

Ministers' Messages: (Rev.) Dr. Steven Davis



When I was in high school, I did a little bit of sprinting. I was fast, but I was never fast enough to win any major awards. I was certainly never fast enough to threaten anyone for a place on the Canadian Olympic team – although I did, on occasion, have that dream in my mind. Alas, it was not to be. Not even close, to be honest!

(Although I do remember winning one competition in my school years.) But I think of my time sprinting every year once Christmas ends.

For many people, this time of year passes slowly. It's cold, it's snowy, it's dark. Many tell me that winter drags for them. But for me? Not so much. It's not because I have a lot of winter activities that I take part in. I don't ski, I find snowmobiles noisy and smelly and I can't even begin to get my head around the very idea of ice fishing and why anyone would actually want to do it. In some respects, I suppose, I don't have a lot to occupy my time during the cold and snowy and dark winter months. And yet, for me, this time of year always brings me back to my time as a sprinter – even a poor and, unfortunately, slow one.

At that starting line for a race, there's always excitement and anticipation and nervousness. How will I do? And the race itself is fun. And the moment that Christmas ends – the moment we shift into a new year - I find that church life becomes a sprint. This time between Christmas and Easter to me always flies by. It's not a down time in the church. I find myself focused on pushing the story of Jesus forward. To me, this is the most exciting time of year in the church, and I hope I'm able to share a bit of my excitement as the next three months moves on.

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Rev. Karen Smart



Happy New Year! Since our last edition of VOICE, we have heard the Good News of Christ's birth as told by the adventures of God's Messenger Angels. The whole cast and crew were all-stars! They worked hard and put on a wonderful pageant. It was great to see so many out on Christmas Eve, joining with us to celebrate the birth of Jesus the Christ.

As we celebrated Christmas and Epiphany, we saw the face of God in many people. Many of you sent beautiful cards and best wishes at Christmas. Thank you for these precious gifts. You are a caring and loving church family.

This PVUC family celebrates the good news of Sharon Hull's new Ministry with the East Central Ontario Regional Council. She will serve as Minister Supporting Justice and Mission (20%), Minister Supporting Faith Formation & Spiritual Nurture for all ages (60%). Sharon will bring wonderful gifts to this important ministry. *(continued on page 3)*



FEBRUARY SERVICES

Sunday, February 3 – Sacrament of Holy Communion

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

Sunday, February 10

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School/Youth Group
Presentation by Sunday School Grades 6-8
and some friends
Coffee Hour

Sunday, February 17 - Sacrament of Baptism

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

Sunday, February 24

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School/Youth Group
Coffee Hour & CE Potluck Luncheon

Sunday, March 3

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

11:45 a.m. PVUC Annual General Meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sing & Rejoice Choral Workshop – Saturday, February 9
- PVUC Annual Congregational Meeting – Sunday, March 3
- Pancake Supper – Tuesday, March 5

BAPTISM

Upcoming Sacrament of Baptism services will be:

Sunday, February 17, 2019

Sunday, March 24, 2019

If you are interested in booking a baptism, please contact the church office.

**Deadline for next Voice:
Friday, February 22, 2019.**

TIME FRAME UPCOMING MEETINGS

Week 1

Mon. Jan. 28	Amnesty Int'l	7:00 p.m.
Wed. Jan. 30	Adult Exercise Group	10:00 a.m.
Sun. Feb. 3	M&S Committee	11:30 a.m.

Week 2

Mon. Feb. 4	Visioning & Growth	7:30 p.m.
Tues. Feb. 5	UCW Lunchtime Meeting	11:30 a.m.
Wed. Feb. 6	Adult Exercise Group	10:00 a.m.
Fri. Feb. 8	UCW "Dinner For Lunch"	12:00 p.m.
Sat. Feb. 9	Sing & Rejoice Workshop	9:00 a.m.

Week 3

Wed. Feb. 13	Adult Exercise Class	10:00 a.m.
	Alzheimer Support Group	10:00 a.m.
	Baptism Preparation	7:30 p.m.

Week 4

Mon. Feb. 18	Family Day – OFFICE CLOSED	
Wed. Feb. 20	Adult Exercise Class	10:00 a.m.

Week 5

Mon. Feb. 25	Book Club	10:30 a.m.
	Amnesty Int'l	7:00 p.m.
Tues. Feb. 26	Church Council	7:15 p.m.
Wed. Feb. 27	Adult Exercise Group	10:00 a.m.

Week 6

Tues. Mar. 5	UCW Lunchtime Meeting	11:30 a.m.
	Pancake Supper	5:30 p.m.

WEEKLY MEETINGS

Foot Care Clinic*	Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.
(*Appointment is required)	
Craft & Fellowship Group	Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.
Choir Practice	Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

MINISTERS' MESSAGES:

(Rev.) Dr. Steven Davis *(continued from page 1)*

As I look back at Christmas and Advent, I can only marvel once again at how well everything came together. Because Christmas services have a very different look and feel to them, I always feel a bit of apprehension, wondering how well everything will work. But once again, the season turned out wonderfully, culminating in two fantastic and well attended services on Christmas Eve.

From that high point, we moved quickly, just three weeks later, to a wonderful celebration, as we welcomed nineteen people to membership here at PVUC. I have spoken often about the fact that we regularly see new faces checking us out – and that reception of new members services was the fruit! To all those who chose to become members of PVUC on January 13, I extend a very warm welcome! We are thrilled to have each of you as part of our PVUC family of faith.

The beginning of a new year always represents a time of possibilities. That's no less so in the church. As 2019 stretches before us, we will undoubtedly face our share of challenges but we know that the future is bright, if only because we serve Jesus – the light of the world. Blessings to all!

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We also celebrate receiving 19 new members on January 13, 2019.

Confirmation – Any youth in grades 7, 8 or high school who would like to take Confirmation Classes please see Steven Davis or Karen Smart. We hope to hold a class this spring.

In February, we will take time to celebrate Black History Month, Valentine's Day and Family Day. There are many things that will be happening in the PVUC family of God. We hope you will take part in them. Join in, laugh and learn with us as you grow in God's love!

EXERCISE CLASS: Ruth Webster

For 4 years Linda Lum has been leading adults in exercise classes at PVUC. With her great knowledge of how our bodies work and the various health issues we may have as we age, Linda provides adaptations of each exercise to fit the needs of the participants. We meet on Wednesday mornings in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00-11:00. All are welcome to come to this community outreach project.

The PVUC Choir is seeking interested additional members for their Alto, Soprano, Tenor, and Bass sections. If you enjoy singing many different musical repertoires, this is the choir for you! Practices are Thursday evenings, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and participation in Sunday Worship from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Car pooling can be provided, particularly for Thursday evening practices. We look forward to hearing from you! Please call the church office, leave your phone number or e-mail address, and Oksana Hahn, Music Director, will contact you.

"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything."

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TUESDAY MORNING CRAFT AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP (TMCFG): Rowena Dunlop



We ended our meetings for 2018 on an upbeat note with a potluck lunch for over 50 people. We ate, we laughed, we visited, we sang, we gave the office staff gifts and did a Christmas crossword puzzle.

We were all very happy to return to our weekly get together after the Christmas holiday. Everyone seemed to really enjoy the break and there was more “gossiping” than sewing going on, or perhaps it was planning projects for the coming year. The regular men helpers took down the Christmas trees and packed away the boxes of decorations into the room off the server. Not only are the boxes on the heavy side, but they are also a very tight fit! Thank you gentlemen! It was noted later that a china nativity scene and a couple of Christmas theme pillows that were in the lounge were missed. Thanks to Ruth Fox (who has nothing else to do) they were packed up and put away. Thanks, Ruth.

Our ongoing projects, such as machine sewing, the putting together of quilt pieces, weaving milk bag sleeping mats, knitting/crocheting lap covers for the hospital, making prayer shawls, and scrap booking activities

continue. If you are a contributor who wishes to do your craft from home, please know that we have lots of donated wool and we will also reimburse those who want to purchase colours of their own choosing. A number of people do not come every week, but that is ok. Any time donated is much appreciated

The donation of 20 quilts to Herizon House was well received - along with the accompanying tissue and gift bags. It was difficult to decide what the ladies were more excited about - the quilts or the gift wrapping! Something to keep in mind for next Christmas.

One of the most popular activities is our morning break - with tea, coffee and treats. A big thank you goes to the ladies who organize it all, set it out AND clean up afterwards. People sign up for a turn to bring in goodies - even the men! Now if we could only get them to do the dishes. Maybe that could be another 2019 project!

We meet on Tuesday mornings in the Fellowship Hall. Please think about joining us. We would be glad to have you. Don't worry if you are not into crafts. Come for the fellowship, meet old friends and make new ones.

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS: Marcus Hennigar

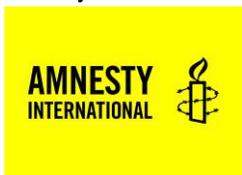
The last Council meeting for 2018 was held on Tuesday, November 26. Most of the meeting was devoted to a report on upgrading the audio-visual equipment in the Church. The current equipment is at least 10 years old - some components are failing, some are inoperable and some are difficult/expensive to repair. Sources to fund new equipment and training were considered including funds from the Trustees, a grant from the Church Extension Council (CTE) and a possible interest-free loan from the CTE if repaid within 3 years. A committee including Phil Cox, Michele Kerkos, the ministers and representatives from Property and the Trustees will report back at the next meeting.

Other highlights from the meeting included the introduction of Tom Smart as the new chair of the Mens' Group. Tom reported that the Group now has a complete executive group in place. The report from Finance noted the \$4,800 received from the Anniversary/Memorial service and the approximately \$2,000 from the November Thank Offering.

The date for the Annual Congregational meeting was set for Sunday, March 3, 2019.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL: Marcia Railer

Amnesty International Group 90 wishes to thank everyone who wrote letters and supported human rights on December 8 as we participated in the annual *Write for Rights*. Approximately 95 letters were written and, to those we wrote on behalf of, this means 95 messages of hope and support went into the world on their behalf. It means they are not forgotten and their work on behalf of human rights has been honoured. Please join us on January 28 at 7 p.m. in the chapel here at PVUC as we enter a new year and renew our commitment to human rights. All are welcome.



CHANGES

New Members *(see photo on page 6)*

Karen Bond
Marilyn Cummins
Sarah Eric
Timothy Eric
Dorothy Green
Rosanne Green
Murphy Hays
Sharon Magnaye
Daniel Malan
Dolores Malan

Melanie Malan
Melissa Malan
Ana Ocampo
Sydney Ocampo
Cameron Smart
John Smart
Laura Smart
Tom Smart
Scott Werry



The peace that Christ gives is to guide you in the decisions you make: for it is to this peace that God has called you together in one body. Colossians 3:15

Our Sympathy

We regret to announce the deaths of:

David Ryan, father of **Jeffrey, Thomas and Kenneth.**
Norman Moore, husband of **Gwen Moore.**

*Remember days of gladness;
Remember times of joy; Remember all the moments that grief cannot destroy.
#494 Voices United*

Marriages

Denis Lanthier & Jay Provis – December 31, 2018

*Marriage is to be honoured by all.
Hebrew 13:4*

Sacrament of Baptism

ERIC, Aria, daughter of Timothy and Sarah Eric, sister of Amyra
POLLACK, Jantina May, daughter of Jamal and Tammy Pollack

*There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism.
Ephesians 4:5*



Rev. Steven Davis with Jantina May Pollack and her parents, Jamal and Tammy Pollack plus Jantina's great-grandmother, Bernice Moreton



The Eric Family

NEWS FROM THE PEWS



- Ede Hogarth turned 97 on Dec. 3, 2018! Congratulations to you, Ede!
- Lynda and Larry Kilpatrick welcomed their first grandchild on June 3, 2018. His name is Townes Howard Kilpatrick and his parents are Jim and Leanne Kilpatrick. Townes, who sports beautiful red hair, and his parents live in Brandon, Manitoba which unfortunately isn't close to Ajax but Lynda and Larry would be happy to show off their photos of Townes!

● Susan and Marcus Hennigar also welcomed their first grandchild, Isla Zoë Hennigar. Her proud parents are Colin and Justine Hennigar.

New Members joining PVUC on January 13



Front Row: Sarah Eric, Tom Smart, Laura Smart, Dolores Malan, Sharon Magnaye, Murphy Haye, Melissa Malan

Second Row: Melanie Malan, Ana Ocampo, Daniel Malan, Sydney Ocampo

Third Row: Marilyn Cummins, Karen Bond, Rosanne Green, Dorothy Green

Back Row: Scott Werry, Karen, Steven Missing: John and Cameron Smart

IN AND AROUND PVUC



Songs of Christmas, December 2



Christian Education, Sunday School/Youth Group Covenanting

KIDS' PAGE

Caring FIRST AID

When something goes wrong in a friend's life, you may be able to help.



Draw a line from the hurt to the action plaster that would help your friend feel better.

Hurt

Plaster



Luke 10:33

Discouraged



Sad

Lonely

In need

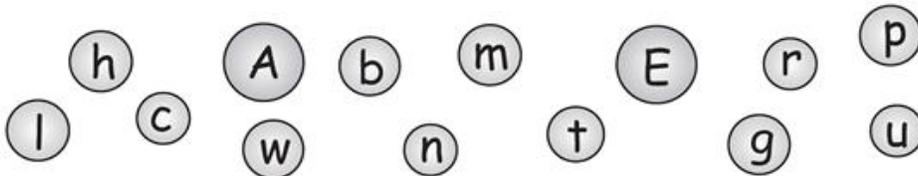
helpfulness

friendship

comfort

encouragement

Can you get the scattered letters back in the right place to complete the verse? Cross out the letters as you use them.



_lways _e hu_ble a_d _entle.
 _atiently put _p _ith ea_h o_her
 and _ove eac_ othe_. _phesians 4:2