

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens. -Ecclesiastes 3:1

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, November 03, 2024 - 24th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School

Sunday, November 10, 2024 - 25th Sunday after Pentecost/Remembrance Sunday

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School

Sunday, November 17, 2024 - 26th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School

Sunday, November 24, 2024 - Reign of Christ

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School

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UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

- The Annual Christmas Market is Saturday, November 9, 10:00 am. to 2:00 pm. There will be unique gifts, crafts and baked goods, and treat yourself to lunch at our Church Café!
- Christmas Food Drive – Saturday, November 30, 10:30 am. to 12:30 pm.
- Tuesday Morning Crafts and Fellowship Group – at 9:30am. Everyone is welcome!
- Exercise Classes with Christine Chang are Tuesdays, 11:00 am to 12:00pm in the Chapel – \$20 monthly.
- The November/December issue of *The Upper Room* is available on the table directly outside the office.
- Please update your mailing address, phone number and email address by filling out the form on the table by the office or by emailing the office at pvuc@pvuc.ca.



Worship News

Celebrating 207 Years!

Can you believe it? PVUC is celebrating 207 years as a continuing congregation! I think we are looking pretty good for being around that long. There will be a special service on October 27th, and we hope you will be there to celebrate with us. A luncheon is usually held after the service, but this year it has been moved to the following Sunday, November 3rd to celebrate the arrival of our new minister, Rev. Kaitlyn Ostrander. Don't despair, there will be cake at coffee time after the service on the 27th!

Remembrance Sunday

November 10th is Remembrance Sunday.

Advent and Christmas

This year, Advent 1 is Sunday, December 1st. Christmas Eve falls on a Tuesday. Information on what the services will look like, and what is happening on Christmas Eve will be made available as soon as Rev. Kaitlyn and the Worship Committee can meet.



NOTICES

PVUC Communications Team

A PVUC Communications Team has been formed to research/discuss various initiatives that will be shared with our new Minister, Reverend Kaitlyn Ostrander, Committee Chairs, and Sean Aune, Council Chair.

If you wish to submit feedback or participate in this Team, please contact the undersigned. We look forward to dynamic accomplishments at PVUC in 2025!

Regards,

Pam Spence,
Michele Kerkos, Members
PVUC Communications Team



Welcoming Luncheon for Reverend Kaitlyn Ostrander - Doreen Halle

It seemed like November would never get here, but it's just around the corner and Rev. Kaitlyn will be here at PVUC.

We want to be as welcoming as we can, and we know we're good at it, and make her feel at home. Here are some ideas the Search Team has come up with; a Welcome basket for her new home including gift cards, a list of good restaurants in the area, good mechanic, etc.; fresh flowers or plants for her office; updating and wearing our name tags.

We would also like to have a luncheon after her first service on November 3rd. Usually CE has a Fellowship lunch after the anniversary service, which this year is October 27th. It was decided to move it to the 3rd instead. Unfortunately, Brenda Plummer, Chair of CE and leader of the 'lunch gang' will not be at church that day. Carrie and the catering team are not available to lead this either as they have a large celebration of life to cater and the Christmas Market lunch the following week to prepare for.



We need some people to step up and help put this lunch together. We need people for set-up, food prep, clean-up. Brenda has graciously offered to purchase the gourmet hot dogs and buns. There will be a cake provided. Potluck dishes, like macaroni & cheese, potato salad, baked beans and sandwiches are always appreciated. And Sean, keep those samosas coming! There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

This is a one-time event, and I'm sure we all want to make a good first impression. Please step up and be part of the organizing team we need to make this happen. Everything is possible when we all work together.

If you need more information, or are willing to help organize, please contact Doreen Hallé. Phone number and e-mail are in the directory.



WELCOME!

Our New Minister - Rev. Kaitlyn Ostrander



Rev. Kaitlyn Ostrander is originally from Brighton, Ontario, and she has been following her call toward Ministry since she was a 16-year-old youth leader at Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church, in Brighton. In the Central Frontenac Region, she recently lived out this call at Arden Pastoral Charge, west of Perth, Ontario. Starting there as a student minister in August 2021, she continued her ministry there once ordained, in May of 2023. Rev. Kaitlyn also has considerable experience doing Pulpit Supply for several years.

She can be found skiing in the winter and kayaking in the summer.

Rev. Kaitlyn says she is looking forward to meeting the congregation at Pickering Village United Church starting on October 28th, 2024!

A Lovely Evening Service in the Woods at Glen Major Church

Photos submitted by Heather Scott

There was held an evening worship service on August 18th at the historic Glen Major Methodist Church (1873). Guest preacher was David Jones, with guest musician Anne Mizen and guest soloist Elizabeth Dodge Collins. This team was at PVUC for more than 20 years! “[It was] our first time co-leading a worship service since 2014”!



Tuesday Morning Crafts & Fellowship Group (TMCFG) - Rowena Dunlop

The Group decided to return to its former name as leaving out the word Crafts from the title discouraged some people from attending. Membership includes scrapbookers, kitchen workers, crafters, milk bag weavers as well as people who just want to enjoy fellowship as well as tea/coffee and snacks. Our attendance averages 20 each Tuesday. Some ladies move along to the exercise classes with Christine Chang in the chapel at 11:00 a.m., after snack time, hmmm.

Thanks goes out to all the people who continued to drink their milk during the summer break and passed along 116 washed milk bags. It takes 185 bags to make one mat so keep up the good work!!



Wellness and Social Concerns - Fran Sancroft

We have been pleased at the response to both the Exercise Classes and the Food Bank Drives.

Our Teacher, Linda is delighted with the attendance at her Chair Yoga classes, held in the Chapel on Tuesdays at 11 am -12 pm. They re-started after the summer break. Classes are now \$20 for a 4 week month. This seems to be working well.

The Food Drives for our local Food Banks are carrying on.

The Back-to School drive was quite successful and last weekend's Thanksgiving one was great also. There are more and more families and single people who need this help. Please bear this in mind when you are shopping for yourself. Every little bit helps. We have the bins on the Narthex for you to drop off groceries at any time!

Thank you for your continued, generous support.

ECOR UCW Weekend at CAMP QUIN MO LAC, Tweed, Ontario



3 Ladies from PVUC went to this Weekend Get-Away: September 6th -8th: Doreen Halle, Fran Sancroft, and Val Jordan.

We arrived in the early afternoon, under clear blue skies, and a rain warning for later in the evening.

After registering we went over to the lodge where we would be staying. Doreen had elected to stay in a cabin without electricity, or any essential facilities. Our room at the lodge was spacious and had 3 double bunks... and few hooks on the wall. There were washrooms along the hall. Anyway, after a short break and making beds we made our way to the Dining Hall. There were a few people I recognized from previous meetings, including Hellen Cox and Betty Turcotte (the Author).

From that moment on we were surrounded by an amazing group of people, so warm and friendly...Dinner buffet of lasagna and Caesar salad... Lots of fellowship and great live music followed, and I am always happy to sing along! Fatigue set in relatively early, and we headed back to the lodge. I should mention here that all the food was made on site and was very tasty and plentiful.

The following day, Saturday more ladies came in. There were 89 of us staying and 17 came just for the day. 22 of us were first timers.

Saturday morning was "Polar Dip" time. Several brave souls got out of bed and into the out-door pool at 7.30 am! Nope! we did not do that! There was a whirl of activity after breakfast and numerous workshops and presentations throughout the day, a great lunch and no possibility of a nap. Too much to do! Skits and musical entertainment. Lots of singalongs and fun! That evening we had a big rainstorm. but we were warm and dry. Sunday was still cold and damp, and the P.D. [polar dip] ladies were trying for an award, so they did!! several of them, brave souls. We had a great time, and we will be back next year!

Some Quin-Mo-Lac 2024 statistics:1,150 Children 8-14 years old, stayed this past summer. They had 97 Staff, 12 part-timers, 60 Volunteers. The United Church supports this non-profit camp.



THANK YOU for PVUC's Generosity for the Mission & Service Fund

- Fran Sancroft

Just a short note to thank people for their generous donations to M&S. We do appreciate it!

KARANDA 2024 - Fran Sancroft

Dr Paul Thistle was with us on July 14th... He gave us an update on the activity at KARANDA. Ongoing training for Nurses and Midwives. Schools for children. Infectious Diseases are rampant, though they survived COVID 19. Drilling wells for drinking water, new communication equipment, building construction for on-site residences and many other projects. Dr. Thistle is in his 30th year there! Such dedication and service to this tiny outpost in the African bush.

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to give him a substantial cheque and a carload of supplies.

Please contact me if you would like more details and/or a brochure.

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THANK YOU!

Happy 100th Birthday, Gloria!

The UCW at PVUC wished Gloria Murkar a very happy 100th birthday during their September meeting.



UCW Life Membership Pins: Congratulations!

Val Jordan and Michele Kerkos were presented with their UCW Membership pin by Bernice Moreton



ANA OCAMPO - ANA's STORY (With occasional added notes)

Submitted by John Scott

Do you ever wonder what the back story is for those who you may share a pew with at Church – well, I certainly do. One Sunday last October I was sitting with Ana O'Campo and her daughter Sharon Magnaye having coffee after Church. We got talking about life's experiences and did I learn a lot about blessings and perseverance. Among the things I learned was that this October is Ana's 50th anniversary of having come to Canada. She says it is one of the many blessings that she has experienced.

Heather and I interviewed Ana and Sharon this summer. I made notes and reduced them to type and sent my notes off to Ana and Sharon to ensure that I had it correct – well Ana sent back the following and it was so much better than what I had written that I felt it should be put in the Voice as it was written by Ana. I hope you agree.

Thanks to Ana and Sharon and of course huge congrats to Ana on her 50th year in Canada.



Ana was born in 1935 and grew up in a Methodist household in the Philippines. Her father was a minister and her mother was a deaconess. She remembers very clearly the invasion of the Philippines in 1942, witnessing the air raid shelters and sirens and being forced to make food for the Japanese.

After being assigned to Manila for a while, the bishop assigned Ana's father to move to Nueva Ecija, a province in the northern part of the country. This required her family to move. However, Ana wanted to be a nurse and study at Mary Johnston College of Nursing in Manila during this time. Her parents were concerned because their whole family moving would mean her father would receive a lower income. As a result, the bishop granted Ana a scholarship to pursue her dream.

Aurora, Ana's youngest sibling, was an employee of the Department of Foreign Affairs in the Philippines and was eventually assigned to Toronto.

This led Aurora to petition Ana and her husband, Samuel, and sponsor them so they could move to Canada in 1974. They only had one suitcase and \$50 Canadian when they arrived. Moreover, Ana and Samuel had to briefly leave their four children behind in the Philippines with her sister Ligaya and sister-in-law, Pat. Thankfully the children were brought to Canada after a year, reminding Ana of their family's many blessings from the Lord.

Before Ana's four children arrived in Canada, the government told her she was entitled for family allowances for an entire year. Sharon was the eldest child at 14, and Jonathan, the youngest was only 9. A part of the family allowance was used for their transportation. The flight from the Philippines only cost CAD \$200 at that time.

Ana and Samuel attended St. Luke's United Church with their whole family every Sunday. It was the nearest church to their apartment in downtown Toronto. The church also has other Filipino members who gave them furniture such as beds, chairs, and tables. Reverend and Mrs. Malcom Finlay, the ministers at St. Luke's at the time, donated some furniture as well. Ana's family continued to attend St. Luke's before they moved to Pickering Village United Church in 2019. *(continued on page 12)*



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When Ana was a full-time housewife, and Samuel was working at the Kendall factory, a lottery system by the government provided housing for low-income earners. They won on the second occasion and got a townhouse in the Malvern area of Scarborough.

That same year, Ana ran into Sonya, a former classmate in nursing school. Coincidentally, Sonya was also living in the same building where their apartment was located. Sonya invited Ana to enroll in a review class at Seneca so she could take Ontario's nursing registration exam. Ana succeeded in the course and passed the exam, becoming a registered nurse in Ontario in 1977.

More blessings came their way - One day, while walking downtown, Ana passed a human resources center for the Municipality of Metro Toronto and saw some job opportunities. She applied for employment in a nursing home. She worked at Bendale Acres from 3:00 pm to 11 pm. She would take the bus to work and then get picked up by Samuel. Their earning helped with expenses for the children, although they were now teenagers.

Fast-forward to the 20th century - Ana and her husband moved from Toronto to Markham with the children. When her husband passed away in 2004, Ana moved to a condo in Scarborough and subsequently joined her daughter in Ajax where they work diligently to nurture their garden. Since St. Luke's is far from where they live, they decided to look for a new church community that they could be a part of.

They knew the families of Paguirigan and Malan at St. Luke's. Ana's husband had witnessed Daniel and Dolores Malan's marriage in Toronto. It was the Malan family that recommended that they join Pickering Village United Church. It was a delightful reunion to be with these two families and again attend the same church every Sunday to praise God for their many blessings.

It is my understanding that Daniel is also celebrating his 50th year in Canada this October. What a blessing for Pickering Village United Church.

CHANGES

Our Sympathy

William (Bill) Johnston, a member of PVUC, passed away on September 28. Our condolences to his wife, Marg and family.

Doug Dodge, a longtime devoted member of PVUC, passed away on September 30. His wisdom, knowledge and kindness will be greatly missed. Please keep Jan and their family in your prayers.

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

News from the Pews

Baptisms

Gilberto Carlos Luchini Jr. was baptised at PVUC (Adult Baptism) on September 01, 2024.

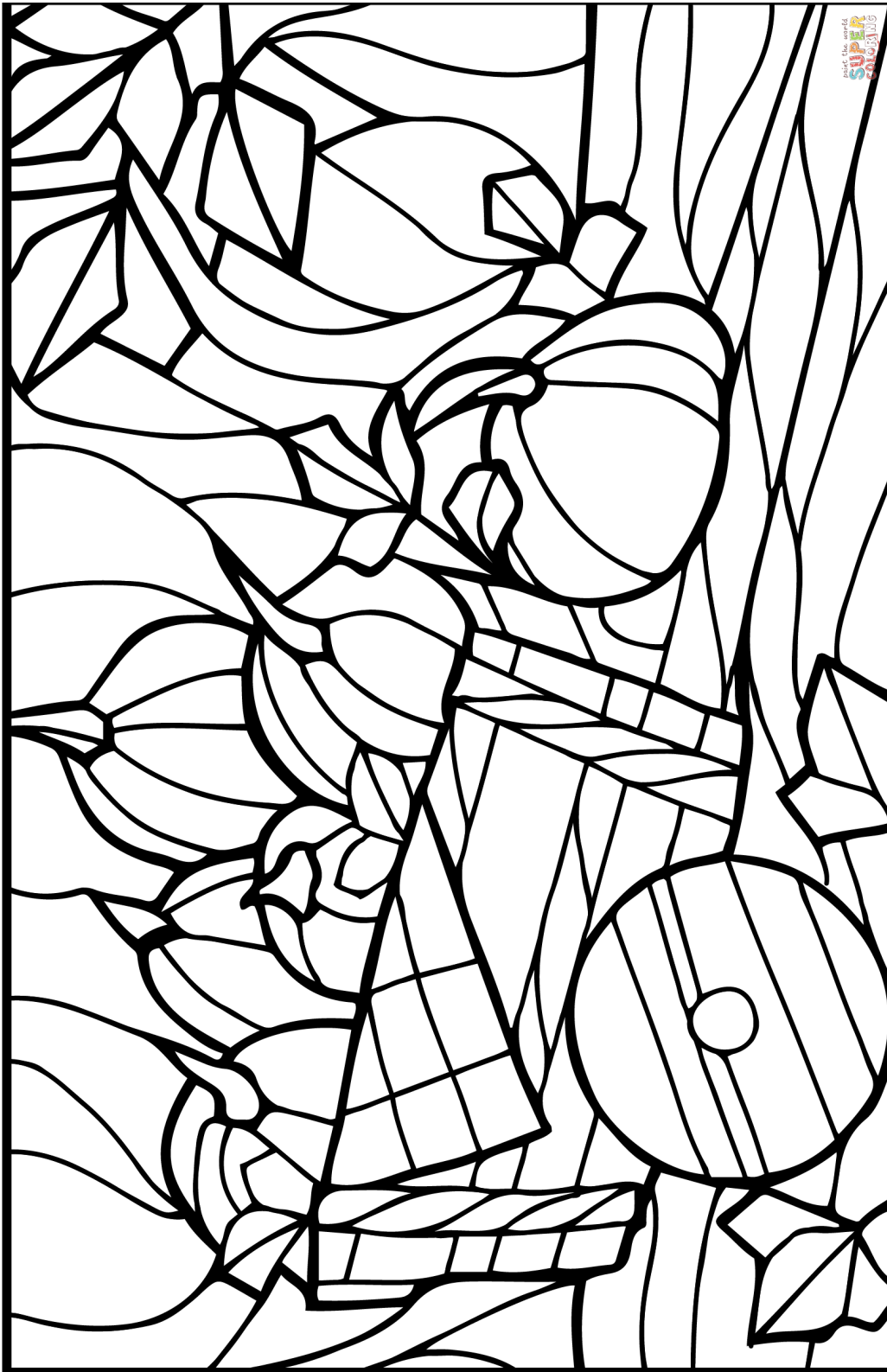


Congrats Grads!

June was an exciting month for the Hogan Family! Sydney received her Master of Science in Sustainability Management from The University of Toronto and Alexis received her Bachelor of Social Work from the University of Trent. To make it even more exciting both girls now have jobs in their “areas of expertise” with benefits. Their grandpa Dunlop would be so proud, as is their grandmother.



Kids Colouring Page



Source: SuperColoring

A FRIENDLY REMINDER:

Please save Saturday, November 9th to visit the annual Christmas Market at PVUC. It goes from 10 until 2. Enjoy the many vendors as well as crafts done by the church women. Anyone looking to pick up winter reading will not be disappointed. There will definitely be a fine collection of books to choose from. Lunch is available as well at two separate sittings.

We look forward to you coming and enjoying a portion of your Saturday at PVUC. NOVEMBER 9th.

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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET
SAT. Nov 9th
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Free Admission

**GET YOUR SHOPPING DONE EARLY THIS YEAR,
COME AND SEE A VARIETY OF HAND MADE ITEMS
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• FOOD FOOD -
• OF COURSE THERE'S LOTS
• OF HOMEMADE GOODIES
• AT OUR BAKE TABLE. -
• **PSSST** - COME EARLY !!!
• BEFORE IT'S ALL GONE.

YOU'LL NEED A REST AFTER THAT
SHOPPING - WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED....
ENJOY A "GOURMET LUNCH"
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(TWO SITTINGS) - 11:30 and 12:15