

# Picton United Church News Letter

## Summer 2017

### Executive News

Good summer's day to you and yours. It hasn't been the greatest summer but at least wells are not running dry and the corn has arrived so all is well.

I want to bring you up to date on what has been happening and what is going to happen at our great stone Church.

We had three successful concerts to raise funds for programs at the Church. The fund raising committee is hoping to offer more concerts this fall. Arrangements are being made for a wind quintet; and we may be able to bring in a small symphony orchestra. How awesome is that.

Our first car boot sale and the UCW's first purses and shoes sale went quite well. Plans are already being made for a bigger sale with more vendors. If you are interested in having an area please see Debra Marshall.

Mark your calendars for September 17<sup>th</sup>. We are having our annual Church Picnic. Along with this we are welcoming some new members who are transferring to Picton United. If you are not a member but an adherent and would like to join, please call Reverend Rick or Nancy Lockyer to make arrangements. If you don't know if you are a member or not please call the office and we will let you know your status.

The Property and Finance committee have been busy maintaining and fixing our great building. The old Sunday school hall has a new roof so now the inside can be fixed.

The west side windows desperately need repair and this will not be cheap. The windows have to be removed and each different piece of glass has to be taken apart and redone. The cost per window, and we have 5, will cost around \$15,000. We did receive a grant that Dianne Hadley applied for, from PEC Built Heritage Fund. It is \$5000 so there is a start. All contributions are greatly appreciated.

Also the front steps are in terrible shape and have to be completely removed and started again. You can imagine how costly this will be but it has to be done.

The congregation voted on hiring Edge to help guide us with our Sanctuary and our congregation to see us in to the 21<sup>st</sup> century and help to make the Church vibrant and successful again. If you have any ideas please let us know.

We are starting to work with Edge this summer and it could be an 18 month commitment.

The Mission & Stewardship committee will continue to run its soup and sandwich luncheon on the following Wednesdays; September 20th, October 18th, November 22nd. They have donated to many local organizations and if you are interested in knowing please contact Phyllis Mabee.

We are looking forward to a fun and busy fall and hope to see you all out when you are able to make it.

Please find enclosed an envelope for money for the general fund to help us with our expenses. Thank you in advance for your help with keeping this beautiful church and great congregation going.

Happy holidays,  
Pat Bentley  
Board Chair

## UCW Activities

The luncheon at Waupoos Winery June 27th was well attended. The shoe & bag fundraiser, July 15th, netted \$290.

Future events:

- Prince Edward County UCW Fall Rally is at South Bay United Church on September 20th. Registration is at 9:30am.
- Picton United Church regular UCW meeting on October 10th in Centennial Hall at 2:30pm.
- UCW Holly Fair is Wednesday November 12th.
- UCW Christmas luncheon tentative date and location is Isaiah Tubbs Restaurant on December 12th.

## Minister's Message

The summer is quickly passing.

We were given an opportunity, through Career Edge, of having a fully funded high school student placement here at the church for 5 weeks. To date, Jaero has assisted with:

- Changing our portable sign regularly.
- Office duties.
- Light cleaning of the balcony.

- A PowerPoint presentation of our Sanctuary including pictures of the inner workings of the clock and organ.
- The installation of a blind.
- Tours of the church, Tues-Fri 9-12.

Jaero will finish up his time with us on August 25th.

Throughout the month of August, Amarya and I are hosting fellowship times following the Sunday service. We have also been introducing a new song each week in Worship.

We are getting geared up for the fall as preliminary planning meetings for our Edge Consultation begin this week. This is an exciting time to be at PUC.

Faith Quest, a Lectionary based study group will kick off on September 12 at 2 pm.

On the evening of September 22 we will do a test launch of a new ministry. "Family, Food, Faith, and Film Night". Keep your ears open for updates and if you're willing to volunteer contact me.

Be the living expression of

God's kindness:

Kindness in your face,  
Kindness in your eyes,  
Kindness in your smile,  
Kindness in your warm greeting.

Give not only your care,  
but also your heart.

Blessings,  
Rev Rick