

Kids' Ministry

Schedule for May 2019

May 12, 2018 Mother's Day

May 17, 2018 Youth Group

May 19, 2018 Superhero's of the Bible

May 26, 2018 How do I become a Superhero?



AFFIRMING MINISTRY

We are on Instagram. Check us out at [okaffirming](#).
or on Facebook – Okotoks United Church.
or at [www.okunited.ca](#) on the Affirming Ministry Tab.

Survey The Affirming Ministry Team has developed a survey and are asking everyone to please fill one out. It will be anonymous. There will be hard copies on the literature table in the foyer as well as links on our website, [www.okunited.ca](#), Instagram account or on Facebook. We'd like to hear from you. Survey will be available until May 19.

Upcoming LGBT Q & A sessions.

May 30th and June 4th – What does the Bible Say? The Bible has been used to “clobber” people from the LGBTQI2s+ community. We will explore some of the biblical passages that have been used and find out how they might challenge us to think about being affirming.

ALL SESSIONS ARE AT 6:30 IN THE CHAPEL AT OKOTOKS UNITED.

Musicians Needed

The Theme Team is looking for musicians to enhance the summer worship services. Please contact Jonelle McLellan at okcongregational-care@telus.net or Amy Gatus before or after services.

Foothills Ukulele Orchestra

Foothills Ukulele Orchestra will be gathering every Friday evenings, April 26 to June 28th from 6:30 to 9:00 pm at St. Andrews United Church in DeWinton. All players, all levels welcome. Donations in the toonie jar will be gladly accepted. An excellent way for community to gather! For more information please contact Shirle Ternan at sternanhome@gmail.com.

Announcements

Sunday, May 12, 2019

We are called to be the Church:

*to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope*

This Week...

Tuesday - Morning Walk with Julia - Crescent Point Regional Field House - 9 - 10 am

Thursday - Bible Study - Conference Room - 10 - 11:30 am - all are welcome

Chicken Fundraiser Update - 4 Chickens not 3 Chickens per package!!!!

Come join us for the easiest fundraiser we can possibly do - The Chicken Fundraiser. The Chicken Fundraiser package includes 4 delicious, fresh, not frozen, vacuum sealed and inspected Hutterite chickens (6 - 7 lbs each) plus one Saskatoon pie! The cost per package is \$87.00. Sign up forms are on the bulletin board in the foyer. The pick up date for the orders is May 14th at Okotoks United Church at a time to be determined. For more information contact Bev Carlson at 403-815-9957 (text or call) or email her at bevcarlson@nucleus.com.

Congregational Care Team

Our Congregational Care Team invites you to reach out for our confidential spiritual and compassionate care, contact okcongregationalcare@telus.net, Rev. Jonelle at 403 650-5166 or the church office at 403-938-4357.



Healing Ministry

The Healing Ministry will provide sessions on the first and third Monday of each month from 1 to 4pm. Please contact Gisela Dyck at 403-938-2506.



Okotoks United Church - Garage Sale

Our Church will be hosting a Garage Sale on Saturday, May 18 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. This is a great fundraiser for our Church so dust off your seldom/never used articles (no clothing or furniture please) and bring them to the Church during office hours May 13th to 17th. We are also in need of plastic grocery bags for this event. Your donations will be greatly appreciated. Hot dogs and beverages will be available for \$3.00 we will also be selling coffee and a cinnamon bun for \$2.00. Spread the word!!!

If you'd like to help Val (403-938-1321) and Gisela (403-938-2506) to sort and price items, please call them.

Friendship Group

What's a Friendship Group? A group of people from this church who get together once a month or so to visit, play games, go on an outing, eat a simple meal together, get to know each other - whatever suits them - be friends. Who can join a friendship group? Anyone! couples, families, singles, older, younger. Everyone is welcome.

All you have to do is be open to making new friends and building relationships with your church family. If you would like to be part of the fun, sign up on the Bulletin Board sign up sheet in the foyer. On May 31 at 5:30 p.m. we will have an introductory pot luck supper where you will get to meet with your friendship group and plan a few activities for the summer.

The Power of Choice Course

Struggling with self-esteem? Looking to develop more assertive and effective communication, or manage your anger in a more productive way? Join Bill Law in these powerful and effective courses where you will learn to navigate through your circumstances in a more positive way, resulting in greater overall contentment and more fulfilling relationships.

May 14: For Couples **May 15:** For Individuals

You can register at 403-938-8954 or in person at the Okotoks Rec. Centre

Camp Caravan

Camp Caravan is a summer day-camp program for children in preschool to grade 6. Children will explore ways in which they can experience God's love and "Follow the Spirit" in their everyday lives, all while building friendships and having fun.

WHEN? JULY 8-12

Okotoks United Church

Cost? \$125/child.

Financial support is available! We do not turn children away! (Speak to Julia). Please see poster on Bulletin Board for more information.

Join us on our journey to discover God's exciting gifts and love!

Death Announcements

Jean Vanier (Age 90)- L'Arche Canada



Philosopher, writer, religious and moral leader, founder of communities for people with and without intellectual disabilities... and above all, a follower of Jesus, a peacemaker...

"I strongly believe that God is hidden in the heart of the smallest of all, in the weakest of all, and if we commit ourselves to him, we open a new world." - Jean Vanier

Rachel Held Evans (Age 37)



An American Christian columnist, blogger and author. Over the years, she wrote several popular books about her journey away from her childhood faith and toward a more progressive Christianity that is committed to feminism, inclusive of the LGBTQ community and accepting of doubt.

"Imagine if every church became a place where everyone is safe, but no one is comfortable. Imagine if every church became a place where we told one another the truth. We might just create sanctuary." -Rachel Held Evans

With God's help we are...

Following Jesus

Reaching People

Changing Lives