

Picton United Church Newsletter

Spring 2018

Executive News

Dear Members of Picton United Church,

We here, at Picton United, have been busy with activities that we hope have been fun for all. We have more things planned for this spring which will be released in this letter. We hope that you will come, as you are able, to enjoy these activities.

Our Edge Subcommittees were researching 2 main areas to bring proposals to the congregation.

One committee, "Sacred Spaces", is spearheaded by Tim McGinnis and Don Hadley, is looking into the use of the Church and all the areas that make up the Church and drawing in businesses to rent space or to put on productions, receptions, etc.

The other committee, spearheaded by Sandra Norval, was looking into affordable housing as there is a great need in the community for this. (As of the printing of this newsletter this committee is no longer meeting.)

If you are interested in more details, please give the group leader a call. More help would be greatly appreciated. We are hoping to have a presentation from the Sacred Spaces group by June 2018.

We are looking forward to having the Scott Woods' band back on June 23rd 2018. Be sure to get your ticket early. It was a great hit last year and they have a new program for us to see.

Thanks to all the volunteers who organized the annual St. Patrick's day lunch.

The Good Friday service will be March 30th at 10:30 am.

I hope to see you out with your Easter bonnet to help celebrate the risen Christ and new beginnings. Let's make it a family affair on Easter Sunday April 1st at 10:30am.

Sincerely

Pat, Executive Chair of PUC Board

Events for Your Calendar

We will show another free family movie Friday April 13th at 2 pm.

Following several successful euchre & crokinole afternoons, we will hold another April 20th at 1:30 pm.

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Worship & Membership

At our morning worship service of February 25th, we welcomed our newest church family member, Joan Sarley. Welcome Joan!

Easter is fast approaching March 25th is Palm Sunday and we will celebrate Holy Communion at that service.

Easter Sunday is April 1st (no fooling!) If you would like flowers to be placed in memory of loved ones in the sanctuary for the morning service, please call Flowers 'N' Such at (613) 476-0203. Kerry and Gail will deliver and place them for you. As well, if you would like the names(s) of your loved ones placed in the "In Memoriam" in the service bulletin, please call Philip at the church at (613) 476-6050 with your name and the names(s) of your loved ones by Tuesday March 27th.

Nancy Lockyer, Chair

Minister's Message

As we approach Easter I am reminded that great love comes at great cost.

I am thankful for the gift of God's grace and the sacrificial love of Jesus. I am also thankful for the incredible giving of this community of faith. I have been so impressed by the determined effort that you put into serving the people of Picton and beyond.

I am looking forward to continuing to work alongside you in ministry.

Rev. Richard

Mission & Stewardship

Easter greetings from your Mission & Stewardship committee and Picton United Church Food Bank.

The M&S committee continues with our monthly soup & sandwich luncheons. The money we raise supports many charities locally and in the wider church. We welcome new people and are very grateful to the many folks who support us every month.

The Food Bank began in 1984 when two members from the M&S committee realized there was a need. It was felt at that time the need was temporary and would soon end.

We are now three months into 2018 and the need has increased. Approximately 3,000 people use the food bank each year. Many are the working poor, seniors, young singles, and individuals on fixed incomes.

The good news is we have 31 faithful, caring volunteers; we do not have any paid staff. PUC provides the large space needed in a good location with a big parking lot.

None of the above would be possible without the generous support from churches, various groups & organizations, businesses, schools, and individuals from Prince Edward county.

We have much to be thankful for.

Sincerely,
Phyllis Mabee, Chair