

# Picton United Church News Letter

## Fall 2017

### Greetings

There is nothing like the beautiful colours of fall, the taste of apples fresh off the trees and the smell of cool breezes. We are so lucky to live in such a wonderful county where we can see the wonders that God works.

I am missing our fall events and am in the middle of the cleanup of hurricane Irma's destruction. People lined up for hours to receive food and water. It was very sad.

As a congregation I remember us coming together to send money to Fort McMurray and feel we need to do that again for the people hit by Irma and Maria.

The envelope that is included in this mailing is for Missions and Service. Please know that anything you can give would be greatly appreciated. I know Phyllis and her hard working committee will diligently disburse all that we raise. Thank you in advance.

This fall we are working with Rev. Joe Ramsay, a consultant from EDGE, researching our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. We will be putting together a package to distribute to the congregation on November 5th. We will work together as a congregation during a workshop on November 12th. On that day we will be having a short service together in Centennial Hall for a session

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based on the "world cafe" model. Please bring your ideas and appetite as we will be serving a turkey lunch.

### Upcoming Events

Remember you can check our web page for dates & details of these and future events.

November 12th: EDGE World Cafe service 10:30am to 2:30pm.

The annual Holly Fair, run by our wonderful UCW, will be happening on November 15th. Lots of goodies and crafts for sale. A fun time.

November 19th is our 224th Anniversary Sunday. The special and program includes music and a guest speaker, Rev. Aruna Alexander. Please join us.

Soup and Sandwich lunches are held on the third Wednesday of most months. The next is November 22nd.

Upcoming Events (continued)

December 3rd is our annual Community Christmas Carol Service. It will start at 6:30pm (note time change from previous years). Come early to get a good seat. There will be seating reserved for those who are disabled.

Sunday December 24th, there is a service at 10:30am and a candlelight Christmas Eve service at 6:30pm.

Hopefully our own White Chapel will be on the Christmas season House Tour list again. This event is put on by the PEC Heritage Committee.

The Church received a very generous donation from the Heritage Committee to go towards repairing one of our stained glass windows.

Our own Reverend Richard Hamilton will continue as our leader for the coming 2018 year. He and Amarya have been hosting fellowship times following our Sunday worship services; free Friday night family “dinner and a movie” events. They are looking into having a Church service on another night once a month for those who would prefer to connect through a more casual worship setting.

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*[pictonunitedchurch.ca](http://pictonunitedchurch.ca)*

Fellowship

If you need a visit by our Fellowship and Visitation Committee please give Jennifer Dulmage a call. Or if you know someone who does, just let Jen or Rev Rick know.

I hope you are all having a great fall and are enjoying the cooler weather. I'm looking out my window at the palm trees and the thermometer which is reading 35C or 90F. It is hard to realize Christmas is just around the corner.

Hope to see you out to one or all of our events. And if you have an idea for a fund raising event just give the office a call.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Pat Bentley

Board Chair

Minister's Message

Seasons come and seasons go. One thing remains the same: Life is a series of changes.

Life within the church is no different. Over the next few months we will be exploring our future together. Who are we? Why do we do what we do? What do we value? Where do we see ourselves? How do we move forward?

I am excitedly anticipating great things as we move forward.

Blessings,

Rev Rick