



Pickering Village United Church

June 2023
Caring for the Community in Christ's Name

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Joyful, Joyful We
Adore Thee

"Joyful, joyful, we adore You,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You,
Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!"

Melody from Ludwig van Beethoven- 1770-1827

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, June 4, 2023 – Trinity Sunday

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School/Youth Group

Pulpit Supply – Karen Chandler

Sunday, June 11, 2023 – 2nd after Pentecost

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School/Youth Group

Pulpit Supply – Robert Bennett

Sunday, June 18, 2023 - 3rd after Pentecost

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School/Youth Group) Pulpit Supply – PVUC Men's Group - Father's Day

Sunday, June 25, 2023 – 4th after Pentecost

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School/Youth Group

Pulpit Supply - Alan Boyd

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, May 30 9:30 a.m. – Fellowship Group

Tuesday, June 6 9:30 a.m. - Fellowship Group

Last Group Session for

the Summer

Wednesday, June 7 6:00 p.m. – UCW Potluck

Saturday, June 10 8:00 a.m. – Community Yard Sale

Church Parking Lot

RAIN OR SHINE

Contact the Church Office to book your spot by June 8/23.

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SEEN AROUND PYUC



Noah Vig-Fernandes is a passionate musician and technologist and is pursuing his Grade 10 Piano Level. From an early age, he began composing original piano works and has excelled both musically and academically. Noah is currently a Grade 11 student, aspiring to apply his love for computer coding towards a university degree in Computer Science. In his free time, Noah loves to spend his hours coding or curling up with a good book.



John Scott and Sunday School helpers prepare to plant our PVUC garden with annuals on Sunday, May 28th.





Fran Sancroft is seen ready to cut two cakes on Sunday, May 28,2023. An excellent Report, prepared by the Community of Faith Profile Committee (Fran Sancroft - Chair) was accepted at a special Congregational meeting held after the service on May 28th. PVUC members were invited to share cake (shown in photos) and coffee afterwards.



Highlights of May 23, 2023 - PVUC Council Meeting

<u>UCW Report – Carolyn Webster</u>

Our "in-person" meeting and luncheon in May, included an excellent speaker from Community Care. Two funeral teas were held at PVUC. Our two big endeavours included an excellent ham dinner and the Coronation Tea. Both were well attended.

Wellness & Social Concerns Report - Fran Sancroft

Food Banks – Over 200 pounds of food was collected during our May 15th Food Drive and delivered to Pickering and Ajax Food Banks.

Exercise Classes - The Exercise classes with Linda Lum are very well attended.

M & S Report – Fran Sancroft/Mary-Anne Petrusiak

Mary-Anne Petrusiak and Fran Sancroft have agreed to be Co-Chairs. Our M & S goal, as approved by Council, is \$12,000. We are inviting members of the congregation to join us.

Karanda Report - The Thistles will be in Toronto from June 8th. There are several items we will give them on Saturday, June 10th – dresses, other clothing, pill bottles and more. Monetary donations should be marked "Karanda".

General Fund Report – Bill Fox

As of May 21, 2023, our revenues exceed our expenses by just over \$2k – a direct result of lower payroll costs. In the month of May, we will spend just over \$1,700 on Pulpit Supply. This is really good news, but we must be aware that we are heading into the summer months which notoriously have not been kind.

Trustees Report – Bill Fox

On May 10, we received a notice from the Town of Ajax informing PVUC that we will be subject to a Stormwater fee which for the year 2023 they are estimating a charge of \$2,452.80.

Working Group – Bill Fox

We extended the letter of intent with the Daycare to May 31, 2023. Renovation downstairs in PVUC is continuing.

Men's Group

Men's Group will be conducting the church service for Father's Day on Sunday June 18th.

CE - Brenda Plummer

Sunday School will be ending on Father's Day and we are planning a final lunch at the end of June.

Property – Doug Brown

The front canopy repair is almost complete. Ajax Fire has submitted a plan with which we are in agreement. It now has to be approved by Ajax Council. Painting is required in the Fellowship Hall and the Chapel and will be done soon. Minor plumbing repairs have been completed.

Bookings and Community Use - Doug Brown

Bookings are picking up slowly, we have returning users and some new clients.

Young Singers are talking to us about returning to PVUC in the fall.

"Thanks to everyone who donated to our Spring Food Drive!"

- Fran Sancroft - Wellness and Social Concerns Committee Chair

It was a big success, with over 200 lbs of food collected for the Ajax and Pickering Food Banks.

"The poor and hungry are always with us..."

Every little bit helps!

We are planning a "Summer Food Drive" soon.

Thanks again!





KARANDA June Visit – Fran Sancroft

We are happy to report that Dr. Thistle and his merry band will be stopping by PVUC on **Saturday**, **June 10th**.

We will be gathering the items that have been donated thus far in the Lounge and Narthex in the week prior... Because of space restrictions, we are not accepting more donations of physical stuff at this time. Any help you can give, will be appreciated in the form of \$\$\$. (Please make all cheques and E-transfers to PVUC, with Karanda in the subject line.)

Karanda was a very important part of Ruth Webster's portfolio, and I am happy to continue with this in her name.

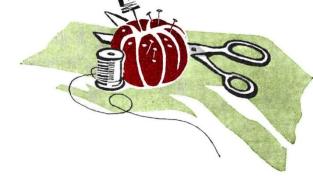
Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Tuesday Morning Fellowship Group (TMFG) - Rowena Dunlop

With the better (?) weather upon us, attendance to the TMFG has gradually been decreasing. Apparently, the golf courses, vacations and gardening are calling people's names, so **June 6**th will be our last official meeting until mid-September. It is

hoped that people will continue their sewing/craft work at home for the Christmas Market to be held on November 4. There is material, etc. available at the church and if purchases are necessary, save your bills and you will be reimbursed. Pre-cut material and patterns are also available. A reminder that non-Christmas items are also needed.

May 9 was a special day as the UCW had its meeting and not only provided a luncheon for itself, but also invited the TMFG and the Exercise Group to attend. The food and the company were most enjoyable. The theme of the meeting, "Caring & Compassion" was



followed through by the guest speaker, Melissa Rudan, of Community Care Durham. She gave the attendees a lot to think about.

It is hoped that everyone has a great summer and will return in the Fall rejuvenated and with lovely stories to share!

Remembrance - Wendy Smith

Submitted by Rev. David Jones.

Wendy was born in Cheltenham, England. At the age of 18 she emigrated to Canada, travelling with her mother, Rose, and brother, David.

Her father, Herbert Jones, had gone first to obtain work and establish a home, and on the day she arrived he introduced Wendy to a young Canadian he had met, Harold Smith. Wendy and Harold married three years later and they would be together for life.

In 1961 Wendy joined Pickering United Church (now 'Pickering Village United Church') and was a 'regular' in attending church services, in volunteering and sharing in the fellowship.



Within the United Church Women's group Wendy was a charter member, was awarded the special honour of receiving a life membership pin and had fulfilled in several roles: served as UCW president 1990-91, UCW rep to the Church's Unified Board as well as several committees, including the Health Cabinet & Social Concerns.

Wendy was a Church Elder - which means she was one of those entrusted with knowing, protecting and promoting the spiritual life of the congregation, helping with baptisms, new members, etc.

But, as her daughter, Julie, noted, Wendy's special affection in church life was for the social moments. I might phrase this as: for Wendy, faith was something you lived, in the church and in your neighbourhood.



Imagine living on the same street in the same house in Pickering Village for 55 years! That too is 'community'.

Within Ajax she was also a long-time member of the hospital Auxiliary doing many "jobs" over the years but she most enjoyed taking the school groups on tours of Emergency and Imaging, so they wouldn't be so afraid if they had to come to the hospital themselves.

Julie offers insight into Wendy with these words, "Mom loved to read but the most endearing quality for mom, I think, was her ability to chat and talk about everything to anyone and everyone who would listen!"

I can vouch that Wendy always shared her opinions in a respectful and constructive way. In the 29 years I knew her at PVUC gatherings it was always a pleasure to see that she would be present. Wendy Smith will be missed, and we offer our heartfelt condolences to Harold, Julie and all of Wendy's closest friends and family.

CHANGES

Our Sympathy

We regret to announce the death of: **Plummer, Ann** - mother of Jeff (Brenda) Plummer



Remember days of gladness; Remember times of joy;
Remember all the moments that grief cannot destroy.

#494 Voices
United



Our sincere condolences to Jeff, Brenda, Jordan Wagner & her husband, Alexandre (Alex) and Andrew Plummer and all their family as they grieve the loss of their mother/grandmother Ann Plummer. Ann died on Monday, May 22. Her Memorial Service was held on Saturday, May 27 at Accettone Funeral Home at 2 p.m.

This picture was taken Wednesday. So thankful the kids were able to see her. Peace be yours, Mom, until we meet again.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Anniversaries

Doug & Jan Dodge will celebrate their 61st Wedding Anniversary on June 22, 2023 – Congratulations on reaching this milestone!



Need to CLEAN OUT your basement? Have lots of UNWANTED ITEMS to get rid of? Bring it to our yard sale and join lots of other vendors. ONE-STOP shopping for customers!

PVUC COMMUNITY YARD SALE

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NOTE: BBQ only open as long as supplies last.



5ATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2023 8:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

NO REFUNDS. NO RAIN DATE.



COST: Double Parking Spot, bring your table - \$15

Double Parking spot, rent our table - \$21

Cash, Cheque or E-Transfer (GF-Treasurer@pvuc.ca)

SET-UP TIME: 7:00 a.m.

WHERE: Pickering Village United Church, South Parking Lot

Vendor Registration Form

Name	Phone #
Address	
Email	License Plate
Please note that this event is for the selling any other purpose, PVUC has the right to a	of <u>used goods only</u> . If the rental of a parking spot is set up for sk user to vacate the premises.
	Liability Waiver
from and against all actions, suits claims and demands which ma	er, to truly save, defend, keep harmless and fully indemnify Pickering Village United Church (PVUC) ay be brought against or upon PVUC and against all loss, costs, damages or expenses which PVUC im or in any way incidental to participation in the PVUC Community Yard Sale.
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CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 905-683-4721 TO BOOK A SPOT BY JUNE 8th. HURRY!!!! SPACE IS LIMITED!

Pickering Village United Church, 300 Church St. N., Ajax (just north of Pickering High School)

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