

Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Now if I had the techy ability or the time to figure it all out, I would have had this email automatically open with the playing of the 'ear worm' tune that has been filling my head this past week. It goes something like this...

*♪♪♪ dom, dom dom dom dom dom....dom, dom dom dom dom....♪♪♪♪♪*  
*or perhaps like this...*



For those, like me who do not read music, or can not figure our my *dom, dom..* rendition, my 'ear worm' music is Sir Edward Elgar's composition "*Pomp & Circumstance*". A graduation tradition; played at my graduations and perhaps yours.

Graduation 2020 looks very different. Very different for the graduates and for us who want to join in their celebrations. It looks very different for us at Pictou United. But after weeks or work and planning and taping and messaging and meeting and... our PUC 2020 Graduation and Bursary Sunday worship will be **AWSOME-LY DIFFERENT!**

So it is a good 'ear worm' , as over these past days and weeks I have had the pleasure of safely meeting and being with our 2020 high school graduates, Dickson & Dodson Family Bursary Recipients and this year's 'Jeana's Girls' Award honouree: all in preparation for this Sunday's worship gathering and our video worship service.

Our '*At Home Worship Gathering For Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup>*' is available for download from our PUC website (*under the "Worship Resources", then "Bulletins" Tab*) and I will be sending it out by email to those who have asked (*remember if you want to be added to my distribution list-be in touch*) and printed copies are in the folder on the PUC front doors.

Then this Sunday (*Happy Father's Day!*) please join together Sunday morning at 10:30am, on our PUC FaceBook page as we are gathered and grounded in our worship celebration through our video worship service. *p.s... I will also upload our worship video to YouTube and put those links on FaceBook and on our PUC website.*



*♪♪ dom, dom dom dom dom dom....dom, dom dom dom dom....♪♪♪♪*

### ***A Few Notes and Updates...***

With ongoing COVID restrictions, and the unknown of the weeks and months ahead, it was decided that unless there was a significant change in restrictions, we would continue along our “new normal path”. Responding and responsive to the needs of our PUC family, our community and our world.

In terms of the ministry of worship, June will come to close with what is sure to be another awesome worship gathering as we celebrate the ministry of music and the ministry of our PUC Choir! Again, we will gather online with a video worship service.



## *The Choir's Greatest Hits 2020*

Join us on Sunday, June 28 for our annual salute to our choir as we hear some of the more memorable hymns and songs from past worship services.

As I have named before, our new ways of worship and providing at-home resources for our worship and spiritual nourishment, is very labour and time intensive. The learning curve has been steep and the pace of work for myself, Sandy and those involved in worship has been demanding. As we look to the summer months, and some much-needed rest and renewal, the hope is to offer multiple options and choices for our worship and spiritual nourishment:

🌸 I will be preparing a Summer 2020 'At Home Worship Gathering' Resource-1 for July & 1 for August, that will have within them multiple worship/liturgical options for your 'At Home', 'At Cottage', 'At Beach', 'On Deck', 'On Porch' or 'On Vacation' worship and spiritual nourishment .

🌸 I am also creating additional resources that we can use for our Summer 2020 worship and spiritual nourishment - *Hey why not take a virtual worship Road Trip and visit another church? Glasgow Scotland perhaps!* 😊

🌸 A bulk order has been placed for copies of the recent issue of our United Church Magazine BROADVIEW. It is truly a wonderful resource to deepen our spirits as the variety of articles, feature stories and opinion columns invite us to explore issues related to spirituality, justice and ethical living. SO > If you are not a subscriber, please be in touch and I will arrange safe-delivery of the July/August 2020 issue.

🌸 And always we have 'Spirit Glen'- our safe and sacred place to rest, reflect, and restore.

I will be sending out a more complete *Summer 2020 Worship and Spiritual Nourishment* email with multiple PDF resources and weblinks before the end of

June.

In the meantime, get ready for Sunday. Get ready to offer you best wishes to our 2020 graduates and bursary recipients. Get ready to applaud our 2020 'Jeana's Award' honouree. Get ready to enjoy lots of music and smiles and wisdom and faith filled faces.

*Namaste-Peace*

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