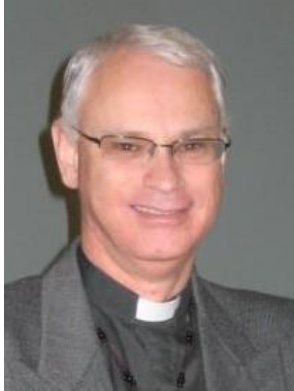


Ministers' Messages: (Rev.) Dr. Steven Davis



Thanksgiving has just passed us by. That's a significant date on the calendar. Somehow it seems as if the nights are a lot darker all of a sudden; the winds a lot chillier. Leaves are falling from trees – and the other day there was even a dusting of snow on the ground. No. It didn't last more than a few hours. But it was a reminder of what's coming. I

think it was a good decision to have Thanksgiving in early October. It could be a sombre time of year except for the challenge we're given to be thankful. For what? Well, that depends on your own circumstances, of course. But each of us are in some way blessed – and fundamentally we're blessed by the knowledge that God is with us and promises to see us through the time of darkness that's coming soon and back into a place of light and hope and love.

I thought about the sombreness of this time of year as I conducted the funeral service for Joyce McLean, a former member of this congregation. That was my 28th funeral of this year – which, with more than two months left in the year, makes this the busiest year for funerals that I've had in almost 25 years of ministry. Funerals are both sombre and hopeful at the same time. Both laughter and tears come upon the same people. We recognize that time passes and things change and even people come and go in and out of our lives. And in the midst of that chaos we're left holding on to our faith in God and to our belief that in a world of constant change, God is our unchanging reality.

God is our reality here – in the life of our congregation and in all of our lives I hope. There are so many things that I'm thankful for: a wife and daughter whom I love, a home to live in, a warm and comfortable bed to sleep in, food on my table. *(continued on page 3)*

Rev. Karen Smart



As the earth finishes shedding the abundance of summer we watch the landscape change. Leaves fall from the trees. The days grow shorter. We move ourselves towards preparing for Advent. November is a busy time at PVUC. Yes, there will be the Snowflake Christmas Market and Remembrance Day Celebrations. We will also be launching the

Tuesday morning Bible Study, *The Women of Christmas*, on October 30. The final meeting of the full Court of Lakeridge Presbytery will be held on Tuesday, November 20 at Westminster United Church. Rehearsals for the Christmas Pageant will begin for our Church School. The autumn is a time to focus, learn and prepare.

It was strange that on October 11, Tom and I had our "last swim of the season" in our backyard pool and then that evening curled our first game of the curling season. Life marches on. The fall has been launched and we are heading towards the end of the church year. Christ the King Sunday is celebrated November 25 during worship followed by a Christian Education Pot Luck Luncheon. We hope you will join us.

The fall has been an exciting time. We have started a new program, a youth group, for young people in high school and older. They will meet during worship on Sundays. We hope to see them in worship occasionally. We find with jobs and where people live, it is next to impossible to find another time to gather. Currently the leaders are Jordan Plummer and Sharon Hull, but we hope that others will also come forward to join this team. The content of the programming will be up to the youth. The leaders will be there to offer support and be mentors. I also will support this group. Any young people who would be interested in joining us, can contact Jordan, Sharon or myself for more information.

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NOVEMBER SERVICES

Sunday, November 4

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

Sunday, November 11 – Remembrance Sunday

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

Sunday, November 18 – Sacrament of Baptism

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School/Youth Group
M&S Service – Guest speaker: Robert Brglez,
“Cornerstone”
Coffee Hour

Sunday, November 25

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Snowflake Christmas Market – November 3 – 10:00 a.m.
- “Lunch & Learn” hosted by the Wellness & Social Concerns Committee – November 4 – 12:30 p.m.
- PVUC Choir Christmas Concert – December 2 – 2:00 p.m.

BAPTISM

Upcoming Sacrament of Baptism services will be:

Sunday, November 18, 2018

Sunday, December 23, 2018

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

Deadline for next Voice: Friday, November 16, 2018.

TIME FRAME UPCOMING MEETINGS

Week 1

Mon. Oct. 29	Amnesty Int'l	7:00 p.m.
Tues. Oct. 30	Bible Study	11:00 a.m.
Wed. Oct. 31	Adult Exercise Class	10:00 a.m.
Sat. Nov. 3	Snowflake Christmas Market	10:00 a.m.

Week 2

Mon. Nov. 5	Growth & Vision Committee	7:30 p.m.
Tues. Nov. 6	Bible Study	11:00 a.m.
	UCW Lunch-time Meeting	11:30 a.m.
Wed. Nov. 7	Adult Exercise Class	10:00 a.m.
Fri. Nov. 9	UCW “Dinner For Lunch”	12:00 p.m.

Week 3

Tues. Nov. 13	Bible Study	11:00 a.m.
	CE Committee	7:00 p.m.
Wed. Nov. 14	Adult Exercise Class	10:00 a.m.
	Alzheimer’s Support Group	10:00 a.m.
	Baptism Preparation	7:30 p.m.
Fri. Nov. 16	Clothing Boutique Set-Up	10:00 a.m.
Sat. Nov. 17	Clothing Boutique	10:00 a.m.

Week 4

Mon. Nov. 19	Book Club	10:30 a.m.
Tues. Nov. 20	Bible Study	11:00 a.m.
Wed. Nov. 21	Adult Exercise Class	10:00 a.m.

WEEKLY MEETINGS

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

SOUND BOOTH - AV TECHNICIANS

NEEDED We are appealing for more sound booth operators to assist with services and events so that alternate coverage is on hand for Paul Blouin and Gary Willert who continue to do a great job for PVUC! For more information, please contact pvuc@pvuc.ca

MINISTERS' MESSAGES:

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

And it's sobering to remember that there are many people in our world and probably in our own community who have none of those things. So at this time of year my plea to all of you is to take nothing for granted and to take no one for granted. The things in our lives are gifts but the people in our lives are precious. Sometimes simple things remind us of that.

This past Tuesday, Ruth was away at a conference. As Karen and I answered the phones, dealt with Benevolent Fund requests and did various and sundry other things around the office in addition to our own work, I thought about how blessed we were to have Ruth, who generally holds it all together. I thought about Karen, who does such a wonderful job with our children's ministry and provides excellent worship leadership on the Sundays that are hers. I thought about Oksana, whose gifts of music lift our faith and inspire our souls. What a privilege it is to be a part of this team at PVUC. I think that perhaps I don't tell them that often enough. And what a privilege to be here as a part of this congregation – a positive, loving and caring community that looks out for one another and that sets out to solve problems rather than being overwhelmed by them.

So, yes, I'm thankful for a lot this year. It's been a busy year. I'm adjusting to being the father of a high school student and still trying to figure out exactly how that happened! And I have the pleasure of sharing father-daughter talks with Hannah as I drive her back and forth to flute lessons and band practices and various other things. I'm blessed to share my life with Lynn, my wife and partner and support. We should all take time, as the old gospel hymn says, to "count our blessings," to "name them one by one." Blessings to all!

Rev. Karen Smart *(continued from page 1)*

In this time of letting go and new beginnings, please remember to be grateful for the many blessings God has given to you. Focus on the beauty of all of creation. Take time to laugh each day. Look for the good in others. Find ways to reach out to help those in need. Be as loving as you can be and remember to say "Thank you" and be at peace with what you cannot change.

PVUC CHOIR: Pam Spence

The PVUC Choir is seeking interested additional members for their Alto, Soprano, Tenor, and Bass sections. If you enjoy singing many different musical styles, 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.*

SNOWFLAKE CHRISTMAS MARKET 2018



The date for the 2018 Market is Saturday, November 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. PVUC will again deck our halls early and help everyone get a jump start on holiday gift giving. The Snowflake Christmas Market, including items from PVUC members as well as 16 outside vendor tables, offers an irresistible selection of items.

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Volunteers are needed to help with the Market. Please contact Carrie Green or Marcus Hennigar.

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



Needles are moving faster, sewing machines are at top speed and scissors are in use wherever you look. Can the Snowflake Christmas Market (SCM) be far off?

Saturday, November 3 is the big day and the time is 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Thanks to all this hard work completed projects are piling up and expectations are high for sales. Non-members have also made numerous contributions. If you have items for us to sell please bring them in any Tuesday morning or leave them in the Church library at your convenience and mark your item for the SCM. Any items such as quilts, coverings and clothing which are not sold by early December will go to local shelters.

The milk bag mat ladies have been very busy this month and we have 10 more mats made. Thank you to all the milk drinkers. Unfortunately, with the terrible weather around the world, there will be a call for as many as we can make.

The scrap booking people are also in full working mode. They love to receive previously used cards as they use the pictures and sometimes the wording. They promise that they do not read any of the personal notes.

We received a picture this week from SCAW showing the smiling face of a young person from Sri Lanka who had received the bed kit we donated, thanks to the money raised by our "Take It Table". One very important item in the kit is a treated mosquito net. In malaria hotspots, this disease claims the life of a child every 2 minutes.

As Autumn brings us the cooler temperatures it also means the return of those who have been at cottages and trailers. The golfers are also slowly putting in appearances. It is great to have them back and they say that they have missed us, which is even better!

We would love to have you join us. Please consider coming out on a Tuesday morning. We arrive shortly after 9 a.m. and stay until 11:15 ish.

PRESBYTERY REPORT: Bob Martindale

The September meeting of Presbytery, held at Port Perry United Church, opened with a lively number performed by a group from the church called *Jazz United*.

Grants were approved for the Back Door Mission for the Relief of Poverty which operates out of Simcoe Street United Church in downtown Oshawa and a group known as Footprints4Autism which is associated with Dunbarton-Fairport United Church in Pickering.

Our three Commissioners to the 43rd General Council, which met this past summer in Oshawa, presented reports on their perceptions and highlights.

Ted Meyers reported on the decisions made by the Region 11 Transition Commission which has been examining how we will transition from the Presbytery/Conference structure to Region 11 as of Jan. 1, 2019. The Commission has so far:

- prepared a provisional Mission Statement and Priorities;

- established a Staff Team of 3 as a minimum complement;
- decided that the central office for the Executive Minister and administrative support will be in Montreal (hopefully with additional office space closer to this end of the Region);
- been discussing a new name for the region;
- looking at what kind of leadership teams of volunteers are needed; and,
- what the roles of clusters and networks will be to ensure that ministry and connections continue at the local level.

The Theological Reflection, usually given by a minister, was offered by a lay person for the first time by Tinie Evans, a former member of our congregation.

MISSION & SERVICE: Ruth Webster



The Mission & Service Committee will be conducting the Sunday Worship Service on November 18, 2018, with Guest Speaker, Robert Brglez, Executive Director, "Cornerstone" in Oshawa.

Cornerstone has been providing services to homeless and low-income families in our communities since 1967. One of the services for the homeless is foot care which Shirley Guppy, PVUC, provides. Shirley finishes foot care with a new pair of warm socks to help her 'clients' endure the winter cold on Durham streets. Cornerstone's mission is to partner with those on the path from homelessness to home by providing non-judgmental support, safety, affordable housing, community and hope.

The congregation is invited to donate toques, scarves, gloves, socks and men's underwear to Cornerstone for this worship service. A box will be provided in the Narthex to receive your generous contributions. We thank you for supporting those in need within our communities.

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS: Marcus Hennigar

The PVUC Church Council met on September 24, their first meeting following the summer break. Doug Brown, Bookings Chair, reported that the Young Singers of Ajax were again using PVUC's facilities on Tuesday evenings for their practices. Also the north parking lot was rented by two film companies over the summer. On the financial side, Sean Aune noted that the third Thank Offering was received in September. The goal for each Offering is \$7,000.

Doug Brown noted that the Property Committee has cleared out the shed and gym room formerly used by the Cubs and Scouts. Negotiations regarding additions to the cell tower and the design of the surrounding enclosure are ongoing. He reported that there are issues with the downstairs ladies' washroom renovation which need to be addressed.

The Trustees have received the annual \$17,000 payment for the cell tower. Bill Fox moved a motion which was approved that \$7,000 from the cell tower rental fee be transferred to the General Fund on an annual basis. The UCW, represented by Heather Laderman, noted that the UCW will no longer be providing Sunday morning greeters as of the end of October.

A report on the Corn Roast was presented by Bob Martindale on behalf of the Visioning and Growth Committee. There were many positive comments as well as suggestions for next year. The Committee needs to replace three members who have resigned. A mailing to the surrounding community regarding PUVU's Christmas services will be sent out in November.

The meeting concluded with a discussion about the office photocopier since the contract is about to expire.

FINANCE: Sean Aune

THANK OFFERING: The first Thank Offering was a success but we need to keep in mind the long-term goal of balancing the annual budget. The last of the four Thank Offerings will be on Sunday, November 18. Envelopes will be handed out in bulletins the week before. Additional envelopes are outside the office.

WELLNESS & SOCIAL CONCERNS: Pat Gottschalk

Plan now to attend our **Lunch and Learn** on Sunday, November 4! Our speaker will be Maxine Fung, Registered Dietitian, who will speak on "Eating Well as We Age". As usual, we offer a free bagel brunch. The session will begin about 12:30 after coffee hour and the Snowflake Christmas Market 'day-after sale'.

The **Foot Clinic** is up and running! Karen Bell has stepped into the reception/booking role while our nurses, Marilyn Wilson and Shirley Guppy, continue to march along, offering their excellent services. The clinic runs on Tuesday mornings, by appointment only. (Please forgive the puns!)

It's never too late to join the **exercise group** on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. All you need to participate is a toonie, a water bottle and comfortable clothes.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL: Marcia Railer



Amnesty Group 90 has begun its 2018-2019 year with its first meeting on Monday September 24 here at PVUV. We discussed several topics that we will be following in the coming year including Indigenous issues from the Truth and Reconciliation report as well as other human rights concerns. We were privileged at our first meeting to have two members of the Uyghur community speak to us about the mistreatment and danger their community faces in China. Several Group 90 members attended a September regional meeting in Toronto to hear an excellent presentation by Alex Neve, Director General of Amnesty Canada, who identified the 10 most pressing concerns in Human Rights globally today. Our October 29 meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel will be a presentation by Anne Woolger, Director of Mathew House, a refugee support institution in Toronto.

CHANGES

Our Sympathy

We regret to announce the deaths of:

Doug Kettle, husband of **Beth Kettle**, father of **Barb and Karen**

Jan Massey, daughter of **Jean Tomlinson**

Susan Masters, wife of **Bob Masters**, mother of **Jeffrey, Jennifer and Matthew**

Joyce McLean



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

Marriages

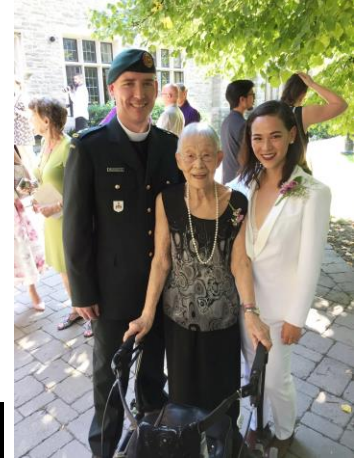
Cecie Beal and Jason Leduc – October 12, 2018

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

NEWS FROM THE PEWS



- A picture from the September 15th wedding of Michiko Bown-Kai and Seaton Brachmayer. Michiko's grandmother Sue Kai (Bachan) was a flower girl for the first time! Michiko continues as an intern minister at Eastminster and Glen Rhodes United Churches; Seaton was recently ordained in the Presbyterian Church of Canada and is training for military chaplaincy.
- Sofie Olivia Kligerman-Short has finally arrived! She was born on Oct. 18 and weighed in at 7 lbs., 12.7 oz. Sophie is the first child for Lindsay Short and Jared Kligerman and first grandchild for Dean and Brenda Short. Everyone is so happy and excited to welcome Sofie into the family!



Our Bravest and Best

I shall never think of him as being old and grey,
But always with that selfsame smile and cheerful, kindly way;
Ever in my mind he'll be the same stout hearted youth
Who gave up everything at home for sake of honour and of truth.

He did not die on that famed field where poppies, row on row,
Still mark the place of men who died and sleep in earth below;
Nor died in any battlefield, in khaki battledress,
With booming guns, or roaring tanks, or flashing bayonets, or less.

He did not soar amid the clouds on "laughter-silvered" wings,
Nor do the hundred things up there in praise of which man sings;
No the one I'm thinking of, who means so much to me,
Ever lies beyond our reach, in a watery grave at sea.

Ah! That first time - "saved from torpedoed ship", they told us then -
But he swam for miles in the icy cold before they took him in...
A few weeks leave they have him, then back to the grind once more,
Back again to the icy waves and the icy sweat and hate of war.

A second time his ship went down, its crew, all therein,
But this time, after fruitless search, they could not find the men;
That is why I feel the loss of such a precious one
Close to me in every way - who is my mother's son.

But I, alas, am not alone in feeling such a loss;
Our Canada will never know the price this war has cost...
And while 'neath battlefield or sea their bodies lie at rest,
I pray all honour and all love be paid our bravest and our best.

Evelyn (Canavan) McPhadden, Grade XII (in memory of her brother)



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