and 10
6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Thursday evenings
Nov 5 and 12
6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Saturdays:
Nov 7 and 14
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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St. Andrew's United Church
The little church with a big heart

Okotoks United Church

St Andrew's UNITED CHURCH NEWS

The October 25th service saw twenty-four people join with Marco for the fifth and final message of his “Learning to See” series. Once again we heard the scripture 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 which speaks of many members forming one physical body and also a community of faith body. There are different ways to be community. Often because we may be familiar with one another we could forget another person who may not be familiar to us. So how do we learn to see the unfamiliar? As we take care of ourselves and others we all do our best and were encouraged not to burn out as we do this. What did each of us further reflect on during Marco’s “Learning to See” series? And did we let Marco and others know these insights?

On November 1st, twenty-seven worshipers joined Marco as he began his series entitled “The Heart Behind the Action.” We listened to the scripture Luke 12:13-21 often described as the parable of the rich fool. Someone in the crowd addresses Jesus asking him to tell his brother to divide the family inheritance. To this Jesus replies to guard against all kinds of greed whereupon Jesus tells the parable. Greed damages relationships and we were asked to consider whether possessions (whatever those possessions may be) are more important than our relationships. How do we personally respond to this question?

Sometimes we give with strings attached. Are we willing to give without conditions attached? As we widen our circle let us consider what really matters or where is our heart behind our action? Near the end of the service we were greeted with a special musical duet.

Many of us who regularly worship at St. Andrew’s United attended the covenanting service held at Okotoks United where Marco, Okotoks-DeWinton Pastoral Charge, and Chinook Winds Region covenanted with one another in this pastoral relationship.

- P. Marie Wedderburn

Monday and Tuesday are Rev. Marco’s days off.
Wednesday to Friday, from 10:00am to 4:00pm, he’s in office
For a pastoral emergency, contact him by calling 403-596-5676.

Solace Grief Support – You Are Not Alone

Grief is a journey that none of us should have to walk alone. Whether your loss is recent or happened many years ago, there is no timeline for grief, and reaching out for support is an act of courage.

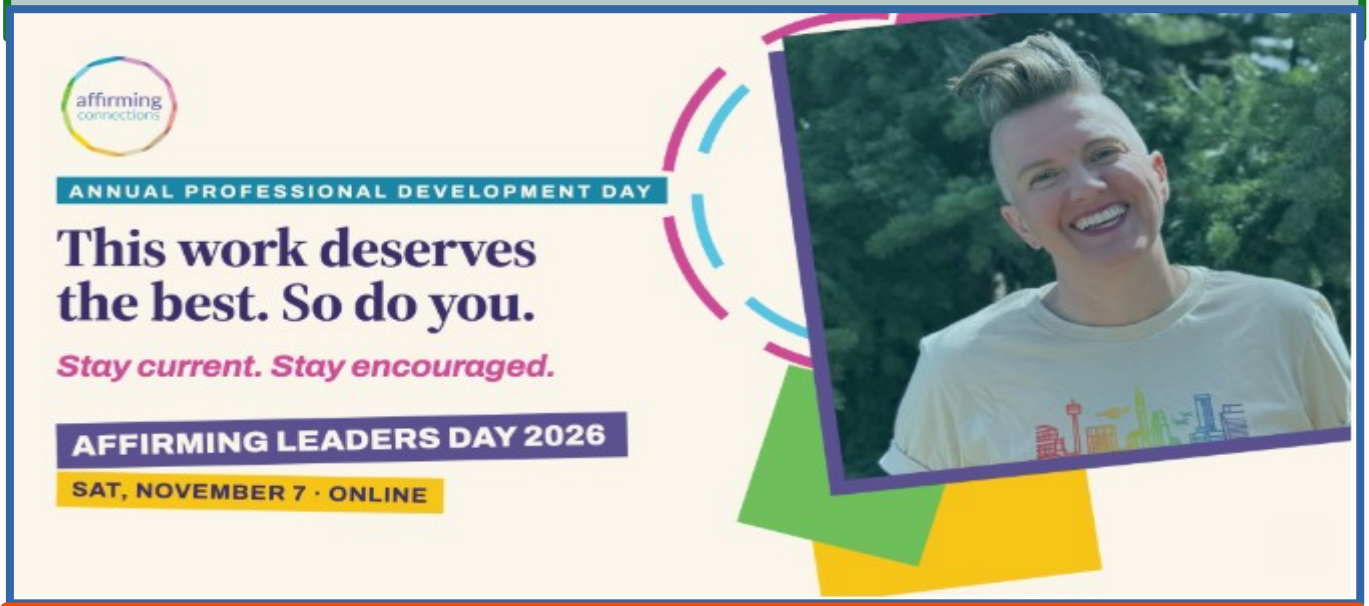
Solace Grief Support Society is a local non-profit organization offering free, compassionate, and professional grief counseling to individuals and families in Okotoks, High River, Diamond Valley, and surrounding communities. Support is available individually or in groups, in person, by phone, or online.

If you or someone you know is navigating the loss of a loved one, please consider reaching out. Sometimes, having someone walk alongside us can make a

Learn more: https://www.solacegriefsupport.com/

Remember, you do not have to carry your grief alone

SOLACE
GRIEF SUPPORT SOCIETY
Foothills County, Alberta



Hello friends!
A peer support group for Allies of LGBTQ+2SIA folks meets in Okotoks on the second Saturday of each month at Okotoks United Church.
Our next meeting is November 14 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

Every smile, every loving word, every kind action are reflections of the beauty of your heart and soul.



Upcoming Sermon Series: "The Heart Behind the Action"



November 1, 8 & 15, 2026

Three Sundays exploring integrity, spiritual authenticity, and the courage to love.

Doing the right thing for the right reasons.

There is a difference between doing what looks good and doing what is good. And sometimes, that difference reveals more about our spiritual lives than the actions themselves.

We can be generous without being compassionate. We can be religious without being transformed. We can speak passionately about justice and peace while remaining silent when injustice happens right in front of us.

Jesus repeatedly challenges us to look beyond appearances. Faith is not simply about what we do, but also about why we do it, whom our actions serve, and whether our lives reflect the love we profess.

As Christians, we know the language of generosity, humility, forgiveness, compassion, and peace. But sometimes those beautiful words can become ways of protecting our pride, avoiding uncomfortable truths, or maintaining the appearance of goodness.

Over three Sundays in November, we'll explore these questions through three biblical stories:

November 1 – When Enough Is Never Enough: What does our relationship with money reveal about what truly matters to us?

November 8 – When Goodness Becomes a Performance: Are we doing good out of love, or because we want to be seen as good?

November 15 – When Keeping the Peace Becomes Part of the Problem: Can we truly claim to love justice while remaining silent when others are being hurt?

This series is not about judging ourselves or others, nor about becoming perfect Christians. It is about growing in honesty, compassion, and courage, allowing our inward spiritual transformation to shape how we live and treat one another.

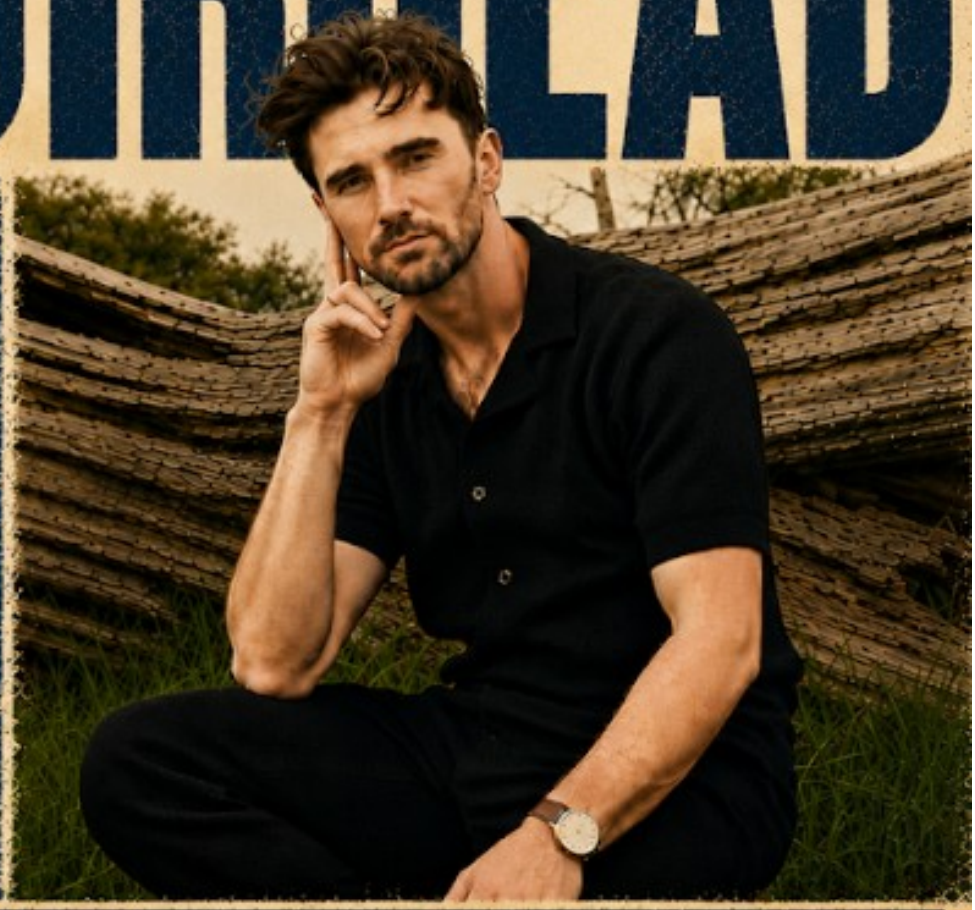
Because faith is not about looking like a good person. It is about becoming a more loving one.

I hope you'll join us for these three Sundays of reflection, honest questions, and spiritual growth.

Rev. Marco

JOHN MUIRHEAD

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"HONEST SONGS. QUIET PLACES. REAL PEOPLE."

NOV 10, 2026 | ✷ **7:00** PM | DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM

✷ ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH, DE WINTON ✷

dewintonunitedchurch@gmail.com | **$30** PER PERSON

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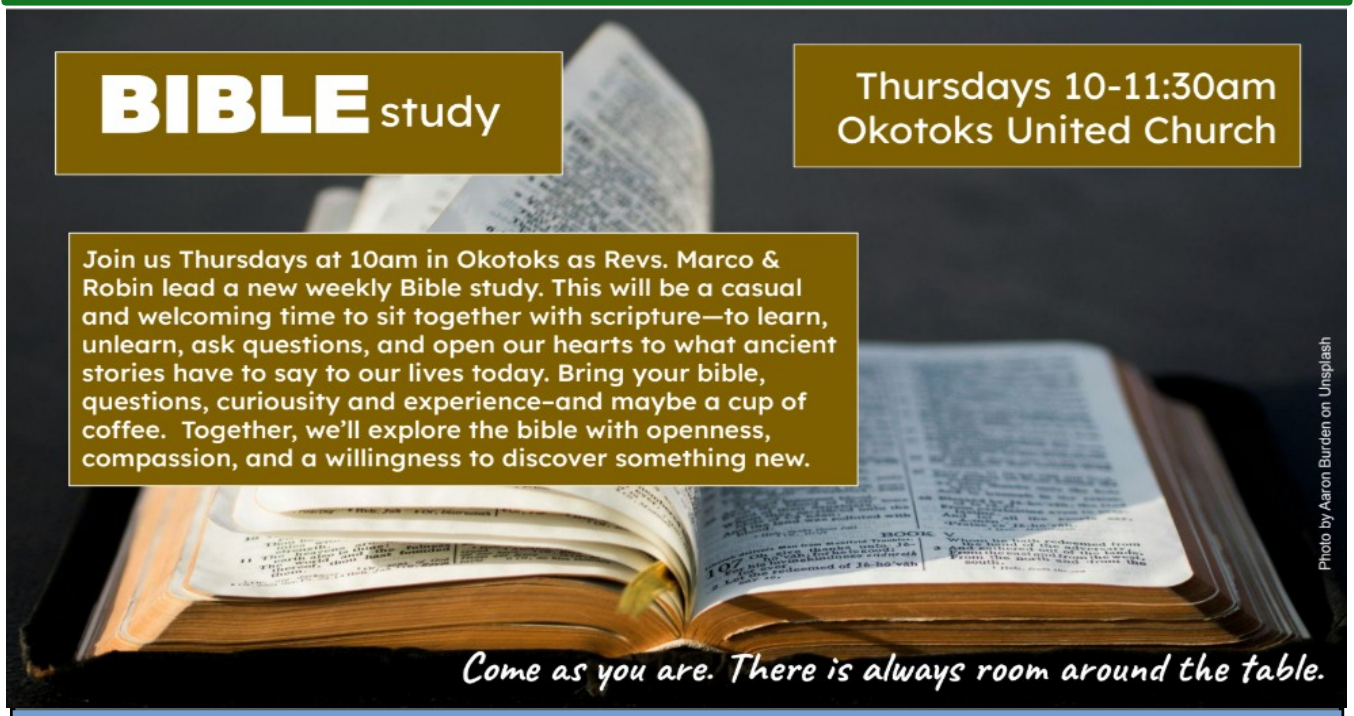
Congregational Care is one small way we care for one another through prayer. Each Sunday, you are invited to write a prayer intention on a card and place it in the prayer box. You do not need to include your name. Our prayer team will hold your intention gently and faithfully in prayer during the week.

These simple, caring intentions help remind us that we are connected—that we do not carry our joys, worries, hopes, and struggles alone.



Sometimes care begins with simply knowing that someone is praying for you.

Email us at okcongregationalcare@telus.net



MIDWEEK

Join us on Wednesdays from 10 - 10:30 in the Chapel for a contemplative time of simple choruses, scripture, a short reading, a time of silence, and prayer.

It's a good reset for the middle of your busy week as we set aside our busy lives for a time of refocusing and peace.

Note: No Midweek Service on November 11



Friends,

There are many people among us who need a little extra care right now — a visit, a phone call, a cup of coffee, a prayer, or simply the reassurance that someone remembers them.

As your minister, I care deeply about staying connected with you. But I also know that there simply are not enough hours in the week for me to personally stay in touch with everyone as often as I would like.

That is where all of us come in.

The Church has never been just one person caring for everyone. We are a community of people caring for one another. When each of us does a little — one phone call, one visit, one conversation, one moment of listening — together, we can do something beautiful.

And I believe those moments are deeply spiritual. When you sit with someone who is lonely, call someone who has been struggling, or simply ask, "How are you really doing?" you are sharing something of the presence of God. You are helping make God's love visible.

So if you are visiting someone from our congregation or regularly staying connected with someone, please let me know when you can, with their permission. It helps me understand where care is already happening and where someone might still need a little more connection.

The easiest way to reach me is pastormarcostemarie@gmail.com.

Please know that I care. And thank you for caring for one another. None of us can do it all. But if each of us does a little, together we can make sure that no one feels forgotten.

— Marco

The Healing Ministry welcomes everyone
who is seeking physical,
mental or spiritual healing .
Come, experience a healing session for the first time!

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

With Deep Gratitude



There are so many gifts among us: music, teaching Sunday school, offering a warm welcome, maintaining our building, tending to administration, cooking, baking, cleaning, and caring for one another. As Paul reminds us, there are many gifts, but one Spirit. Through your gifts, God's love takes shape in the everyday life of our church.

As your minister, I want to thank you. Those words feel small beside the time, energy, and love you offer. So much happens quietly, without recognition or applause. Yet you keep showing up, moved by your love for The Holy and your care for others. Your service is a sacred gift, and this community would not be what it is without you.

If you are new here, or wondering how you might contribute, there is a place for you, too. As Caring Connections continues to grow, the needs often exceed the hands available. Whatever your gifts, and whatever time you can offer, your help would be warmly welcomed.

Together, we are many hands, held by one Spirit, sharing one purpose: to care for the people God loves. And that means everyone.

With gratitude and blessings,

Rev. Marco



The Magic of Christmas Foothills is a registered charity #139636369. With the generous donations from individuals and businesses in our communities, we are able each year to give gifts to approximately 200 families (800 people – babies, children, teens, adults, senior adults).

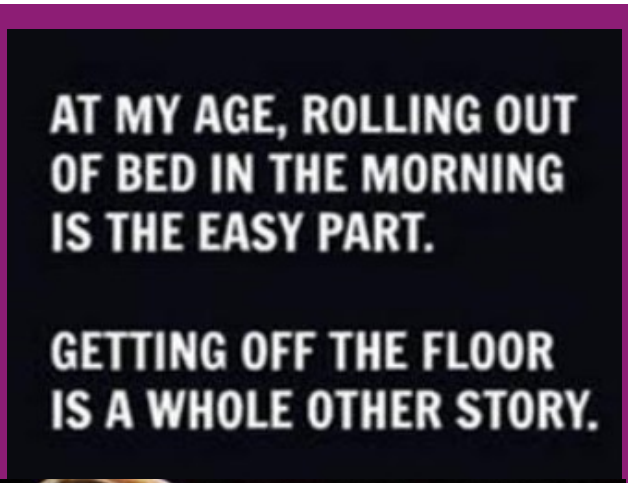
Each family receives:

Individual Gifts (for every family member)
Family Christmas Stocking with treats/small gifts
Backpacks (filled with useful items & small gifts)
Family Gift (board games and/or puzzles)
Grocery Gift Card

Do you know a family that would benefit from this?
If so, fill out the referral form at: https://wkf.ms/3SSsL6p

Please feel free to reach out to this email with questions or call Cory @403-620-1446











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