



## Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

*Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!*

*Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!*

*But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!*

*Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
Praise him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*



## UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

### Sunday April 2, 2023 – Palm/Passion Sunday

10:30 am      Worship, Sunday School/Youth Group

### Sunday, April 9, 2023 – Resurrection Sunday: Easter Sunday

10:30 am      Worship, Sunday School/Youth Group

### Sunday, April 16, 2023 – 2<sup>nd</sup> of Easter

10:30 am      Worship, Sunday School/Youth Group

### Sunday, April 23, 2023 – 3<sup>rd</sup> of Easter

10:30 am      Worship, Sunday School/Youth Group

### Sunday, April 30, 2023 – 4<sup>th</sup> of Easter

10:30 am      Worship, Sunday School/Youth Group

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**DEADLINE FOR NEXT EDITION OF  
VOICE IS  
FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023 AT NOON.**

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday April 5, 2023      UCW Monthly Meeting

Tuesday April 25, 2023      Council Meeting  
7:00 pm - Church Lounge

### *PVUC VOICE*

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**Did You Know?**

The date we celebrate Easter is determined by the Moon. Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the Spring Equinox. If the full moon happens to fall on a Sunday, then Easter is delayed until the following Sunday.



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**PICKERING VILLAGE UNITED CHURCH**

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**HAM DINNER FUNDRAISER**

**Sat - April 1st - 6:00 pm**

**\$25.00 per person**



Join us for a delicious Baked Ham Dinner including, scalloped potatoes, veggies, and lovingly made pies for dessert, tea & coffee

.....and later

**It will be time to participate in our Silent Auction.**

**Tickets**

Gwen Smith - 905 426 1553 **OR**  
Wanda at church office

**Auction Items**

Grass Cutting/Garden Work/Meal Preparation  
Customized Cakes, Customized Greeting Cards.....and many more ideas  
Check out the [pvuc.ca](http://pvuc.ca) website to view auction items. Call Gwen or Wanda to get your bid in before April 1st.

Auction items can be delivered each Tuesday to the Church.

# PVUC MEN'S GROUP PANCAKE SUPPER



**The Pancake Supper was a definite success - over 80 people attended this event!**



Photos by Doug Brown

# Highlights of PVUC General Meeting

## February 28, 2023

### CE Report – Brenda Plummer

We enjoyed a successful Fellowship Lunch on January 29, 2023. It was well attended and we received many comments of thanks and appreciation for the opportunity to be able to meet and socialize with our church family. Next Fellowship Lunch is tentatively booked for April 23rd.

### UCW Report – Gwen Smith

The UCW presented their Christmas service by Zoom in December. It was well attended. In 2022 the UCW gave \$18,900 to the General Fund.

The Fellowship Group on Tuesday mornings is well attended and the numbers are increasing. The women are taking on a project of making tactile quilts for people suffering from Dementia.

### Men's Group Report – Garth Mann

Pancake Tuesday was a huge success. We had over 80 people attend...Everyone who spoke to us stated how much they had enjoyed it.

### Worship Committee Report – Doreen Halle

The pulpit supply has been filled until April 23rd.

### General Fund – Bill Fox

We have exceeded our revenues by just over \$11K. This effectively used up the cushion that we had from the end of last year. However, please note that payroll going forward will be roughly \$3,400 per month [a significant decrease] until a new minister is hired.

### Working Group – Bill Fox

The Letter of Intent that was approved by Council was sent to the Daycare on February 17, 2023...The proposed deadline for a signed lease per the Letter of Intent is April 30, 2023.

...the daycare wishes to proceed with renting our gym for the months of July and August 2023. This request will be passed on to the Rental group for their approval and acceptance.

### Bookings Report – Doug Brown

Interest in bookings is increasing...Currently we are working on a Netflix project for early April 2023.

### Property Report – Doug Brown

Work continues to fix the overhang that was hit at the front of the church.

The storage room off the gym is a mess and needs to be cleaned out.

# Virtual Easter Lily List

~Easter 2023~

Here is our third annual page of "Virtual Lilies" which displays the names of loved ones of individuals/families from our PVUC congregation. Donations received will further the work of our church.

DONOR

IN MEMORY OF

Doreen Halle..... Mary Hiebert

Dianne Catchpole & Gloria Murkar..... Marilyn Murkar  
& Fran (Myrtle) Murkar  
..... Ruth Webster

Marion Luik ..... Bangay family  
..... Collins family  
..... DaCosta family  
..... Luik family  
..... McLaughlin family  
..... Puss family  
..... Ruth Webster

Gloria Murkar..... Betty Hook

Sharon Zurbrigg.....Howard Zurbrigg



## Ruth Webster

On behalf of the members of the PVUC Mission and Service Committee, we thank Ruth Webster and her family for her unwavering dedication, support, and compassion to global and local initiatives over the years as our Chair on the PVUC Mission and Service Committee.

Ruth lived her life in the service of others. She was a talented musician and dedicated educator who touched countless lives with her compassion and grace. As an active member of several churches in Uganda and Canada, she taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, played the church organ, served on numerous service committees, and was a dedicated patron of several charitable foundations around the world. Above all, Ruth was known for her unwavering faith and devotion to living her life in the image of Christ.

A celebration in memory of Ruth's beautiful life was held at Pickering Village United Church in Pickering, Ontario, on Saturday, February 25th. Ruth made a great impact on all our lives and particularly the global community at Karanda Mission Hospital in Zimbabwe and locally, as a volunteer with the Community Development Council-Durham. On February 25, Ruth, posthumously, and the Webster family, was a recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Award, Pin and Certificate, presented from the office of The Honourable Mark Holland, M.P., Ajax, and Government House Leader, House of Commons. The Certificate and Pin are shown below.

Loving one another is one of the most profound ways we can offer compassion and hope to those we encounter, because through that love, others can be encouraged to take a chance on accomplishing extraordinary tasks. Well Done, Ruth, Good and Faithful Servant!

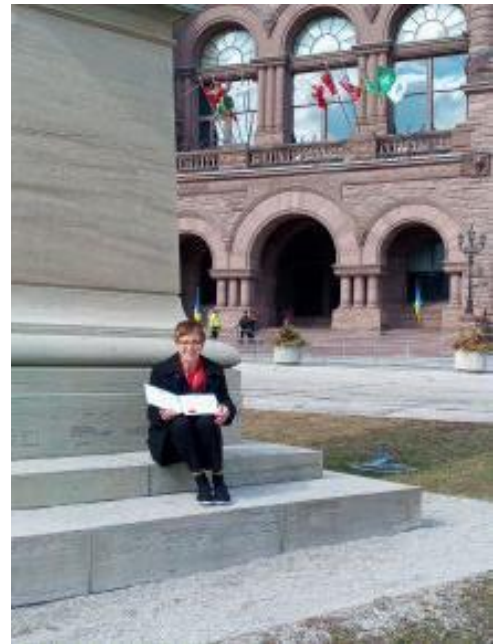
Blessings,  
Members, PVUC Mission and Service Committee



## Ontario Legislature Recognition - Pam Spence

I had the honour of being introduced and acknowledged by The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Provincial M.P.P., Pickering/Uxbridge, and Minister of Finance, as a recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Award, regarding Stroke/Cardiac initiatives in the community, and Ukraine support for citizens, at the Ontario Legislature, on Tuesday, February 21, 10:30 a.m. The Provincial M.P.P.s recognized the award with I and my husband Dave seated in the Members Gallery of the Legislature.

Upon receiving these acknowledgements from my Federal M.P., Jennifer O'Connell, Pickering/Uxbridge, and Peter Bethlenfalvy, Provincial M.P.P., Pickering Uxbridge, Minister of Finance, my intention is to use this award in the community to communicate our excellent SHN Stroke/Cardiac rehabilitation programs - i.e., Stroke and the Central East Cardiovascular Rehabilitation Program- Centenary- and communicate Stroke/Cardiac education in Women's Heart Health with the CWHHA, University of Ottawa, to achieve the following objectives in our community: a Stroke/Cardiac Integrated Services Program across Ontario as discussed at a November 2022 Ontario Health Meeting, and Stroke Rehabilitation Best Care Health practices for survivors, returning these challenged individuals to a functional lifestyle. We owe them this dedication to health care in our communities.



## Ricker Choi Painting by Dianne Catchpole

In the PVUC Voice issue of June 2022, we first printed the accompanying photo of Oksana Hahn presenting a painting to PVUC. This painting (which was hung on a wall in the Lounge at PVUC) depicts a battle scene from the Ukrainian war and was donated by the artist, a friend of Oksana. It was indicated that a future article would appear in Voice giving more details regarding the artist and his work, as seen below.

The artist is Ricker Choi, a multi-talented young man who has had a successful career in financial risk management but his real love is music and painting. His family emigrated to Canada from Hong Kong when he was 13 years of age and it wasn't until 30 years later, that he paid much attention to his birthplace. "But in June 2019, he had a shocking awakening when 1 million, and then 2 million Hong Kongers marched in unity against the extradition law. Seeing Hong Kongers' bravery when faced with rampant police brutality and oppression from the Chinese Communist Party, Ricker decided to use art to honor Hong Kongers. He is a prolific artist and his protest art has been exhibited around the world". ([www.rickerchoi.com/biography](http://www.rickerchoi.com/biography).)

His art is an expression of his concern with repressive governments around the world and their use of extreme brutality to crush their neighbours' right to a democratic way of life. This painting was created, not to glorify war, but to express empathy with the Ukrainians' desire to preserve their democratic freedoms.



## NOTICES

### **PVUC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The PVUC Annual General Meeting will be held on March 26 after church in the Sanctuary. Copies of the PVUC Annual Report are available at the church in the Narthex and on the PVUC website.



### **SCRIPTURE READERS**

If you would be interested in reading scripture one Sunday, please speak to Doreen Halle.

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### **Tuesday Morning Fellowship Group (TMFG)– Rowena Dunlop**

Attendance to the TMFG over the past 6 weeks has been between 22 and 11. The 11 was during March Break as a number of members had family visiting. Of course, Feb. 28 was cancelled because of the weather. A big thankyou to members who phoned others with the closure news – not that anyone was really surprised!

All of the usual activities have continued, along with a “new to us” one. In conjunction with the Presbyterian church, 8-inch squares are being knit or crocheted using worsted weight yarn. They will be sewn together at their destination point, cutting out the tax that a ready-made cover was charged to the receivers. Yarn is available, or you can purchase some and be reimbursed.

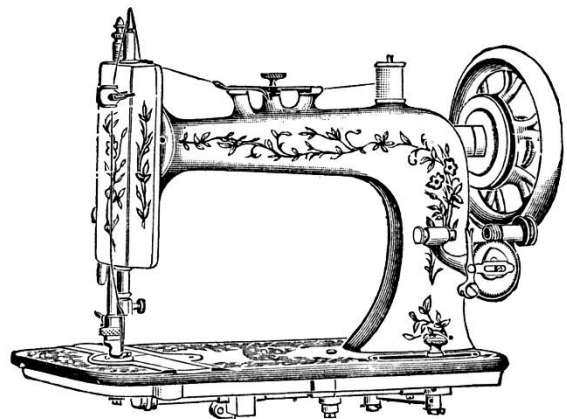
At last count 15 fidget quilts have been put together and will be distributed shortly. More are “in the works”.

The pile of milk bag mats is at 10. Keep on drinking your milk! Thank you to all who rinse out the bags before they deliver them to us.

The scrapbooking ladies are no longer accepting previously used professional cards. They feel that they are doing well with their own stock. They do thank you for your support over the past years as they worked on their card making and are still taking orders for specialty cards (\$5.00 each).

Material and patterns for dresses, etc. for Karanda, that Ruth Webster had kept at her residence, have now been delivered to us. Please contact TMFG if you would like to help out with the organizing, cutting out or sewing.

If you are looking for fellowship, please join us at PVUC in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. There will also be tea/coffee and goodies. Hope to see you!



# **PVUC Community of Faith Profile Committee: March Update**

**Submitted by Fran Sancroft**

Fran Sancroft - Chair, Jim Carter, Doug Brown, Sarah Dodge - Secretary, Maddi Fitzpatrick, Ruth Fox, Bob Martindale, Brenda Plummer, John Scott. Gwen Smith and Rev. Rev. Jean Wilson (Liaison ECORC).

Your PVUC Community of Faith Profile Committee has held eleven (11) meetings to work on their report to Council, due on **March 26th, 2023**.

## **THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO COMPLETED THE SURVEY!**

Here are the key highlights from the seventy-four (74) January/February congregational surveys received:

### **Who participated?**

- 64 respondents indicated membership in the church which translates to 13% of PVUC's membership roll (557).
- Approximately 61% of all respondents indicated they were in the age range over 70 and 33% were less than 50 years of age.
- 86% of respondents were members and 9% adherents.

### **Programs at PVUC:**

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Biblical preaching relevant to today's world
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Young adults/young family programming
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Sunday school programming; Children/youth programming; Fellowship activities; pastoral care team
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Visitation (homes, hospitals, nursing homes); use of our building for activities such as exercising by church members, foot clinic and other health related purposes
- 5<sup>th</sup>: Church music

### **The Gifts that I Value Most in a Minister:**

- 1<sup>st</sup>: ability to form positive relationships with all age groups
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: interpersonal skills
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: patience
- 4<sup>th</sup>: skill in attracting, encouraging and supporting new members
- 5<sup>th</sup>: inspirational preaching ability
- 6<sup>th</sup>: biblically based preaching ability, relevant to today's world
- 7<sup>th</sup>: ability to work cooperatively as part of a staff team; Biblical knowledge.

Your feedback will form the basis of the Committee's recommendations to Council for future ministerial leadership.

**The Final Community of Faith Profile Report will be released very soon!**

# Kids Colouring Page

