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**This Sunday We Mark  
the last Sunday in the Church Year-**  
with the Season of Advent beginning on November 28th.  
**It is known as the  
'Reign of Christ Sunday'  
and /or  
'Stir It Up Sunday'.**  
**Join Us and Find out More!  
We Gather for Worship  
in person & via Facebook live-stream  
10:30am**

### "Stir It Up Sunday"!

Well isn't each and every Sunday an opportunity to be stirred? Stirred by the company we share; stirred by the gifts of music; stirred by the laughter of children; stirred by the wisdom of scriptures; stirred by the ministry we share; stirred by the spirit of God; stirred by the presence of the Christ disturbing and inviting us to a living faith; stirred by

the awesome reflections of your minister :) !

Little did I know, until just over a week ago, that on some church calendars there is a Sunday called "Stir It Up Sunday" and this Sunday it is here. The last Sunday of the church year as the Season of Advent begins on the 28th.

Now I am not going to tell you what 'Stir It Up Sunday' is all about, you will have to wait and learn more in worship. I do, however, want to say thank you to Donna Weaver for this teaching and for her willingness to be part of the stirring, we name as worship, this week.

Keeping with the stirring up theme, you have to give the Irish credit for helping to stir up the sullen dour faces of faith; so I offer this blessing (and smile) for the day:

*“May those who love us, love us;  
and those who don't love us, may God turn their hearts;  
and if God doesn't turn their hearts, may God turn their ankles  
so we'll know them by their limping.”*

Have an awesome day!

MB



**A Tisket, A Tasket 🦌 Win a Christmas Gift Card Basket!**

**Pictou United's Ways & Means 2021 Fun & Fundraiser**  
**Jam packed with merchandise cards**  
*Cara's New Hairizons, Ahead of Hair/Seaside Treasure Trove,  
Sobey's, Masstown Market, Subway and many more!*  
See complete list at [pictouunited.com](http://pictouunited.com) and at [pictou united facebook](#) 

**TICKETS ONLY \$5 To get yours contact:**  
**Patty MacIsaac - 902 485-4151**  
**Pictou United Office - 902 485-8081 (leave a message)**  
**Draw date: 12 Noon, Sunday, Dec 5, 2021**  
*NS Ticket Lottery Permit # AGD-311278-21*

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU from your Ways & Means Committee for your generous support. \$1700 in gift cards and certificates:**

*Ahead of Hair / Seaside Treasure Trove; Art2 Sea Art Gallery (Pictou) ;Harbour House Ales & Spirits (Pictou);Mrs. MacGregors Shortbread (Treats & Shivery Bites); Acropole Pizza (Pictou) ;A-1 Pizza (Pictou) ; deCoste Entertainment Centre ;Generations Bakery (Pictou);Marina Bar & Grill (Pictou);Cara's New Hairizons (Pictou);East Avenue Dining (New Glasgow);Heather Bowling Lanes ; Masstown Market /Masstown Creamery ;Sobeys ;Amazon ;Home Hardware ;Shoppers Drug Mart; Walmart; Coles/ Indigo Book; Marks (Work Warehouse); Giant Tiger ; Pharmachoice; Ultramar; Winners/Marshalls /Homesense; Subway; Mcdonald's ; Boston Pizza;Tim Hortons..*

**If you are able to hope out,by selling tickets please be in touch with Patty ASAP.**



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Since 2013 when our sexton, Clif Bush retired, our church has been cleaned by a group of dedicated volunteers. We sincerely appreciate the care taken to ensure PUC is so well maintained. Many of our longest serving cleaners would certainly appreciate a break.

So, we are seeking able-bodied members of our congregation to take a turn cleaning a section of the church.

If you can help, or have questions, please contact our Volunteers Coordinator: JANE BURRIS (902 759-3273).



**Our 2021 Advent-Christmas  
Journey begins on Sunday  
November 28th!  
As we prepare to  
"Create a Home for God."**

**More Information to Come!  
including our Advent-Christmas Letter & Schedule  
and  
our 2021 PUC Advent-Christmas  
Sharing & Living Calendar**



Now available! Set of 16  
**SPRIT GLEN GREETING CARDS**  
 Suitable for all occasions. **\$20 set!**  
 Individual Cards available. **\$2 each!**

See poster in the Narthex for complete set of images.  
 All proceeds in support of Pictou United Church



**A Note from our PUC Treasurer (Brenda Parker) and F&S Committee...**

**W**hen we adopted our 2021 PUC budget, at our Annual Meeting, we budgeted for a yearly revenue of \$101,050 to come from our weekly giving /offerings. This means, from now until the end of 2021, a weekly giving/offering budget of \$2,434.65. Currently we are averaging giving/offerings of \$2,150 per week-which means an anticipated shortfall of \$4,839 in what we budgeted for our weekly giving/offerings. This would be in addition to our budgeted anticipated deficit of over \$15,000.

Though this is very concerning, we are very aware that COVID has resulted in increased financial burdens for many of us and we are deeply appreciative of the deep commitment that is reflected in your financial support of our work and ministry. Thank You.

If, however, you are able to prayerfully review your financial support of the work and ministry we share, or if you have a fun fundraising idea that you would be willing to spearhead, that would also be deeply appreciated. Again, Thank You.



**PAR AUTHORIZATION FORM**

For registration of new PAR donors  
 For banking changes for existing donors

Donor name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_

PAR congregational number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Church PAR administrator: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Simplify your offering:  
 Contact the office about PAR  
 (Pre-Authorized Remittance)**

There are many 'safe' ways to offer your financial gifts to PUC.  
You can safely dropping it off at the PUC Office; you can place it on the offering plates that are at the entrance of our sanctuary; you might consider our PAR (pre-authorized remittance program) or you can use banking etransfer [pictounited@eastlink.ca](mailto:pictounited@eastlink.ca)  
no password required

*For all your gifts- For the gift that is you-We give thanks.*



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