

# Connections

## Prayers

- ♦ Fort MacLeod - Granum United Church
- ♦ Ev S.
- ♦ Marg Smith - who is recovering from recent surgery and is doing well
- ♦ For a full recovery for those who have Covid
- ♦ Anna - prayers for her recovery from recent surgery
- ♦ Noreen Milburn and family
- ♦ Jonelle McLellan - health issues
- ♦ John and Mary-Ann Bowerman - for health and healing
- ♦ Judy C. - prayers for a safe surgery and recovery next week
- ♦ Holy Cross Lutheran Church

## Celebrations

- ♦ Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary to Gerhard and Gisela, June 12th 2021
- ♦ Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary to Bill and Norma, June 19th 2021



## Visits with the Vicar on the Veranda

During the month of June Julia will be available for Visits with the Vicar on the Veranda on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 1-3 p.m. These will be physically distanced visits for anyone needing a little time to get out, catch up or just share what's on your heart and mind. They will be 45 minutes visits with time for prayer. All are welcome.

A cozy space on the veranda will be set up so you can come up the ramp of the veranda and sit in the chairs provided. Julia will come out the front door and join you. Please bring your own beverage and a warm jacket in the event of cooler weather.

Please call to make an appointment to visit - (403)938-4357 or (403)702-2249. Look forward to seeing you. Julia

## Secretary of Board Position Open

Carol Price has kindly offered to transition to the role of Treasurer on the OUC Board. This leaves her current position of Secretary to the Board open.

The Secretary works with the Chair to set the agenda of each meeting and collects a meeting package of reports and other documents to distribute to the Board before the meeting, records, edits and files the minutes of each Board meeting to ensure accurate record keeping of Board activities and decisions, and handles some correspondence from the Board.

Would you be interested in joining the Board in this role? We usually meet monthly with a break in July this year. Our next meeting is August 11. You need basic computer skills and a desire to be part of our church's leadership team as we move into an exciting new post-COVID season of ministry. Please contact Karen Pryznyk for more information.

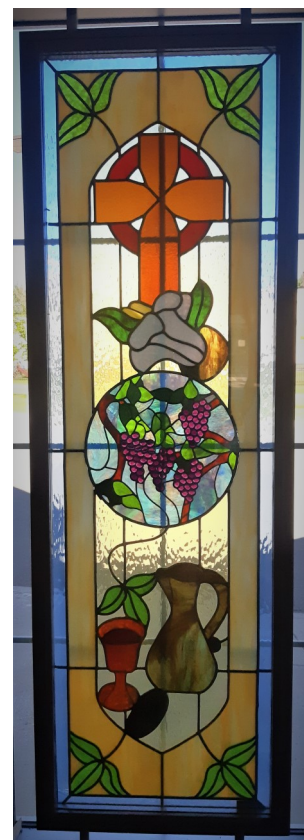
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## Worshipping Together June 27<sup>th</sup>

The Northern Spirit Regional Celebration of Ministries Service will be held at First United Church, Fort Saskatchewan, on June 27<sup>th</sup> at **10:00 a.m.** This will be **Matthew Heesing's** Ordination Service. Our Communities of Faith are invited to come together to watch the service which will be livestreamed on YouTube.

You are invited to join in using this link <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCozqA9U5k4S7jES7EjInq9Q/live>, or by going to the church web site, [www.fsunited.org](http://www.fsunited.org) and clicking on the link that will take you to the Sunday morning service.

Julia will be attending this service of celebration so there will not be regular services at De Winton or Okotoks on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Following this, both Julia and Matthew will be taking some time off before launching our new partnership on August 1<sup>st</sup>.



This will be a communion service

Please have the necessary elements available



## Worship for the month of July

De Winton will continue with its regular gatherings at 9:30 on Sundays through July.

Okotoks will gather at 10:30 on Sundays for worship and a sermon delivered by a variety of guests.

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## NEWS FROM ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

Written by P. Marie Wedderburn

On Thursday, June 10th (which was the 96th Anniversary of The United Church of Canada), and also my birthday, I was the recipient of the last birthday drive-by as we look forward to physically gathering as a community of faith in the late summer or early fall. Anyway, 17 vehicles drove up my lane honking their horns and waving to me as I stood on my sidewalk. Being the recipient of a birthday drive-by enabled me to see twenty-four people in person for which I am thankful. And oh, by the way, the heifers stood on the other side of

the fence just observing this parade.

Then on Sunday morning seventeen joined together via Zoom and Julia's question for check-in was "What physical activities have you participated in during your life?" Of course our answers varied as we once again learned a little more of one another. Look forward to seeing our community of faith this coming Sunday morning at 9:30.

At the service at 10:30, Julia continued her sermon series on transition where she asked, "Why is leading such a challenge these days?" and "Have you had a good leader in your life?" And so I ask, how do we personally answer these questions?

## OUC Summer Student Update:

Hi everyone!

My name is Mackenzie and I will be the summer student here at the Okotoks United Church for the next few months. Some of you probably recognize me from my younger days and I am so delighted to be back with you all while I am between semesters at the University of Alberta.

You can catch me working in the office with Diane and Julia, as well as doing some odd projects around the church!



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## National Indigenous History Month Events

June is Indigenous History month in Canada! Chinook Region Indigenous Minister Tony Snow has put together some online events for those looking to learn more about indigenous history and our collective past.

### **June 20 10:30 am. Indigenous Day Worship Service. Presider: Tony Snow. Indigenous Minister for Chinook Winds Region.**

- ♦ All Communities of Faith in the Region are welcome to join in this online worship service which will go live on the [Chinook Winds Region's YouTube Channel](#).

### **June 21. 12 noon to 1:30 pm. - Indigenous Day**

- ♦ Join us via zoom to learn about the history of Indigenous Day, the meaning behind the celebration and the tie-in to the United Church.

Registration: <https://hillhurstunited.churchcenter.com/registrations/>

As well as the above events, a Fundraiser has been organized by McKillop United Church in Lethbridge in memory of the 215 children and in support of the Regional Indigenous Ministry Fund.

How to Donate:

- Donations to the Regional Indigenous Ministry Fund can be made online through the Chinook Winds website.

- Or you can donate through McKillop United following these directions: send an etransfer to [judy@mckillopuned.ca](mailto:judy@mckillopuned.ca) or with a credit card over the phone by calling 403 328 2703 between 9am and Noon Monday through Friday.

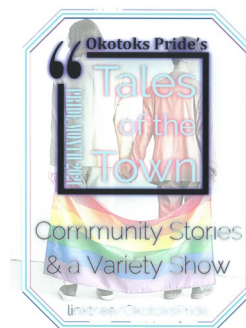
Tax receipts will be issued.

## Happy Pride Month!

Also happening during June, Okotoks Pride is organizing a few events to promote and celebrate the stories of LGBTQ2S+ members of our community

Tales of the Town is a five part series, sharing the experiences of members and allies of the LGBTQ2S community in Okotoks and highlights why Pride is so important in the Foothills. The series can be found on the Okotoks pride social media pages.

As well the Okotoks pride performers will be hosting an online event in June 29th. More information and RSVP for that event can be found on the Okotoks Pride Facebook page.





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## Broadview Magazine Subscription

The Broadview magazine subscriptions are up for renewal. The deadline is July 16, 2021. If you'd like to renew your subscription or add your name to our subscription list please let me know at [okunited@telus.net](mailto:okunited@telus.net). The cost for a year's subscription to this great magazine is \$25.00. For your convenience you can e-transfer your renewal fees to: [okunited@telus.net](mailto:okunited@telus.net)

## KID'S KORNER:

DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE THE KID'S MINISTRY MEETS FOR A ZOOM SUNDAY SCHOOL FOLLOWING OUR MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE. WE START AT 11:30. YOUTH GROUP WILL MEET EVERY SECOND FRIDAY BY ZOOM. WE START AT 6:30. FOR LINKS TO THE MEETINGS AND DETAILED HAPPENINGS ON SPECIFIC DATES, PLEASE CONTACT CANDICE AT [CNDCSUTTON@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CNDCSUTTON@GMAIL.COM)

THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMS WILL TAKE A BREAK FOR JULY AND AUGUST. WE WISH THE KIDS AND THEIR FAMILIES A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THEM ALL AGAIN IN THE FALL. MAYBE EVEN IN PERSON!

## Vaccinations

If you need more information about the Alberta Covid vaccination program check out Alberta Health Services' website at: <https://www.alberta.ca/covid19-vaccine.aspx>

## Okotoks United Church Office - We're here for you!

The office continues to remain open at this time Monday to Friday 9:00 - 2:00. Please contact Diane at [okunited@telus.net](mailto:okunited@telus.net) or 403-938-4357 for church related news.

To contact Julia email her at [okjulia@telus.net](mailto:okjulia@telus.net) or phone her at 403-702-2249 (cell) at any time.

Congregational Care Team invites you to reach out for confidential spiritual and compassionate care by email at: [okcongregationalcare@telus.net](mailto:okcongregationalcare@telus.net)

Please refer to our website [www.okunited.ca](http://www.okunited.ca) for updated information and links to the newsletter.