



Give Thanks, My Soul, For Harvest

Give thanks, my soul, for harvest,
for store of fruit and grain,
but know the owner gives
so that we may share again.
Where people suffer hunger,
or little children cry,
with gifts from God's rich bounty
may thankfulness reply.

Give thanks, my soul for riches
of woodland, mine, and hill,
but know that gold and timber
are the Creator's still.
God lends to us, as stewards,
abundance we might share,
and thus provide earth's children
the blessing of God's care.

Give thanks, my soul, for labours,
that strength and days employ,
but know the Maker's purpose
brings toil as well as joy.
Show forth, O God, your purpose;
direct our will and hand
to share your love and
bounty with all in every land.



by William Watkins Reid 1890-1983

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, October 1, 2023 – 18th after Pentecost

World Communion Day

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School/Youth Group
World Communion Sunday
Sacrament of Baptism

Sunday, October 8, 2023 – 19th after Pentecost

Thanksgiving Service

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

Sunday, October 15, 2023 – 20th after Pentecost

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School/Youth Group*
World Food Sunday

Sunday, October 22, 2023 – 21st after Pentecost

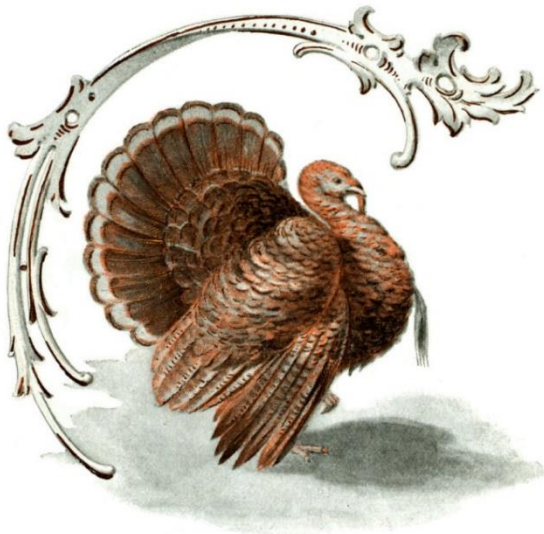
10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School/Youth Group
Peace Sunday

Sunday, October 29, 2023 – 22nd after Pentecost

PVUC's 206th Anniversary

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

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday Morning Fellowship Group – every Tuesday at 9:30am –
ALL ARE WELCOME!

UCW Meeting - Wednesday Oct. 4, 2023; 7:00 pm

Church Council Meeting - Tuesday Oct. 24, 2023; 7:00 pm

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The Turkey Shot Out of the Oven

Author Unknown, Submitted by Doreen Hallé



The turkey shot out of the oven,
it totally covered the floor
and rocketed into the air.
It knocked every plate off the table
and partly demolished a chair.
It ricocheted into a corner
and burst with a deafening boom,
then splattered all over the kitchen,
completely obscuring the room.
It stuck to the walls and the windows,
There was turkey attached to the ceiling,
where there'd never been turkey before.
It blanketed every appliance,
it smeared every saucer and bowl.
There wasn't a way I could stop it,
that turkey was out of control!
I scraped and I scrubbed with displeasure,
and I thought with chagrin as I mopped,
that I'd never again stuff a turkey
with popcorn that hadn't been popped!

Worship News - Doreen Hallé (Chair, Worship Committee)

As the task continues to try to provide our congregation with meaningful services every week, I thank God for the wonderful Licensed Lay Worship Leaders (LLWL) that are available in our area. With so many other communities of faith in our region looking for ministers, it is keeping all of them very busy.

This is what we have planned for October:

October 1 - Worldwide Communion and Baptism Sunday - Rev. David Jones and Doreen Hallé

October 8 - Thanksgiving Sunday - Doreen Hallé

October 15 - Twentieth after Pentecost - Robert Bennett

October 22 - Twenty-First after Pentecost - Susan Pleasance

October 29 - Reformation Sunday - Lisa Norman

If you have any ideas for a worship service, would like to help, or know someone who would be a good speaker for us, please let any member of the Worship committee know.

SEEN AROUND PVUC



June roses in the PVUC gardens



Fellowship luncheon- June 25, 2023.
Ana brought a cake to the luncheon to help celebrate her 88th birthday!



Linda Hearn, giving a presentation about gardening tips at the UCW Ladies Potluck Meeting on June 07



Brenda Plummer and Shirley Whitely helping at the Fellowship luncheon



Judy Hicks receiving a quilt with a cat picture made by the UCW ladies at the Potluck Meeting on June 07



PVUC Men's Group church service for Father's Day



UCW ladies making strawberry jam in July to sell at the PVUC Christmas Market



Evan Funnell and his incredibly musically talented family performed at PVUC on Sunday, Sept. 03 during the service. Wonderful!
(Photo Credit: David Jones)



Ladies at the TMFG (Tuesday Morning Fellowship Group) on June 06



Good times at the PVUC Yard Sale

Saturday, June 10th

Photo Credit: Heather Scott



Winter Community Outreach Project.

The community of Pickering Village United Church are planning on working together to create a **minimum** of 24 care packages for our homeless friends and would like to encourage each person to help us **FILL UP** the bags with many of the items listed below. The "Crafty Ladies" of UCW will be making re-usable material drawstring bags to accommodate your donations and any other items that maybe donated. If you prefer to support with a financial donation, kindly make the cheques payable to PVUC - UCW.

All donations can be delivered on any Tuesday between 9:30 and 11:00.

Last Day for Drop off is Tues Nov 28th

Suggestions for Care Packages

Snack Food Bag

Beef Jerky
Tuna or chicken salad snack packs
Peanut butter crackers
Pre-packaged cheese and crackers
Protein or granola bars
Mixed nuts

Miscellaneous Bag

Winter hat and gloves
Warm socks
Flashlight + batteries
Ziplock bags
Sunscreen
A good book
Pen/notebook

Toiletries Bag

Wet wipes
Tissues
Petroleum jelly
Lip Balm
First aid kit
Toothbrush and toothpaste
Soap/Body lotion
Shampoo
Deodorant
Face masks
Hand Sanitizer
Nail Clippers
Hairbrush or Comb
Maxi pads
Reusable hand towels/facecloths

THE FINISHING TOUCH

Provide a message of kindness or encouragement for the recipient of the Care Package.

WELLNESS & SOCIAL CONCERNS Committee - Fran Sancroft

The committee has undertaken most of what our previous part-time minister did and more. That is, to take care of our congregational members and provide information to improve or enhance our health and wellness. In addition, to coordinate our outreach to the community, in whatever way possible.

We have had a couple of very successful Food Drives, most recently a Back-to-School Food Drive on September 9th and 10th. We collected more than 400 pounds of food for the two Food Banks that serve this area of Durham, St Paul's-on-The Hill in Pickering, and the Salvation Army in Ajax. Another FD will be held later in the Fall.

Health Education: on Sunday September 17th, will feature a Lunch and Learn, with the Alzheimer's Society who will be talking about Brain Health. This is an opportunity to talk about health concerns around aging and how to minimize the risk of developing this awful disease. Look for our next L&L later in the Fall.



Reaching out to our own Church Family has brought its challenges. Some of our Congregation have moved out of the area, or moved into supportive living, and so on. Some have disappeared altogether! ... We need your help with this. If you know someone who is ill or moving, please advise either the Church Office Administrator (Wanda) or Fran Sancroft who will coordinate things. It would be sad indeed if one of our church family members did not hear from us and thought they had been abandoned. Cards can be sent, and phone calls made. We are not doing personal visits at this time, but we may do that in the future.

This committee is looking forward to expanding its membership, so if you think you can help, please advise us of your interest.

Thank You from St. Paul's On-the-Hill Community Food Bank

– Lindsey Morrill, Food Bank Director

St. Paul's On-the-Hill Community Food Bank would like to thank you for your donation of \$500 in support of our charitable activities.

Donors like you help keep our mission of providing a nutritional supply of food in a welcome and supportive environment to residents of the City of Pickering and Town of Ajax, alive. Because of you, individuals in our community have access to food security locally.

Thank you once again for your very generous contribution. Please visit our website at <https://www.stpaulsonthehillfoodbank.ca/> to learn more about how your donation is making a difference and the impact that we have been able to create together.

On behalf of our clients and volunteers of the Food Bank, we appreciate your support in joining us in the battle against hunger.

MISSION & SERVICE -Fran Sancroft

The Mission & Service team met recently to discuss several issues that have presented themselves over the last several months. The loss of our dear Ruth Webster, who chaired this important committee, is without doubt, a loss felt by many. As a result of our discussions MaryAnne Pietrusiak and Fran Sancroft agreed to co-chair this committee. We will be having a meeting soon to discuss the way forward.

KARANDA

We had an opportunity to meet with Dr Thistle and his son, James on the 10th of June. They picked up a carload of supplies and \$Donations for Karanda Hospital, including medical supplies, clothing, and bed mats. There was a very small space for our shipment to Zimbabwe, and our collection was much smaller than in the past. A further pick-up was made a few weeks later. Ruth Webster usually handled this outreach, and she was a big supporter of Dr. Thistle's efforts. We received a nice thank-you letter from Dr. Thistle (See below).

PLEASE NOTE: Going forward, we will not be collecting pill/medication bottles, due to space limitations.

Donation of Medical Supplies and Support for Karanda Mission Hospital

Dear Friends,

May I take this opportunity to express our deepest appreciation for your faithful support of the ministry at Karanda Mission Hospital in Zimbabwe.

Your fantastic efforts over many years have supported essential medical and community services at Karanda. You provide health and hope for the tens of thousands of people who come under our care each and every year.

Your continuing encouragement this summer has re-energized our tired minds and sagging spirits. Please accept this message as a small token of appreciation for journeying the extra mile with us on the dusty roads of Zimbabwe.

Thank you.

God bless you.
Paul & Pedrinah



**David McCutchan, Val Jordan, Fran Sancroft, Dr. P. Thistle,
& Paul Khan (June 10, 2023)**



Tuesday Morning Fellowship Group (TMFG) – Rowena Dunlop

After their well-earned summer vacation, the group had its first September meeting on the 12th, with 13 women signed in, as well as a couple of male worker bees. It was obvious by the sharing and the laughter that everyone had enjoyed their summer, but were anxious to get back to “business”.

Work is in progress for several projects, including the Christmas Market on Nov. 4. Several of the ladies brought in the items they had worked on during their “time off”, but we do need more, please. There is a list of suggestions from Rowena Dunlop if you need ideas. The group is also putting together a basket entitled, Cozy Afternoon for the Market’s basket raffle. Items included will help the winner enjoy themselves during those rare lazy afternoons or when you just want to feel pampered.

A new project is focusing on the homeless in our community. TMFG will be working on making the drawstring bags to hold the donations as well as collecting articles to put in the bags. Ideas for donations are available through the UCW, a “Blast” from PVUC as well as TMFG.

All the usual projects are still being worked on, including milk bag mats (we need more milk bags), scrapbooking items and delicious food from the kitchen.

If you are looking for fellowship, please join us at PVUC in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesdays. Along with getting together with others there is also coffee/tea and treat time. We do ask you to bring your own mug, but will supply a cup if you forget.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday!

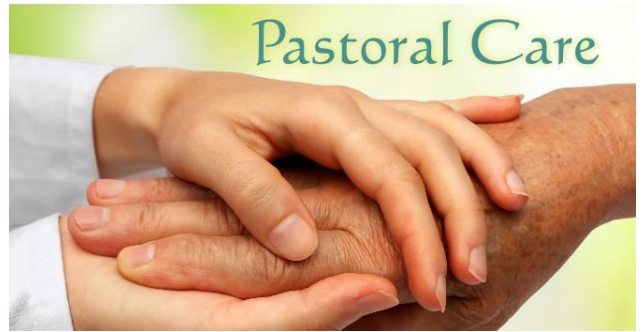
Volunteer Appreciation Award - submitted by Pam Spence

In continued work with Stoke/Cardiac healthcare in the Province and Canada, in achieving best healthcare practices in rehabilitation services, I was given a Volunteer Appreciation Award on Saturday, September 9/23, for work in Stroke/Cardiac health care at the Annual Picnic of Scarborough/Guildwood Federal M.P., John McKay.

I continue to use these awards, being the voice to achieve functional rehabilitation for our Stroke/Cardiac survivors. "A river runs through a rock not because of its power, but due to its persistence."

PASTORAL CARE

Although we are moving forward and doing our best without a minister at this time, some things tend to be overlooked, and Pastoral Care seems to be one of them. We need to do everything we can to make everyone feel a part of our church family. If you know of someone who could benefit from a friendly phone call, or a card to cheer them up, please let Fran Sancroft, Chair of Wellness and Social Concerns, know. Her number is in the directory. Or you can call the office and Wanda will pass on the message.



If you are willing to help with reaching out by phone or a note, please let Fran know. As the saying goes, many hands make light work, and, with many involved, hopefully no one will fall between the cracks. We are family, and we need to look out for one another. It only takes a minute.



Mark your calendars!!! The Wellness and Social Concerns committee will be hosting a Lunch and Learn on **Sunday, September 17th** in the chapel after the service. The subject will be "Brain Health" - More details to follow.





PICKERING VILLAGE UNITED CHURCH

**ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS MARKET**

**SHOP EARLY TO DISCOVER UNIQUE GIFTS
WHILE HELPING SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL
COMMUNITY VENDORS.**

**EXPLORE CRAFTS AND BAKED GOODS
MADE BY OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**WHEN YOU'RE FINISHED SHOPPING, TREAT
YOURSELF TO A DELICIOUS LUNCH AT OUR**

****CHURCH CAFE****

LUNCH \$10:00

**FREE
ADMISSION!**



SAT. - Nov 4 10:00 - 2:00 PM

300 Church Street North-Ajax, On- 905 683 4721

CHANGES

Our Sympathy

For our church family and friends who lost loved ones over the summer months, we send our deepest condolences and prayers of comfort to you during this difficult time.



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

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Anniversaries

Bill & Ruth Fox celebrated their 37th Wedding Anniversary on September 26, 2023 – Congratulations!
Brian & Dianne Catchpole celebrated their 42nd Wedding Anniversary on September 19, 2023!

Birthdays

Gloria Murkar will be celebrating her 99th birthday at her Haliburton cottage on September 28 – congratulations!

MESSAGES

Chris Smith would like to send out a SPECIAL THANK YOU to those who sent her birthday wishes for her 100th birthday! Chris received over 60 cards and 101 roses for her milestone birthday and is very appreciative of the love she has received.

Heather and John Scott wish to thank the PVUC family for their caring words, cards and prayers for the recovery of their son-in-law from his recent accident. We are also delighted to announce the birth of their daughter and son in law's baby boy on July 25, bringing great joy to the entire family.

Our deepest thanks to you all for your kindnesses.

Kids Colouring Page

