

October 22, 2026

Okotoks United Church Harmony Group's



October 30/31 Market
Needs baked goods!
Please drop off your
baking donations at
the church between
10 and 2 pm on
Friday October 30.

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Visit St Andrew's United Church website: Dewintonunitedchurch.ca



Jacket Racket 2026



**Winter Clothing
Give-Away
Everyone
welcome!**

**Okotoks United Church
43 Riverside Drive**

**PLEASE DROP OFF GENTLY USED, CLEAN
WINTER CLOTHING AT:**

- Sobeyes
- 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**

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.



The little church with a big heart



BIBLE study

Thursdays 10-11:30am
Okotoks United Church

Join us Thursdays at 10am in Okotoks as Revs. Marco & Robin lead a new weekly Bible study. This will be a casual and welcoming time to sit together with scripture—to learn, unlearn, ask questions, and open our hearts to what ancient stories have to say to our lives today. Bring your bible, questions, curiosity and experience—and maybe a cup of coffee. Together, we'll explore the bible with openness, compassion, and a willingness to discover something new.

Come as you are. There is always room around the table.

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**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**



ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

**This work deserves
the best. So do you.**

Stay current. Stay encouraged.

AFFIRMING LEADERS DAY 2026

SAT, NOVEMBER 7 · ONLINE



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.

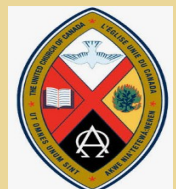
A Sacred Promise: Our Covenanting Service

A covenant is really a promise — a promise shared between the minister, the congregation, the Chinook Winds Region, and the Divine. It is our way of saying that we are choosing to walk together, to support one another, and to keep following the way of Christ as faithfully as we can.

Our Covenanting Service will be held on Sunday, November 1 at 2:00 p.m followed by a luncheon.

This will be a special afternoon in the life of our church. It is a chance to celebrate this new chapter together, to give thanks for the ministry we share, and to look ahead with hope to where the Spirit may lead us next.

**Come and be part of the celebration.
It will be good to have our church family gathered together for this important moment.**



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

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 **GIFT** of **MUSIC**

A Let Us Sing Workshop

with guest Rev. Janice Beaudry

at Diamond Valley United

Ready to hear music in the air? Spend an afternoon singing with piano wizard Rev. Janice Beaudry (Walls). Janice will guide a time of singing in community through a shared love of music. Together we'll raise our voices singing old favourites from the *Voices* hymn books and learning new music from *Then, Let Us Sing*. **Tickets: \$17. All are welcome.**



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Rev. Janice Beaudry was born in Saint John, NB and spent her early years living in the Saint John Protestant orphanage. She was later adopted by Royce and Lottie Walls, and grew up by the beautiful Miramichi River. Janice studied piano from John Ramsey, a blind teacher and piano tuner, and her love for music began at an early age. Through her teen years she accompanied choirs in Baptist, Presbyterian and Pentecostal churches, along with the Salvation Army. She became a member of the United Church of Canada and fell in love with their calls for justice and acceptance of all people. Janice believes she has been called by God to share her gift of music, to **make a joyful noise unto the Lord**.

Saturday Oct 31st | 1:30 to 4:30 pm
To Register call 403.933.4114 or use the QR code:



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UNITED CHURCH**

125 Royal Avenue Diamond Valley
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Please join us for a hot bowl of
home-made soup and a bun.
Enjoy the comfort of friendly people while
delighting in fresh-made desserts



with a choice of tea or coffee. All for \$8!

Monday October 26, 2026

Okotoks United Church

Noon until 2:30 pm

Reservations not required. First come-first served.

St Andrew's UNITED CHURCH



For the third of his series “Learning to See,” thirty-one people joined Marco on October 11th. We heard the scripture Luke 10:25-37 where a lawyer stood up to test Jesus by asking a couple of questions, the first one being about inheriting eternal life and the second one being who is my neighbour, to which Jesus replies with a parable which is often referred to as the parable of the good Samaritan. As a priest and a Levite continue walking on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho without stopping to attend to the injured person, a Samaritan (one who was shunned by the Israelites of that time) stops and attends to the injured person. Marco asked us a few questions including the following: Who comes to take care of you? Who can I not care for? What can I do to help? Is my attitude disturbing relationships? And perhaps most importantly, How will I become a neighbour today? How do we answer these questions?

On October 18th, twenty-one worshipers joined with Marco for the fourth in his series entitled “Learning to See.” Once again we heard the scripture Luke 10:25-37 read by Mark from a First Nations perspective. We all read the scriptures through a lens and this week Marco concentrated on the priest and Levite who passed by the injured man on the road.

Our compassion begins when we see through a different lens when we can say “I see you.”. We cannot do everything and often we are overwhelmed, however each of us can do something. As we ask God to show us what God sees and as we slow down, we see that everyone matters. So once again we are asked to answer this question: “Who is our neighbour?”

A brief note: Tickets are available for our Christmas concert on November 29th. Read and respond to Mel’s e-mails about this.

- P. Marie Wedderburn

Rev. Marco's Hours

Monday and Tuesday are Rev. Marco's days off.

Wednesday to Friday, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m he's in office

For a pastoral emergency, he can be reached by phone
at 403-596-5676.

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THE IN-BETWEEN
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QUIET PLACES.
REAL PEOPLE."



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

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

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etransfer or contact for more info.



I would make a skeleton joke, but you wouldn't find it very humerus.



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