

MEMORIES OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA AND PICKERING VILLAGE UNITED CHURCH

1925 – Formation of the United Church

1962 – Formation of the UCW

December 1983 – Congregation was informed that the Trustees had completed the purchase of 61 Kingston Rd. E. at a cost of \$67,500 (the enlarged available space next to the church).



1988 Groundbreaking Ceremony

September 15, 1985 - Congregation issued a call to Howard Zurbrigg

Summer 1986 - Town banned parking on Kingston Rd. between Church St. and Rotherglen Rd.

October 7, 1986 – Official Board accepts recommendation to hold two services on Sundays, starting in Advent.

January 18, 1987 – Congregational meeting: a) to discuss mission statement and strategy, b) to hear update on plans to have an associate minister c) to hear options re. building expansion d) to apply for a Ventures in Mission loan.

February 1987 - Did we move? Not exactly, but our mailing address changed to “Ajax”

January 31, 1988 - Congregation decided to sell existing property (including newly purchased Morley land) and move to a site on Church St.

September 11, 1988 – Groundbreaking ceremony

April 30, 1989 - Final service at Kingston Rd. church site

September 10, 1989 – a.m. - first services in the new church at 300 Church St. North / p.m. – service for laying of the cornerstone

September 16, 1989 – Landscaping bee with BBQ

September 24, 1989 – Dedication Service (at our present church site)

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday May 07, 2023 – 5th of Easter

10:30 am Worship, Sunday School/Youth Group

Sunday, May 14, 2023 – 6th of Easter

10:30 am Worship, Sunday School/Youth Group

Sunday, May 21, 2023 – 7th of Easter

10:30 am Worship, Sunday School/Youth Group

Sunday, May 28, 2023 – Pentecost Sunday

10:30 am Worship, Sunday School/Youth Group

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Who's Who in the Pulpit

There will be some new faces and some familiar faces in the pulpit at PVUC for the next couple of months.



April 30th John and Helen Bowman will be back

May 7th Karen Chandler

May 14th Rev. Deborah Elliott

May 21st Rev. Deborah Elliott

May 28th Rev. Deborah Elliott

June 4th Karen Chandler

June 11th Robert Bennett

June 18th PVUC Men's Group

Pulpit supply is filled until the end of August. Once the Community of Faith Profile is accepted by the congregation, we will have a better understanding of what our needs are; whether it be a placement for a few months, an Interim Minister, or we continue to book week by week. We will keep you posted.

Opportunities Available

Volunteering is the lifeblood of any church, and PVUC is no exception. Especially now, with no ministers in place, and a 'slightly' aging congregation, it takes a few more hands to make the workload lighter. Volunteering is good for your body, your soul and your mind. You may meet a few new people and share some laughs, and that is never a bad thing.

If you would like to read scripture once in a while, or can come a little early one Sunday and greet people as they enter the sanctuary, please take a moment to talk to Doreen Hallé. If you enjoy Coffee Hour and can help out occasionally, John Scott is your man. Fellowship lunches, bringing food or helping to clean up, Brenda Plummer is waiting to hear from you. It doesn't have to be a long-term commitment if that is not something you wish to do, but even an hour a month will make a huge difference, to PVUC, your church family, and to you.

Think about it, pray about it, speak to someone. It will increase your blessings and your joy, guaranteed.

*Doreen, Brenda, and John are all listed in the church directory. If you do not have a directory and would like one, they can be found in the church library.

PVUC Financial Picture from the Treasurer

It's April 20th and we just received this month's Pre-Authorized Revenue (PAR) so I thought I would give a brief update.

	Actual	Budget
Revenues	\$79,050.51	\$79,138.97
Expenses		
Building	\$25,388.78	\$26,800.24
General Expenses	\$13,892.81	\$12,823.79
Personnel	\$32,187.76	\$53,032.97
Total Expense	\$71,469.35	\$92,657.00

Just a quick look and you can see that our revenues are in line with what was forecast and our normal expenses for building and general are also pretty much in line. Our savings are in the personnel costs. We forecast to have a one full time Minister beginning in March. As we know from the Community of Faith group this was an unlikely scenario, however we needed to put something in our budget so that is what was done. Are we out of the wood yet, I am not sure but it is looking better all the time. We still need your support as we approach the summer months when a lot of folk go out of town. If you are considering going on PAR please contact the office for the necessary forms. PAR is a great benefit in that if you are out of town or not able to make it to the church your donation is automatically received. E-Transfer to gf-treasurer@pvuc.ca is also a good way to make your donation.

"Congratulations - \$4000 Raised!"

I huge shout out to the ladies of the UCW and Carrie Green, the Men's Group and all who donated silent auction items. On April 1, 2023, the UCW hosted a HAM Dinner and Silent Auction. The proceeds went to the AV Fund. This I believe is the second fundraiser that we have had for the AV Fund, the first was way back in 2019. I know everyone that was there got their fill of some fine food. Also, some guy with a sweet tooth (Sean) paid a lot for pies. In all the amount collected was \$4,000.00. Thank you so much to those who attended and to the ladies of the UCW.



From the Trustees

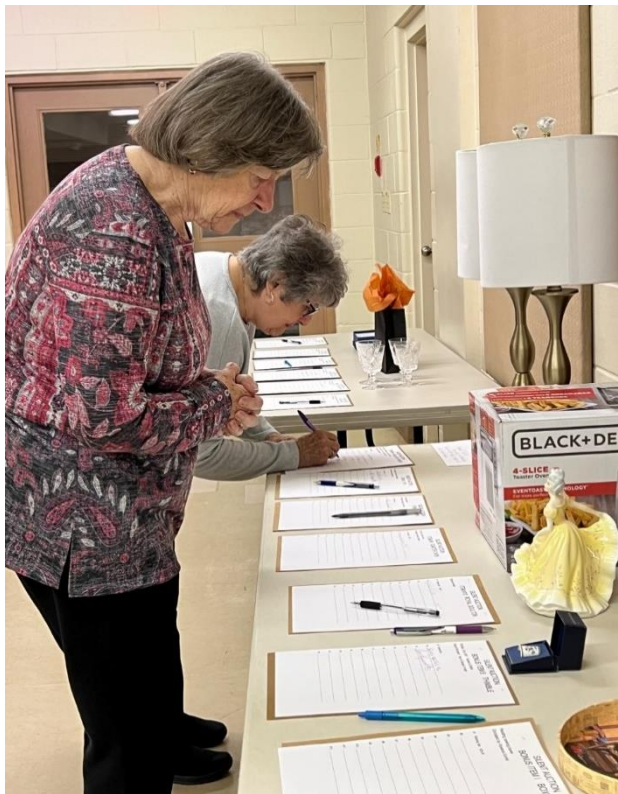


Celebration Tea for the Coronation Of King Charles III

Saturday, May 6 at 2 p.m. Tickets available from Wanda at the church 905-683-4721 or Gwen Smith at 905-426-1553. Tickets are \$20.00.

PVUC Ham Dinner & Silent Auction

Saturday, April 01



Photos by Heather Mackenzie-Scott

Seen Around PVUC



Rev. David Jones and Chuck Hay



Rev. David Jones handing out candies (with a purpose) after the service on Sunday, March 26



Lambs on Easter Sunday, April 09



Tuesday Morning Fellowship Group on Tuesday, March 21
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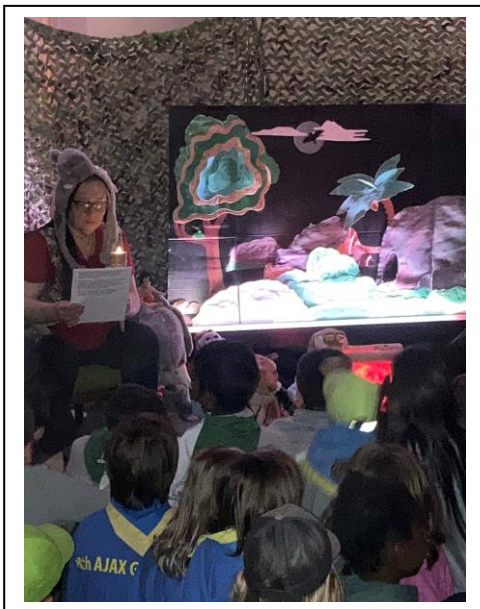
Church Hosts Scouts & Youth

On Monday April 3, PVUC welcomed over 80 scouts (beavers, cubs) and Scouters for an exciting evening of fellowship and learning. The “Jungle Book” was the theme and dioramas were used to illustrate the story written by Rudyard Kipling so many years ago. The story is about a small boy lost in the jungle in India, adopted and cared for by the wolves. Hence the reason the young members are called wolf cubs. Through out the lower level of the church, several workshop centers offered: leather work, coloring, games, leadership skills and story telling.



Over 80 gathered in the gym for the opening ceremony.

Scouter Mike Row, in story time bringing the animals alive with their antics and humor



In the Upper Room, Ann Hopkins leader from 1st Ajax recounts the Jungle Story in the darkened room. The silence and keen interest of the children was delightful. Other jungle animals appeared in full costume further enhancing this magical moment.

It was very exciting to see the return of so many youth who enthusiastically enjoyed the PVUC facility. Let us hope the trend continues as our church community grows.

Scouting is fully co-ed today: beavers, cubs, scouts, venturers and rovers.

If there are any parents or grand parents wanting to inquire about scouting and the benefits for your family, please call Rob at (416) 804-6422 or rick.robert@gmail.com

Rob Rick
Church Representative for Scouting



Do you enjoy playing Euchre?

Join the **Owasco Gilwell Club** for a fun night of playing **Progressive Euchre**.

Open to everyone, bring your friends

When: Friday April 28, 2023,

Time: arrival 6:30pm, Tournament 7:00pm to 10:30pm

Where: Pickering Village United Church,
300 Church Street N, Ajax

Cost: \$5.00 admission per person

Light refreshments served, please bring coffee mug.

This Gilwell Club fundraiser includes a silent auction.

All proceeds fund the club and its efforts to support
Scouting activities in the local area.

Hope to see you there!



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SPRING FOOD DRIVE

Saturday, May 13th from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm.

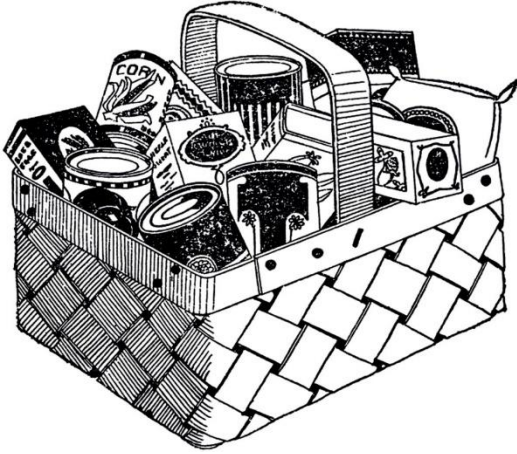
Drive in and drop off!

Alternatively: Drop off on Sunday May 14th.

(Place in Bins in the Narthex)

Just so you know: Food Bank use has escalated by about 40% since last year! The clients are saying that the cost of groceries has increased a lot, but incomes have not!

We are grateful for your support! THANK YOU!



WELLNESS AND SOCIAL CONCERNS

I am sure you have heard about the lingering effects of COVID-19 and are probably quite weary of the whole deal. The aftermath of this dreaded infection will be with us for quite some time, perhaps years!

If you are reading this, you have some connection to our Church Family. PVUC has gone through some dramatic changes too, and much of it has come from seismic shifts in attendance, finances and so much more!

There is a lot going on in the background and I will spare you the 'list' of goings on here, but we really need your help.

There is no Foot Clinic because our volunteer ladies who did this have retired or gone on to pastures new. Someone has suggested that we contact VON or some other organization, in Durham, that may give us some help with this, but here is the thing... It will cost money. Are you willing to pay for a Foot Clinic? \$25 or \$30 for your service?

Food Banks are trying to keep up with the demand and to support the local community through this hard time. We are appealing to all who can give no matter how small. None of this is easy. Government handouts are just a band-aid and are not a sustainable answer. Your WSC committee is running a Food Drive for our local food banks on May 13th -14th. Your support of this endeavor is very much appreciated.

Lunch and Learn will be happening soon. I know, have been saying this for some time, but we have just re-started coffee hour, so L&L is going to happen, I just don't know when exactly.

Your 3-person committee is looking for people to join us, bring us ideas and support our work for our Church, Community and beyond.

Your comments and commitment are welcome.

Fran Sancroft – Chair
Wellness and Social Concerns
fransancroft@gmail.com

Frontline Community Centre - 'Honouring Our Heroes' Concert & Fair

Frontline Community Centre is a non-profit establishment since 2014, proudly delivering a diverse range of services and support programs, such as Settlement Services, Community Involvement, Programs for Seniors, Adult Wellness Programs, and Free Year-Round Tax Clinics for the underserved communities of Scarborough North and Markham South. They aim to empower their communities by mobilizing change and fostering community through local initiatives. Through direct collaboration with the community, they ensure that community issues and concerns are consistently understood and addressed. Two of their many supporters are the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada.

On March 26, I had the privilege of attending their 'Honouring Our Heroes Concert and Fair', which acknowledged the contribution of individuals by awarding medals of appreciation; front line workers from various fields including healthcare, law enforcement, retail, home-delivery workers, and community volunteers from all over the Greater Toronto area, were in attendance. The organization also remembered those who lost their lives to COVID19 and paid tribute to the sacrifices made by countless families. Their concert and fair provided a space to support the revival of small local businesses and artists, who faced hardship during the pandemic.

I was honoured with the 2023 COVID19 Commemoration Award, for 30 years Pickering community service, nominated by my Federal M.P., Jennifer O'Connell, Pickering/Uxbridge, and Certificates received from Vijaya Kula, Executive Director, Frontline Community Centre, Raymond Cho, M.P.P. Scarborough North, Minister, Seniors and Accessibility, and Shaun Chen, M.P., Scarborough North. (I have included a picture of myself and Jennifer O'Connell's assistant.)

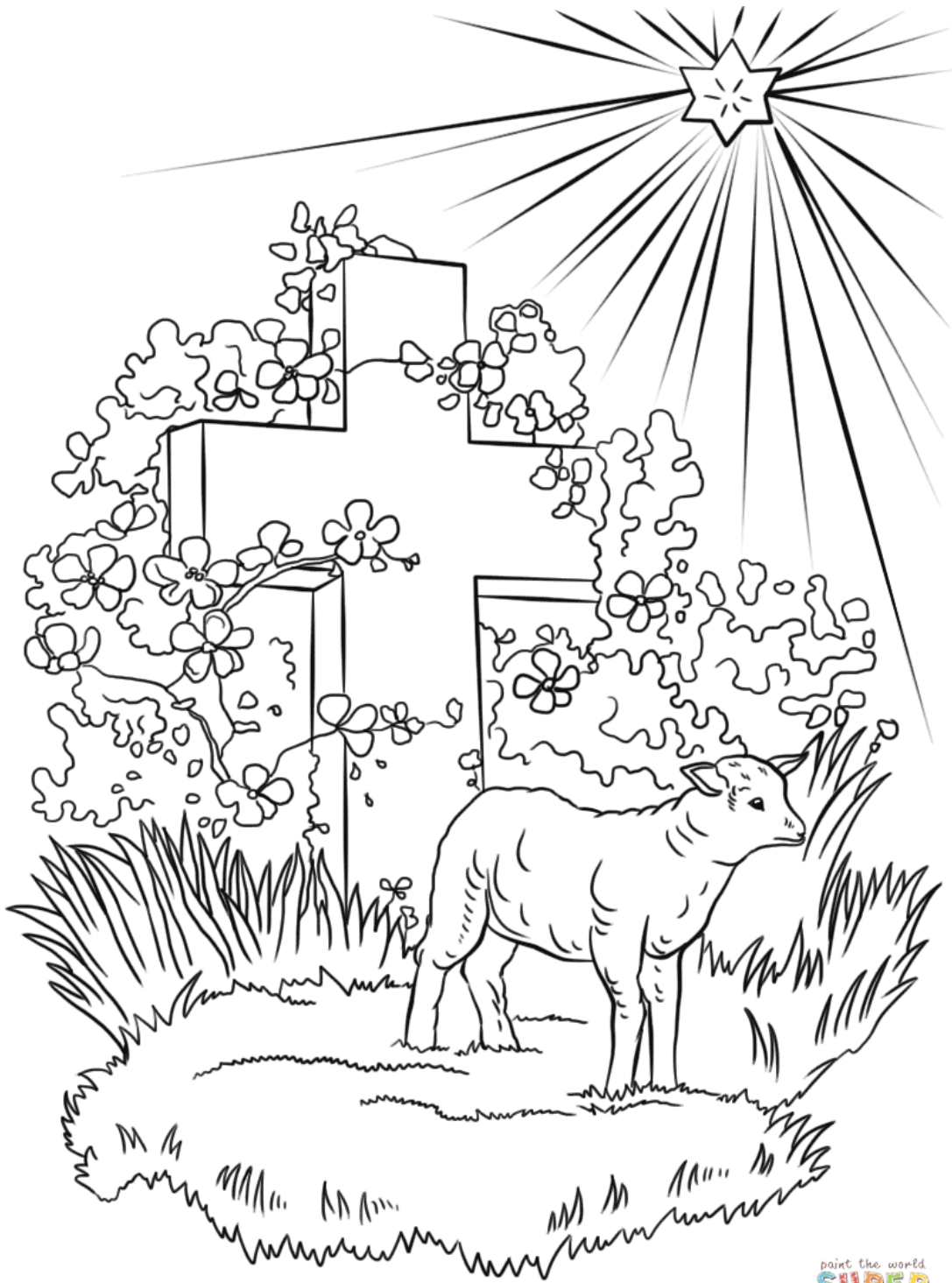
My thought is that, as members of the PVUC Mission and Service Committee, we can continue to bring forth new initiatives supporting community organizations, both locally and globally, since this experience, it brings inspiration, particularly of this organization that assists their community of underserved citizens.

Yours in Service,
Member of PVUC Mission and Service Committee



Pam Spence receiving the 2023 COVID 19 Commemoration Award

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