

Friday, May 29, 2020

Happy Birthday to US!  
Happy Birthday Church!

In case you've missed my many memos- this Sunday is **Pentecost Sunday!** That Sunday when we turn to the ancient scripture story from the Book of Acts. 50 days after the celebration of Passover. 50 days after the death of their friend and mentor Jesus. 50 days of fear and grief and struggling to understand; they gathered. And as the scripture is told those first followers were filled with God's spirit. Enabled, empowered, energized to continue the ministry of Jesus, the work of God, in the world.

Are you feeling energized??

If not now, I hope and trust by the time you "tune in" and join in our very special **Pentecost Video Worship Gathering**, you will feel the spirit all around and deep within.

As I have said before- just because we can not be together, does not mean we can not be together!



We Celebrate Pentecost Sunday  
May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020  
10:30am

Join us on our PUC FaceBook Page for a  
Video Worship Gathering  
or find look for the YOUTUBE Link  
on our website

\*downloadable 'At Home Worship Gathering'  
is available at [www.pictounited.com](http://www.pictounited.com)  
under bulletins tab

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So get your **Pentecost colours** , orange, gold, yellow, red, on and at 10:30am join us FaceBook for the "premier" of our 2020 **Pentecost Video Worship Gathering** .

The worship video will also be uploaded to You Tube and the link will be on FaceBook and our PUC Website under the "Events/Calendar" notices.

I am also inviting us to get in the **Pentecost** spirit, by downloading and printing off your **Pentecost** Colouring Flame. It is available on PUC website- under the 'Bulletins' Tab. Printed copies are in the folder on the PUC front doors. There you will also find some **Pentecost** streamers that are free for the taking, so that you can move and grove during our there you can take and use during our **Pentecost Video Worship Gathering**.

REMEMBER> though we will gathering on FaceBook this Sunday through our **Pentecost Video Worship Gathering**, I have also prepared our *At Home Worship Gathering for Pentecost*. As in the past it is available for download from our PUC website- under the "Bulletins" Tab and 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.

A few other pieces of PUC NEWS...

- ✓ This week was also the second of our **SOUP LUNCHEES for Seniors**. Again, the response is overwhelming. Our Pastoral Care & Outreach Committee had received COVID Grants to support this project, and with those funds we estimated being able to offer about 250 lunches over 4 weeks. With the greater than anticipated response and our desire to continue our 4 Thursday commitment, we needed financial support. So thank you to the Dodson Family Endowment for their generosity that enables us to continue our **SOUP LUNCHEES for Seniors** for 2 more weeks.
- ✓ In mid-March, the closure of schools, meant an ending to our Grab & Go Lunch and Pantry Outreach Programs. Since that time our G&G coordinator, Mary MacCallum, has been in conversation with PA Principal Starr Pettipas to discern how we can still offer support to PA students. Face-to-Face classes may have ended, but hunger and food insecurity remains. In April, we provided Principal Pettipas with FundScrip grocery cards which she could distribute to those students she is aware of with food insecurity needs. Two weeks ago G&G applied for one of the United Way COVID Grants, in order to set up an Emergency G&G Food Pantry at the Church which students and youth could safely access. This week, our grant application was approved, Mary stocked our Pantry, Principal Pettipas sent out a note to PA students about the support G&G and Pictou United is now offering, and within days we responded to a message for assistance with an emergency food box from our PUC Grab & Go Emergency Pantry!

PUC is an “essential service”!! 😊

- ✓ As we move into the next week, it is **FUNDSCRIP Order Week**. Bev & Nancy will be receiving, and if needed, picking-up your **FUNDSCRIP** orders between 10am – noon this coming THURSDAY - June 4th. If you wish to be added to our **FUNDSCRIP** mailing list please email me so you can receive detailed ordering info. You can also find a **FUNDSCRIP** order form as part of this Sunday's **At Home Worship Gathering for Pentecost**. - again, under the 'Bulletins' tab on our PUC website.
- ✓ Next Sunday- June 7<sup>th</sup>- is the Sunday closest to June 10<sup>th</sup> which is the 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our United Church of Canada. Our 'At Home Worship Gathering For Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup>' will include a liturgy for the sharing of Communion and an invitation to prepare your 'at home' communion. On Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, I will go Live on FB at 10:30am for a time of worship as we share the gifts of God's love in our breaking of bread or muffins or scones and share in our cups of juice or water or wine, together. More details next Friday.

I do hope and trust you are safe and well. Thank you for reading, Thank you for your calls and notes and texts and emails and messages. Thank you for your commitment to the ministry we share.

Namaste-Peace

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*ps... as always, I am seeking story-tellers / readers for our nightly Moment for All FaceBook Story-Time.*

*Please call or send me an email [mbmoriarity@eastlink.ca](mailto:mbmoriarity@eastlink.ca)*

*And remember our 2020 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.*

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