

That Easter day with joy was bright:  
The sun shone out with fairer light  
When, to their longing eyes restored,  
The apostles saw their risen Lord!

His risen flesh with radiance glowed;  
His wounded hands and feet He showed;  
Those scars their solemn witness gave  
That Christ was risen from the grave.

O Jesus, King of gentleness,  
With constant love our hearts possess  
That we may give You all our days  
The tribute of our grateful praise.

O Lord of all, with us abide  
In this our joyful Eastertide;  
From ev'ry weapon death can wield  
Your own redeemed forever shield.

All praise to you, O risen Lord,  
Now both by heav'n and earth adored;  
To God the Father equal praise,  
And God the Spirit, now we raise!

Translated by John Mason Neale - (1818-1866) from the Latin c7th century

## UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

### Sunday, March 3, 2024 – 3<sup>rd</sup> in Lent

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

### Sunday, March 10, 2024 – 4<sup>th</sup> in Lent

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

### Sunday, March 17, 2024 – 5<sup>th</sup> in Lent

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

### Sunday, March 25, 2024 – Palm Sunday

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

### Sunday, March 31, 2024 – Resurrection Sunday Easter Day

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

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

- Tuesday Morning Fellowship Group –  
Meet every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. – ALL ARE WELCOME!
- Exercise with Christine –  
Meet every Tuesday at 11:00 am – 12:00 pm  
in the Chapel. \$5 Weekly Fee.  
ALL ARE WELCOME!  
**WILL RESUME ON MARCH 12, 2024!**
- UCW will be having DINNER AT LUNCH on  
Friday March 1, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. in the  
Fellowship Hall. **\$12 per person.** No ticket  
sales, just come and enjoy! Cash only please.  
EVERYONE WELCOME!
- UCW – Monthly Meeting will be held on  
Tuesday March 5, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. in the  
Fellowship Hall. Theme - "Spring". Bring your  
bag lunch.
- Church Council Meeting – will meet on  
Tuesday March 26, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the  
Church Lounge.

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT EDITION OF  
VOICE IS  
FRIDAY, MARCH 22/24 AT NOON.**

## Worship News: Doreen Hallé, Worship Committee Chair

We are now into the season of Lent, the 40 days leading up to Easter Sunday, which will be celebrated on March 31st this year. There will be a worship service at 10:30 a.m. on Good Friday, March 29th. We will also gather to worship and celebrate Holy Communion on Easter Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Susan Genge will be presiding at both services.

Worship leaders have been booked up until the end of August, with only one or two gaps in the calendar. Work is proceeding on filling in those spaces.

It has been suggested that we put the words to the choir anthem up on the screen. This is not possible due to copyright issues. So, just sit back and enjoy the lovely music; let it wash over you and fill your soul. Music has that power. If you have a favourite hymn you would like to hear, please let either

Oksana or me know, and we will do our best to make that happen. The worship leaders select the hymns for each Sunday, but they are open to suggestions.



I am repeating the request I made in the last issue of Voice as I have not had much of a response. I suspect that part of that may have been my availability in the past month. So, please give these small requests for some of your time some prayerful consideration and let me know. It's what families, and we are a church family, do to help each other out.

It has now been almost a year since we have had ministers at PVUC. So far, we have been managing and our Sunday morning worship services have been running smoothly, but more participation from the congregation is required. Our A/V crew has been doing outstanding work, but one or two more people to help in the booth on Sundays would be very helpful. Training is provided, and you get the best view in the house. Greeters are also required on Sunday mornings. All you have to do is show up a little earlier, around 10:00 a.m., smile and say hello to all the lovely people that come in the door. It's an excellent opportunity to meet someone new, or chat with someone that you haven't seen in a while. How about being available to read scripture during the service once in a while? The more readers there are, the less often you have to do it, and to be honest, the less often I have to step in and read.

These are three relatively easy jobs that anyone can do. Please give some thought to giving your time to enrich our worship services, and to help prevent burn-out in those who are already volunteering their time. If you can help out, please let me know, either by e-mail or phone, both are listed in the directory, or talk to me directly after Sunday services.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday!



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The **Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Sunday March 24, 2024**. More information to follow.

## BIBLE STUDY WITH SUSAN SHEREMETA

Many of you will remember Susan Sheremeta as a member of PVUC! She is currently completing field placement at St. Paul's United Church in Ajax and leading a Bible Study Group.

Anyone from PVUC who is interested in attending the Study can join on **Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.** - the text is based on the following Sunday's text which is from the Narrative Lectionary so you will find it is different than PVUC if PVUC is following the UCC lectionary:

St. Paul's United Church  
 65 Kings Crescent Ajax, ON L1S 2M4  
 905-683-4740  
[office@stpaulsajax.org](mailto:office@stpaulsajax.org)

<u>Thursday</u>	<u>For Sunday Worship</u>	<u>Old Testament Scripture</u>	<u>New Testament Scripture</u>
February 29	March 3	TBD (since we did Mark 12: 1 - 12 this week)	
March 7	March 10	Psalm 89: 1 - 4	Mark 12: 28 - 44
March 14	March 17	Psalm 102: 12 - 17	Mark 13: 1 - 18, 24 - 37
March 21	March 24	Psalm 118: 25 - 29	Mark 11: 1 - 11
March 28	March 31	(Maundy Thursday)	Mark 14: 12 - 25

You may join the Bible Study in person or via ZOOM using the same link as the worship services.



# Highlights of PVUC Council Meeting

January 23, 2024

## Search Committee - Fran Sancroft

Our search for a Minister is ongoing. We will be meeting soon with our new ECORC representative. We have not received many applications... and an advertisement in the UC section of *Broadview Magazine* is being considered.

## Mission and Service – Mary-Anne Pietrusiak and Fran Sancroft

PVUC's Mission and Service givings for 2023 totalled \$19,181.95, surpassing our target of \$10,000. PVUC members also contributed \$290 for Ukraine relief and \$2,785 for the Karanda Hospital in Zimbabwe. The number of people on PVUC's M & S Committee has drastically decreased as many long-time members are no longer able to continue their involvement. Members should reach out to Fran if able to join the M & S Committee

## UCW – Carolyn Webster

The UCW had a luncheon meeting in January and managed to set up the program until the end of June. We have reached out to the HUB people hoping to get involved with some community outreach that would be useful to the community.

## Bookings – Doug Brown

We need to review our rental rates.

We are in need of more stewards, and the pay is \$15.00 per hour. If you are interested, please talk to Wanda or myself.

## Property – Doug Brown

There has been a proposal for new, more efficient exterior lighting from Garry Fitzpatrick, moving to LED as a cost saving. The Trustees have now approved the purchases and while some have already been installed, the rest can only be installed in the spring when weather permits.

The Bell proposal to add Rogers, or Shaw to our tower is still in play. I have met with Bell and Rogers on site for review, the plan is being updated.

## Trustees - Bill Fox

Insurance premium was finalized at \$14,592.96/year which is roughly \$1,212.00 per month. There is a quote for repairs to the elevator which is currently being reviewed by Property.

## Highlights of Daycare Lease

Rooms leased (6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday):

Rooms 1 & 2 – this is the nursery and Marly's old office

Rooms 5 & 6 – combined classrooms off the Fellowship Hall

Rooms 11, 12, & 13 – combined classrooms beside the kitchen

Room Lease (**exclusive use**) – the old nurses' office

Room leased (3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday, excludes Winter Break, March Break and Summer Break).

Fellowship Hall – to be used for afterschool programs.

Access to the kitchen for the purposes of clean up (sinks) and standard ovens (to heat food).

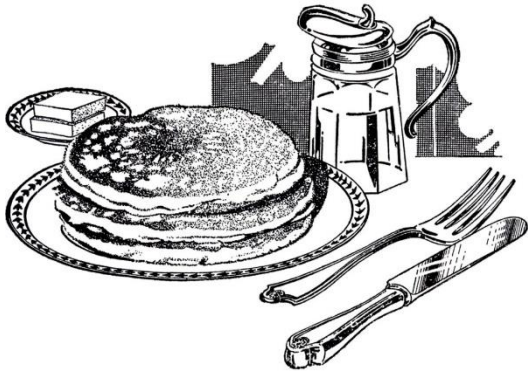
Access to parking spaces near the South entrance - these will be by the fence at the west side of the property.

Any additional taxes (realty and business) are the responsibility of the tenant.

Security access - the tenant will have installed access panels on South door to limit access to the building.

Tenant will ensure that Comprehensive liability insurance will be in place at all times.

The church will be held harmless from any claims for personal injury or property damage.

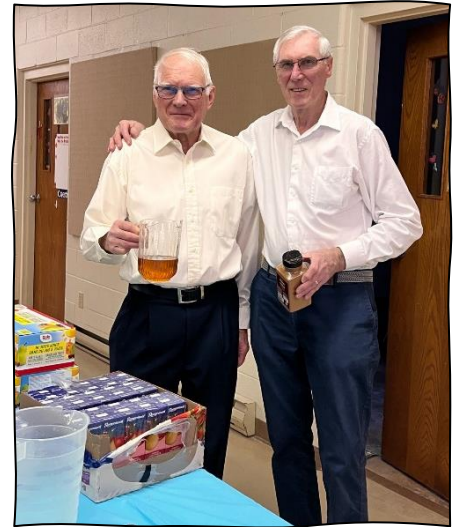


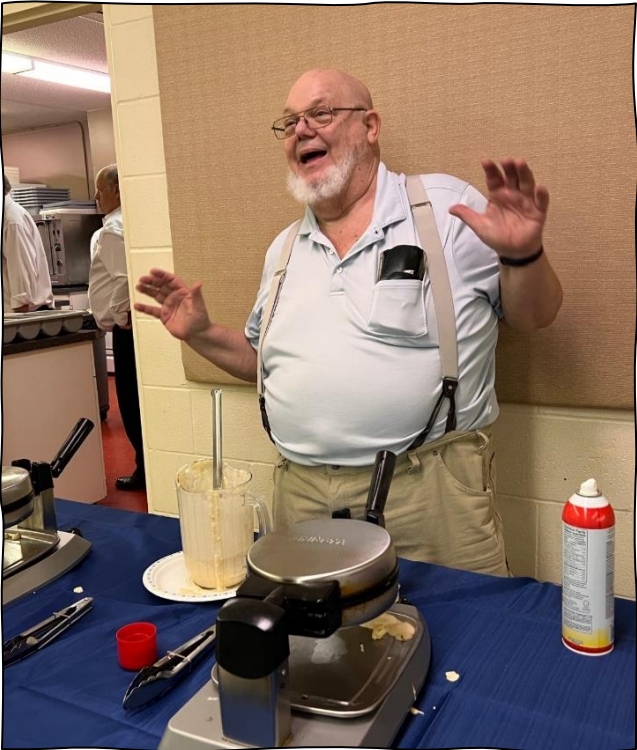
# *Annual Pancake Supper*

{Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2023}

Hosted by the PVUC Men's Group

Photos by Heather Mackenzie-Scott







## **Wellness and Social Concerns Committee - Fran Sancroft**

**Thank YOU!** Everyone who supported the Valentines Food Drive!  
It was a great success! We collected nearly 400 lbs of food Donations!  
As our Food Cupboard is not available now, this just shows how “Giving” you all are!\*\*  
We are planning a Spring Food Drive with dates TBA soon. Watch for it in the weekly bulletin.

**The Chair Yoga – Exercise Classes** are on a bit of a hiatus as Christine Chang, our teacher, has flown south for some R&R. Classes will resume on **March 12<sup>th</sup>** continuing through to the summer.  
& Don't forget to bring your water bottle to keep yourself hydrated!

**Donations - *We are hoping that you have noticed the New Bins in the Narthex. They are there for a purpose:***

The larger one is for donations of **Clothing** for the “Outreach” program. This will benefit the un-housed and refugees in our community.

We need **MILK Bags** (the outer bags which should be washed and dried) to make sleeping mats. The team making these has advised that they are in short supply.

**Stamps:** Any used stamps with about ¼ inch border will be welcome.

**Eyeglasses:** Glasses without cases are sent to developing countries where they are most needed.

**Hearing Aids:** Hearing aids and batteries for them are also needed.

And lastly, **\*\*Food Bank Donations** can always be dropped off in the purpose-built Food Bank bins in the Narthex, which are monitored and distributed frequently.

We welcome your questions and input.  
Thank you!



## Tuesday Morning Fellowship Group (TMFG) - Rowena Dunlop



Although there was still some snow on the ground, the sky was blue, the sun was shining, the temperature had risen and there was no wind. This must explain why there were 24 in attendance on February 20!

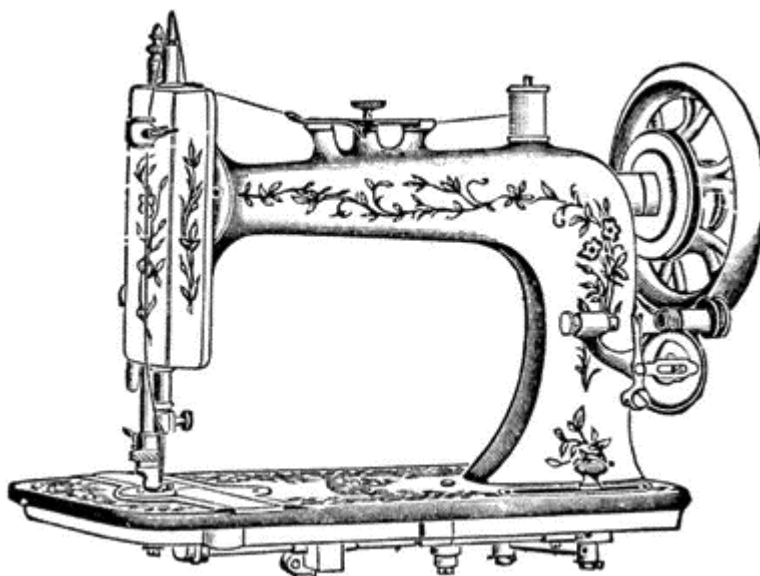
The TMFG is now busy with a couple of new projects. Val Jordan's stepdaughter, a nurse in Queen's, has started up a three-bed clinic for people who have had surgery but have no relatives to help them during their recovery. It is a sort of surgery concierge, providing a Holistic Experience with Recovery Care and transportation (ambulances). Blankets were needed so we are working on making some and as this VOICE goes to print 5 have been made.

Work continues on the milk bag mats. We do need more milk bags. The ladies are joining 2 milk bag mats together lengthwise to make them a good size for an adult and they will be distributed to the shelters and the homeless to help get the recipients up off the cold ground.

Thanks to the sewing and quilting skills of Florence Lee Kim, TMFG has a special quilt for a draw in the beginning of June. The printed designs in the fabric are well known symbols for cancer. A picture and further information for ticket costs, purchase availability and quilt display will be available in the next VOICE! All proceeds will go to the Cancer Society of Canada.

Our newest member, Ana Ocampo, has "jumped in with both feet". She helps out with the milk bag mats, pins the blankets and last week brought in the treats! Way to go, Ana!

If you are looking for fellowship, think about coming to the TMFG. We meet on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in PVUC's Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you there!



# Messages

## To Friends at PVUC

We were very touched by your kind gesture of cake and good wishes in December before we moved to Victoria. Our apologies for not thanking you all sooner but it has been a bit of a whirlwind! Our household goods arrived in perfect condition December 29th, and our car by rail and barge on January 11th. Also exactly as we left it. We are settled in our condo and enjoying decent weather with two snow days amounting to 5 cms. It was all gone by next day and residents in our condo said they usually hibernate until it is all over. Thanking you all again for your kind wishes and cards.

Regards  
Chris and David MacCutchan.



## Thank You

Thank you very much for all the beautiful cards and lovely messages of condolence that we received on the recent passing of my father. It meant so much to all the family. I am certainly blessed to be a part of this wonderful and caring church family.

Doreen Hallé

## CHANGES

### Our Sympathy

Harold Smith, (husband of Wendy Smith), died on Monday, January 22, 2024. Our condolences to his daughter, Julie Bard, and grandchildren.

John (Johnny) Ellison, much loved father of Doreen Halle, passed away in Calgary, on January 31st, 2024 in his 97th year.

Condolences to Audrey Pritchard on the death of her sister.

Condolences to Janet Dodge, on the death of her sister, Mae Haas.

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

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

### BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to Barbara Catto  
who will celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday  
on March 1, 2024.



**Congratulations and best wishes to all those who recently celebrated birthdays!**



### BAPTISM

Allen Arnold was baptized at PVUC on Sunday, February 11,  
2024.

# Kids Page



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