



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



"Summer and winter and springtime and harvest." So wrote Thomas O. Chisholm in 1923 in his wonderful hymn, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness." It's a hymn I often think about at this time of year as the summer comes to its close and the church starts up again: the choir appears, the Sunday School springs back to life, various activities start

to happen. September, for me, is one of the most exciting times of the church year because it always seems to represent a new start. The liturgical year starts with Advent, the calendar year starts in January – but church really starts up again in September, and so it's always a time of anticipation and hope. And Chisholm's hymn reminds us that God is a part of it all – the beauty of fall, the darkness of winter, the relaxing days of summer, the hope of springtime. Through it all, God is faithful.

That's always our hope for the church, isn't it? That "through it all," God is faithful. As a matter of fact, that's our hope for ourselves, our families and even our nation and our world. God is faithful. That's important to remember. There is a supposed curse that says "May you live in interesting times." There is no doubt that the times are interesting. Some of our fellow Christians are dealing with major issues and scandals that have been well reported in the news and that are troubling everyone who hears about them. Our own church is in a state of transition and with an entirely new way of being church coming to us in less than four months, we still really have no definite idea as to how the re-structuring will affect us. Stay tuned is the best advice I can give. In politics it's become increasingly difficult to sort out truth from fiction – sadly the two seem increasingly to blend together. And in sports, there are even those who believe that with the signing of John Tavares (*continued on page 3*)

Rev. Karen Smart



"Give thanks with a grateful heart!"

As we celebrate the Season of Creation and begin our fall routine, there is much to give thanks for.

We are blessed in many ways. The PVUC family is a dynamic, loving and giving community. The corn roast was a success. Church

School has started back and is looking forward to the fall.

I am also blessed by many wonderful people who have touched my life. Today, I am particularly thinking of my adopted mother Louise. She came to Ajax from Saskatchewan as a young woman during the Second World War to work in the local shell filling plant - Defence Industries Limited. She was the last person working when the plant was closed. She enjoys sharing, that as the Office Administrator she wrote her own pink slip.

Louise met her husband Russell and stayed after the war. They had one daughter, Linda. Louise was widowed at a young age. She raised Linda well. She was a member of my church at that time. We served on a number of committees together and enjoyed working together.

When I was expecting our first child, her daughter's husband's job transferred him to Thunder Bay. Knowing my children would not have grandparents, Linda got Louise and I together and said, you are adopting each other. That way I will know you are both part of loving families. Louise has been and is a loving Nana to our family. At 97 she is still living in her war-time home.

Louise was interviewed for the TV series *The Bomb Girls* and for many books and articles. She has been a guest speaker at many events. (*continued on page 3*)

SEPT. / OCT. SERVICES

Sunday, September 30

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

Sunday, October 7 – Thanksgiving Sunday – World Communion

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School/Youth Group
No Coffee hour

Sunday, October 14

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

Sunday, October 21 – Sacrament of Baptism

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

Sunday, October 28 – Anniversary Sunday

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School/Youth Group
Memorial Hymn Sing led by Stewardship
Committee
11:30 a.m. CE Fellowship/Anniversary Lunch

TIME FRAME UPCOMING MEETINGS

Week 1

Mon. Sept. 24 Amnesty Int'l 7:00 p.m.
Tues. Sept. 25 Church Council 7:15 p.m.
Wed. Sept. 26 Adult Exercise Class 10:00 a.m.

Week 2

Wed. Oct. 3 Adult Exercise Class 10:00 a.m.
UCW 6:30 p.m.

Week 3

Mon. Oct. 8 Thanksgiving Monday – Office Closed
Wed. Oct. 10 Alzheimer's Support Group 10:00 a.m.
Adult Exercise Class 10:00 a.m.
UCW "Dinner For Lunch" 12:00 p.m.

Week 4

Mon. Oct. 15 Book Club 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Oct. 17 Adult Exercise Class 10:00 a.m.
Baptism Preparation 7:30 p.m.
Clothing Boutique Sorting 10:00 a.m.

Week 5

Thurs. Oct. 18
Tues. Oct. 23 Church Council 7:15 p.m.
Wed. Oct. 24 Adult Exercise Class 10:00 a.m.

WEEKLY MEETINGS

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Make Your Own Sundae – Sunday, Sept. 30 sponsored by the CE Committee
- 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.

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.

BAPTISM

Upcoming Sacrament of Baptism services will be:

Sunday, October 21, 2018
Sunday, November 18, 2018

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

Deadline for next Voice:
Friday, October 19, 2018.

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)*

the Leafs might have a chance to win the Stanley Cup! (The season starts October 3 against Montreal!) Interesting times, indeed! But God is with us through it all. Sometimes, I suspect, our uneasiness about the way things are going develops because we forget that. On a couple of occasions recently I have found myself reminding others that while people may sometimes get in the way, God is always in control. That's important to remember.

A lot will be happening over the next few months. I'm excited to have September here and to see Pickering Village United Church coming back to life. It seemed strange – but good! - on September 9 to have Oksana, the choir, Karen and myself all there at the same time. I appreciated the summer – and a chance every now and then to sit on our back deck at home and put my feet up with a good book enjoying the warm days. But I also appreciate September and everything that goes with it.

I hope that all of you had a wonderful, relaxing and peaceful summer. And remember that as summer turns to fall and then to winter, God will be there for you. And so will the church.

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

On September 16 a statue to give thanks to the women of the War effort will be unveiled at Pat Bailey Square. Our Nana will be an honoured guest and part of that ceremony.

Giving thanks and remembering are important. Giving thanks to God for our many blessings is a key to my life.

In this season of Creation and indeed every season, let us give thanks to God!

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 20 outside vendors, offers an irresistible selection of items, priced just right.

You can treat yourself to delectable homemade baked goods, preserves, jams, pickles and take a chance on winning a hostess basket. Don't miss the quilting section and the Baby Boutique with a wide range of knitwear. Buy original Christmas crafts and one-of-a kind jewelry.

Choose from a wide selection of used books and puzzles. Enjoy a rejuvenating gourmet lunch.

The Snowflake Christmas Market has something for the whole family. Don't miss it!

Volunteers are needed to help with the Market. If you can help please speak to Carrie Green or Marcus Hennigar.

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



Whilst other groups and committees took a rest during the summer months, TMCFG kept on producing some great items for the Snowflake Christmas Market, the Shelters, the local hospital and any other group/charity which we knew could use our support. Fifteen more lap covers and 20 baby covers for small babies with matching hats went to the Ajax/Pickering Hospital. Going that extra step, 4 little hats and 2 covers were included in the presentation. These items go home with the patients. Thirty-five more milk bag mats have been delivered to St. Andrew's. As they had just made a big delivery, this will give them a good start for the next one. More "Teddies for Tragedies" have constantly appeared, as if by magic, and will be sent along to the appropriate people for distribution. Patterns /dimensions are available for any of the above items and if you save your receipt you will be reimbursed by the UCW if you so desire. Five more prayer shawls have also been donated. Shawls for men are always in demand. We received another

acknowledgement from SCAW, as our "Take It Table" continues to flourish even when it is closed down for a brief period during the summer.

Members did take individual holidays during the summer and, when they returned, revitalized others with tales of their adventures or just described how great it was to get away and do nothing!

Members were saddened by the untimely passing of Lois Tryon. She was a long-time member of PVUC, UCW and Tuesday Crafts Group. Her family generously contributed her stash of wool and craft projects; thus, her contribution to several causes will continue.

If you are looking for a pleasant way to fill in your Tuesday morning, consider coming and joining us in the Fellowship Hall. You'll find laughter, fellowship and a great mid-morning snack! Hope to see you there!!

PRESBYTERY REPORT: Bob Martindale

June's Presbytery meeting was held at St. Paul's United Church in Bowmanville. It was largely a housekeeping meeting where we dealt with motions to deal with property issues until the break, after which we celebrated communion and formally welcomed our new Chair, Steve Coles from St. Paul's.

There will be only 3 more Presbytery meetings until both Presbytery and Conference are dissolved and the new national structure takes effect on Jan. 1. "Regions" will replace Presbyteries and Conferences and the end result is intended to be a more streamlined, efficient governing structure. We are in Region 11, which generally corresponds with the present Bay of Quinte Conference boundaries and comprises 146 pastoral charges.

A meeting for all interested persons in Region 11 is taking place on Saturday, Sept. 22 at Trinity U.C., Cobourg, to discuss the implementation of the new church structure and I hope to be able to provide some details in the next edition of *VOICE*.

MISSION & SERVICE: Ruth Webster



We enjoyed the visit of Dr. Paul Thistle, Pedrinah and the boys to PVUC in June. It was an opportunity to learn more about their work at Karanda. Again they were overwhelmed by the quantity of supplies you donated for the hospital and orphanage.

In his latest epistle, Paul writes about post-election Zimbabwe with demonstrations and legal challenges. "Our medical work is directly impacted by the state of the nation." A World Bank report found 74% of Zimbabweans live below the poverty line. This season irregular rains have meant smaller crops and hunger. High unemployment and foreign currency shortages add to the problems. Typhoid and AIDS affect many. 40,000 new HIV infections occur annually, including 250 young women infected weekly.

Prayers are requested for the people and leaders of Zimbabwe, for the Thistles and for all the staff at Karanda as they treat an increasing flow of patients and reach out to rural folk with community care programs. Thank you for your ongoing support which makes a difference in the lives of people in a remote part of Zimbabwe.

KARANDA THANK YOU!



A big Thank You goes out to the many who donated even more supplies and dollars to support Karanda Mission Hospital this year.

Thank you to those who brought bags of items every Sunday, who secured donations from businesses, who went to Value Village stores on Seniors' days to buy crutches, who obtained walkers and crutches from Salvation Army stores, who dug into their own pockets to buy medical, surgical and general supplies, who sewed clothes for needy children, who sorted and packed items, who donated money, who packed a truck and 2 vans and transported everything to Scarborough. What a great team effort!

We pray that everything will arrive safely at Karanda to be a blessing in the work of staff like Dr. Paul and Pedrinah Thistle and their thousands of patients.

PART-TIME POSITION VACANCY: The Property Committee at PVUC currently has an immediate opportunity for a Rental Steward position. This job involves assisting with one-time rental events at the church such as parties, meetings, recitals etc. These events could take place in the evenings or during the day, on weekends, etc. so this position would suit someone who is flexible with their availability. Duties would include letting the rental group into the church, remaining onsite for the entire event, assisting the group as needed with the function and locking up after the event was finished. Pay is \$15 per hour. If you are interested in this position or require more information, please contact the office ASAP.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE: Doreen Hallé

We hope everyone had an enjoyable summer, in spite of the heat, or because of the heat. Personally, I send thanks to whoever invented air conditioning.

Sunday services have resumed their usual time of 10:30 a.m. and the choir is back helping to lead us in song. Thanks to all who provided special music during the summer. I hope we can hear more of it during the coming months.

At the end of the service on September 30, there will be a time of anointing. This is something we hope to continue to do on the last Sunday of every second month. Sunday, October 7 is Thanksgiving Sunday and as well we will be celebrating World Wide Communion that day.

October 28 is Anniversary Sunday and this year the service will be a Memorial Hymn Sing which the Stewardship Committee is presenting. If you haven't already picked up or received in the mail a hymn selection form for this special service, one is included on page 10. Forms must be returned on or before Sunday, October 14.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for worship services, we would love to hear them. You can talk to anyone on the Worship Committee, or better yet, join us. We can always use more people with fresh ideas. Contact information is in the church directory.

WELLNESS & SOCIAL CONCERNS: Pat Gottschalk



PVUC Wins Award from Alzheimer Society: On September 10, 2018, at the Annual General Meeting of the Alzheimer Society of Durham Region (ASDR), PVUC received the Community Partner- Organization Award. This award is given to an organization whose mission bridges to the mission of the ASDR, and we were chosen as recipient because for several years the Ajax Care Partner Support Group has met in our lounge, which they describe as a comfortable and welcoming setting. ASDR staff were appreciative of our church staff, as well, particularly Ruth Fox whom they said was very gracious and helpful.

EXERCISE CLASSES with Linda Lum have resumed for the fall session on Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please speak with Ruth Webster for more information. All welcome.

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY SERVICE, October 28

On Sunday, October 28 we will be celebrating PVUC 's Anniversary with a special Memorial Hymn Service. Over the next few weeks you will be receiving a letter regarding this service. If you wish to participate, choose one hymn from the list of hymns in memory of a loved one or ones. If you don't receive a letter, extra copies are available in the Church lobby. If you haven't already picked up or received in the mail a hymn selection form for this special service, one is included on page 10. Forms must be returned on or before Sunday, October 14.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL: Marcia Railer

Amnesty International Group 90 will begin again on Monday, September 24 at 7 p.m. in the Chapel. We welcome returning members and invite anyone interested in human rights to join us. For more information please see Sharon Zurbrigg or Marcy Railer.

THIS IS MY CHURCH

It is composed of people just like me. It will be friendly if I am. It will do great work if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes if I am generous. It will bring others into Christian fellowship if I bring them. Its seats will be full if I fill them. It will be a church of loyalty and love, of faith and service if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these.

Therefore with God's help, I dedicate myself to the task of being all these things I want my church to be.



It's ten thirty, Sunday morning - do you know where your church is?

CHANGES

Our Sympathy

We regret to announce the deaths of:

Shirley Gosse and Norma Mearns, aunt and mother respectively of Joan Sturgeon

Mary Ann Howe, mother of David Howe

Janet Massey, daughter of the late Jean Tomlinson

Jerzy Pietrusiak, father of Mary-Anne Pietrusiak

Shelly Smith, daughter of Doris Smith

Lois Tryon, mother of Kevin Tryon



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

Matthew Marsh and Kirstyn Herzog – July 13, 2018

Matthew Dejong and Shayika Debrezion – August 5, 2018

Steven Anderson and Kristin Davison – August 24, 2018

Jayson Pharoah and Kate Morrison – September 1, 2018

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

Sacrament of Baptism

We recently welcomed into Christ's Church by Sacrament of Baptism:

MacIntyre-St. Aubyn, Violet Quinn

Daughter of Jason St. Aubyn and Lisa MacIntyre

Granddaughter of Jennifer St. Aubyn

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

NEWS FROM THE PEWS



- Heartfelt thanks to our ministers, to those who attended the service and to those who sent cards to us at the time of my Mom's passing. We were very grateful and felt comforted. – Joan and Clint Sturgeon and family.
- Jim and Bunny Conquer celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Sept. 6 and Gerry and Linda Bedford just celebrated their 50th anniversary recently. Both couples had celebration parties with lots of family and friends attending so congratulations to all!
- Melanie (nee Spence) and Darren Correia announce that Hannah Elizabeth Correia was born on Sept. 15, a sister for Lillian. Proud grandparents are Dave & Pam Spence.



Hello from the Snowy West: Lynn and Brian Robertson

As I'm writing this on a Friday morning, there is a layer of snow on everything in Calgary. The weather has been somewhat different from GTA since we got here. When we first arrived it was quite warm, but Kelly explained about leaving the fans on all day and night to help stop the place heating up too much, plus the basement was always cool! It also got quite cool almost every night, so we could leave the doors and windows open when we first got up and again later in the evening. Until the smoke from the BC fires came along. At that point we did not open anything, and yes, we did notice the smell once we went outdoors. It lasted for less than a week however. After that, although there was a haze; the smell was higher up in the atmosphere. Then the weather started getting cooler. We know that there has been quite a heat wave down East, but here it's been cooling down after some very nice temperatures. This week has been the coldest, hence the snowfall. One thing that really does help in the heat, mind you, is the lack of humidity. When the temperatures hit around 30C, that's exactly what it feels like, not 40C.

We are slowly getting settled in Calgary. We know where most of the stores are, how to easily get to them, and, best of all, the most direct route to Kelly's house! We live in the Northeast quadrant and Kelly and the kids in the Southeast, but it's only about a half hour away. It is different seeing them as often as we do without being in the same unit while on holiday. So far, both Zackary and Zoey get all excited when they see us. We're not sure how long the excitement will last but it's nice to know they enjoy the visits. Both of the houses need a bit of work done on them: ours due to poor contractors in the past, Kelly's due to owners that didn't care about what they did to the house.

All five of the cats have settled in very nicely. Kelly's two girls, Autumn and Melody, are enjoying the outdoors (trying to follow their humans when they go to school or the park!) and the different levels to walk along in the house. Our three boys really weren't overly upset by the plane ride and seem to be enjoying the idea of a bungalow instead of a two-story.

We definitely miss everybody back there, both family and friends. So far we haven't made it to any of the United Churches yet, but are hoping to start visiting, both during the week and at Sunday Services. We do want to thank you for the kind words in the letter Chuck sent us and in the notes from the Tuesday Morning Fellowship Group. Lynn is especially missing the Foot Clinic, although she knows the new receptionist is doing a great job!

We'll let you know when we're coming back East!



UC *Observer* Magazine subscriptions for 2019

New subscriptions and renewals for this quality magazine from The United Church of Canada will be available soon. For existing subscribers, please let me know if you will be re-subscribing for 2019 before November 19. For new subscriptions, contact Harcus Hennigar (harcus.hennigar@gmail.com) or call the PVUC Office.

Around PVUC in September

PVUC hosted its first Corn Roast/Open House on Sept 8. The weather was fabulous and the sun shone bright but not too hot. Festivities kicked off at 2 p.m. sharp and ran strongly until 5 p.m. By the end of the day, over 15 dozen corn, 50 pounds of french fries, countless cups of wonderful coffee/tea and loads of homemade desserts were consumed. Council Committees/Representatives provided many informative displays in our Gym and Chapel for the local PVUC community to enjoy. The booths did a great job to “showcase” and share their initiatives in the PVUC, local and global communities. Outside in the south church parking lot, Meredith Cutting, the “Singing Policeman”, was our entertainer with folk music from the 60’s and 70’s.

Special Guests attending were: Mark Holland, Federal M.P., Ajax, with office staff, as well as Rod Phillips, Ontario M.P.P., Ajax, with office staff. The event was covered by the News Advertiser and SNAPD with an article to appear in SNAPD’s October’s issue.

The Corn Roast Sub-Committee (Garth Mann, Sean Aune, Sharon Hull, and Pam Spence) wishes to express appreciation for efforts by all who assisted in setup and preparation of food: Keith and Marion Hillyard for the french fries, desserts and refreshments by Carrie Green and her volunteer team, and Council Committee Chairs/Volunteer Representatives for their informative displays. The event was successful in embracing our neighbours of the PVUC Community!

The Growth and Vision Committee invites all members from our congregation to be part of this very important committee to help pave the future to ensure PVUC is around for a long time!! Please contact Bob Martindale or Pam Spence, Acting Secretary, if you are interested in joining our committee.

Best wishes for an enjoyable Fall Season!

Garth Mann, Chair, Corn Roast Sub-Committee and Bob Martindale, Chair, Growth & Vision Committee



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On Sunday, October 28, 2018 (Anniversary Sunday) we will be holding a Memorial Hymn Sing. The service will give glory to God and remember loved ones who have passed away. We ask you to prayerfully consider selecting **ONE** of the 15 hymns listed below in memory of your loved ones. During the service and before each hymn the names of those to whom it has been dedicated will be read.

Please fill in the attached form including your donation to the Church; put it in the enclosed envelope and either place it on the collection plate or mail it to the Church by Sunday, October 14. The money donated will go to the PVUC General Fund.

Please join us if possible on October 28 to give praise to God and remember together. After the service you are invited to have lunch together in the Fellowship Room.

Blessings in Christ
The Stewardship Committee

Please tear off the bottom portion of this letter and return to PVUC.

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This hymn is requested by _____

The hymn is in memory of _____

Envelope # _____

Amount enclosed _____ Telephone # _____

(cheques made payable to Pickering Village United Church)

Please circle the **ONE** hymn you would like to select.

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1. The Old Rugged Cross | 9. I'm Going To Live So God Can Use Me |
| 2. What A Friend We Have In Jesus | 10. Jesus Bids Us Shine |
| 3. Amazing Grace | 11. Blest Be The Tie That Binds |
| 4. Abide With Me | 12. Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah |
| 5. I Love To Tell The Story | 13. Shall We Gather At The River |
| 6. Spirit, Spirit Of Gentleness`` | 14. The Lord's My Shepherd |
| 7. God Be With You Till We Meet Again | 15. Wherever You May Go I Will Follow |
| 8. Just As I Am | |



SNOWFLAKE CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday November 3, 2018- 10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Pickering Village United Church - 300 Church St. North- Ajax

SHOP

Enjoy a scrumptious LUNCH consisting of a gourmet sandwich, coffee/tea, fancy cakes for \$10.00

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