

Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Good Day (I hope)...

First of all a cartoon from this week's FaceBook scrolling..



Perhaps you have already seen this, however I wanted to share it again as it reflected many of the sentiments I have heard expressed this week: Be it on your FaceBook postings or check-in emails or phone calls. In fact it is these sentiments and feelings that gave rise to what weaves together our 'At Home' and 'online' worship gathering for this coming Sunday.

It is the sentiments, the feeling, that after almost 2 months in, I should be "coping". The feeling that I should not be exhausted, angry, frustrated, fed up.. (you know the list). That I am the only one feeling this compassion fatigue.

So it is here and through our 'At Home' and 'online' worship gathering, I want to and need to remind myself and all of us that- it's ok to feel what we feel; it's ok to ask for help; it's ok. I also wanted to invite us to hold all our feelings in relationship with the reminder and the assurance that we are in this together; we need one another; we will make it through.

As the opening page of this week's 'At Home Worship resource' reminds us;  
*'we are not just made by God, we are made of God.'*  
(thank you Jullian of Norwich).

As always, please know I am here, your PUC family is here. I am honoured and blessed by each of you and by all who take the time to check-in with me and allow me to check-in with them- sagely distanced yet deeply connected.



It is Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>- the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in May. A day when normally PUC would be filled with energy and laughter and hard work as people prepared for and hosted our Spring Chicken Burger Luncheon. Unfortunately, we will miss this fun fundraiser this year 😞 . The good news is that many of us have responded to the idea and invitation

from our Ways & Means Committee to consider offering a financial gift in support of our ongoing ministry and expenses -**THANK YOU**- Your generosity is greatly appreciated and so, so vital. If you wish to offer a gift, as always, you can use e-transfer or call the PUC Office to arrange safe drop-off or pick-up.

As we move into the days ahead, a reminder regarding our **SOUP LUNCHES for Seniors** outreach project beginning this Thursday- from 1-2pm for safe pick-up or delivery. Please call Ruth 902 485-5442 to arrange for your soup lunch.



THURSDAY, MAY 21 & 28 AND THURSDAY, JUNE 4 & 11.  
**FREE SOUP LUNCHES FOR SENIORS**  
(which include ½ litre of soup, biscuits/rolls, cookies)  
will be available from 1-2 pm for safe pick-up at Pictou United Church  
or, if required, safe drop-off and delivery to your home may be arranged.  
If you would like to enjoy a soup lunch for pick-up or delivery,  
please call Ruth @ 902 485-5442. Please leave a message.  
In partnership with United Way of Pictou County, Community Links Association, Stone Soup Café & Mrs. MacGregors.

Our 'At Home Worship Gathering for Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>' is now available for download from our PUC website- under the "Bulletins" Tab. As well, I will be sending it out by email to those who have asked, and printed copies are in the folder on the PUC front doors.

*Remember- if you use the 'download' version, please check out the embedded audio and video links- including our 2020 PUC Family Video!  
My hope is that these links & resources will enrich your At Home Worship Gathering.*

⇒ This week there is also 'Family Activity Resource' available on the PUC website under the "Bulletins" tab.

**This Sunday at 10:30am**, I will 'Go Live' on our PUC FaceBook page as I offer an online time of worship as we gather apart but yet together. Hope you can join me.

Please keep in touch and stay safe and well.

Namaste-Peace

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*ps... Dickson & Dodson Bursary applications are now available. Please contact the Church Office  
[pictounited@eastlink.ca](mailto:pictounited@eastlink.ca)  
application deadline is Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at noon.*

