

Any Questions?

Feel free to ask a greeter or welcome host for assistance.

Enhanced Audio headsets for the hard of hearing are available from the sound person.

Washrooms are located in the foyer, one in the nursery and two more near the church office.

Can't find it in the bulletin?

Check out our website for all the latest on our upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, detailed information on our core values, and much more!

Sermon: Our sermons for each week are uploaded on our website.

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

Stay connected! Sign up for our weekly emails - keep in touch throughout the week through our website. E-mail Diane Willis at okunit-ed@telus.net to sign up for our weekly e-mails.

Healing Ministry - Healing Ministry - the Healing Ministry Healing Session take place the first and third Monday of each month from 1:00 - 4:00. Please contact Gisela Dyck at 403-938-2506 for more information or to book an appointment.

OUR WELCOME HOSTS ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP TOO!!

You can find them in the entryway

Information Session for 2020 Mission Possible Trip to the Dominican Republic - Gary Dzurka will be holding a 45 minute information session on January 12th, 2020 immediately after Sunday service for anyone interested in joining the Mission Possible Team to travel to the Dominican Republic in 2020. Come learn more about past adventures and expected costs for the trip. We've got several youth committed to the 2020 trip with a mid-August departure date. The session is open to anyone interested in joining the team - previous travelers have ranged from 7 to 70 years old. Everyone is welcome.

OUC Pilgrimage to the Holy Land April 25th - May 5th, 2020

From a cultural, political, and historical perspective, there's probably no country on Earth as interesting as Israel. Sacred ground to Jews, Christians, and Muslims, Israel is home to an amazing diversity of influences and historic sites. Come join us on our personalized journey to this amazing place. We have designed a unique itinerary just for our group, some of which you will not find on any other tour. We will visit the Old City of Jerusalem, Bethlehem (the birthplace of Jesus), Rachel's Tomb, Masada, the Dead Sea, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Magdala, Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam, and many other stops. Julia has been to Israel before and brings that knowledge and experience to share with us. We have only a few spots left. If you are interested please speak to Julia or Sally Salter. The next meeting is January 6, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the Chapel.

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With God's Help we are:
Following Jesus,
Reaching Others,
Changing Lives



Photo: Bonnie Chant-Kinsman

OKOTOKS-DEWINTON UNITED CHURCHES

Sunday, December 22, 2019
Hope: The Journey to Christmas

Worship Leader: Julia Kimmett
Worship Assistant: Martha Webster
Guest Soloist: Carissa Watts

Congregational responses are printed in bold
*Indicates: please stand in body or in spirit

Prelude

Solo: Walking In the Air

Howard Blake

Lighting of Journey/Hope Candles

Betty-Lou Bayley

Two expectant mothers nurtured hope

We fear our parenting skills and we seek advice from social media.

Two expectant mothers nurtured hope.

Let's talk to real people that have experienced nurturing hope.

Two expectant mothers nurtured hope.

We realize that the child we are nurturing is the hope for the future.

Two expectant mothers nurtured hope.

Let us lift up and nurture all children so that the message of hope will continue from generation to generation.

Gathering Chorus: Hope Shines as the Solitary Star

MV 220

Work of the Community (Announcements)

Word of Welcome

Acknowledging the Territory

*Hymn: She Walked in the Summer (Tune 352 without chorus)

VU 12

Time with the Young and Young at Heart

*Hymn: Hope Is Now in Every Place (vs. 1 & 2)

VU 45

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Choir Anthem

Scripture: Luke 1:30-33; 39-45

Imagining the Story: Elizabeth and Mary

Prayers of the People and The Prayer that Jesus Taught

VU 959

* Hymn: The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

VU 73

*Go Out and Change the World (Commissioning)

*Blessing

*Going Out: Jesus Came Bringing Us Hope

MV 33

Postlude

Theme for December:

Hope

Kid's Ministry:

Kids, newborn to 4 years are welcome in the nursery anytime during the service. The nursery is located next to the Sanctuary near the west foyer door. Kids aged 5+ are invited to join Candice for the Kid's Ministry program.

New Comers!

We would love to get to know you! You are welcome to fill out a card that is in the chair in front of you in the sanctuary. If you have any questions about our church please see our host after today's service.

Prayer needs:

Heather & Richard Puttee, their daughter Andrea and their granddaughters.

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request please fill out a Prayer Card (found in the seat pocket in front of you) and deposit it in one of the Prayer Boxes found on the candle-lighting stations at the front of the sanctuary. Requests may also be emailed to okcongregationalcare@telus.net.

Pot-Luck

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the pot-luck luncheon after this year's Kids Pageant.

Church Happenings:

Choir - come join the choir every Thursday evening from 7:00 - 9:00 in the Sanctuary.

Bible Study - will resume on Thursday, January 16th, 2020. Come join us for weekly Bible Study Thursday mornings 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Room upstairs. This year we will be studying Acts. All are welcome to come learn with us!

Services for the Season

Sunday, December 22nd - 10:45

Regular Service at Okotoks - no service at DeWinton

Tuesday, December 24th - 4:00 p.m.

Okotoks UC Family Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, December 24th - 9:00 p.m.

Okotoks Candlelight & Communion Service

Sunday, December 29th - 10:45 a.m.

Okotoks and De Winton - "Hope has been Born"

OUC Office Closure Dates:

The office will be closed December 24, at noon, December 25, 26, 27, 30 and 31 and January 1. The office will be open on Thursday, January 2, 2020.

Merry Christmas everyone!

Kids' Ministry Schedule for December 2019

December 20 - Youth Group - Christmas Party
December 22 - Kid's Christmas Party



2020 Offering Envelopes Are Available:

The 2020 offering envelopes are available for pick up this Sunday from the literature table in the Foyer. If you are currently on the list for envelopes but no longer require them or would like to start using envelopes, please notify the office via email at okunited@telus.net. Thank you.

In the spirit of respect and truth, we acknowledge that we live, work and worship on the traditional territories of the people of Treaty 7 – the Blackfoot Confederacy (Siksika, Kainai, Piikani), the Tsuut'ina, the Stoney-Nakoda Nations and the Métis Nation, Region 3. The United Church is committed to restoring right relations with the first peoples and to living in peace and harmony on this land.

Okotoks United Church Snow Angels Needed!

So far we've had one person sign up to be our Snow Angel. We desperately need more! Please sign on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the OUC foyer. Your help would be greatly appreciated!



White Gift Sunday

We've received \$3,815.00 in gift cards and \$9,222.01 in cash/cheques. So far the total received is \$13,037.01

Thank you to all who donated these gifts to the **Benevolent Fund**. This will go a long way to help those in need.