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Subject: Friday Check- In for November 12th from MB

Good Morning,

It has been over 18 months since this Friday Check-In began to arrive in your email-box. Now the format and look and contents have shifted over those months, but my purpose remains- to keep our PUC family connected. To share news to offer a thought and to remind each of us that we are part of this amazing community of faith.

Now, perhaps some of you are loyal readers or some of you are skimmers or some of you are discard/deleters 😊 I know who you are!!! LOL! , I really just hope you know that you are part of my circle of care and that you are important to me, and a vital to the ministry we share.

As you read (I hope) this week's Check-In you will note a few asks... I am asking you to consider helping out, be it volunteer cleaners or *A Tisket, A Tasket* ticket sellers, because your church community needs you.

Someone asked me this week if they could only commit to 1 hour a week to help out around the church, would that be of use. The very short answer is YES!!!! Jane has had no responses- zero- zilch- nada... perhaps that is because many feel they only have an hour and that is of no use. I do not know- but please know an hour is a gift and we will receive it gratefully. So please if you are able call Jane and she can tell you how you can make a difference.

Blessings- Yours in Ministry

MB



Before I get going with all the news and announcements and "to do" list of work and life and ministry at PUC, I invite you to take a moment, to breathe and read and be enfolded by the wisdom of these words....

*Go gently today, don't hurry
or think about the next thing. Walk
with the quiet trees, can you believe
how brave they are—how kind? Model your life
after theirs. Blow kisses
at yourself in the mirror
especially when
you think you've messed up. Forgive
yourself for not meeting your unreasonable
expectations. You are human, not
God—don't be so arrogant.
Praise fresh air
clean water, good dogs. Spin
something from joy. Open
a window, even if
it's cold outside. Sit. Close
your eyes. Breathe. Allow*

*the river
of it all to pulse
through eyelashes
fingertips, bare toes. Breathe in
breathe out. Breathe until
you feel
your bigness, until the sun
rises in your veins. Breathe
until you stop needing
anything
to be different.*

"The Cure For It All" - Julia Fehrenbacher

I share these words in hope that they might speak to you, as they spoke to me this week. A week that for me has been filled with much pondering, planning, working and worrying about all that "needs" to get done and all I am feeling I am leaving undone. Then to be reminded that I am *'human-not God'*. Though hard for the ego, it was much needed.

And, yes, breathing is good.

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A few notes for this week and the weeks ahead...

> Please take note of the ask for volunteer cleaners. Now this might not seem like an important ask but it is. We have been fortunate to have a great team of cleaning volunteers keeping us and PUC looking good. However many folks need a break and some, due to personal reasons, are unable to continue to offer their time. We need help! So I am making a plea- please consider offering your time in support of your church.

> A HUGE THANK YOU to all who have already offered support of our '**A Tisket, A Tasket - Christmas Gift Card Basket 2021**'. - Sobey's; Home Hardware; deCoste Centre; Ahead of Hair- Seaside Treasure Trove; Mark's; Masstown Market; Art-To-Sea... to name but a few..and we know there are more to come. As noted below, we need all donations in by this Sunday

so our Ways & Means Committee can "reveal" the contents and value-and get selling! And so, with tickets on sale we need your help to sell them! If you are able to help out, please be in touch with Patty ASAP.

> As we make our way toward Advent-Christmas, I am still seeking to know if there is an interest in gathering for an 'online/ZOOM' Advent study/discussion group-Please let me know.

Hope to see you Sunday as we take time to breathe as we pause in worship!



**News...
Views...
& Announcements**

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A Ticket, A Tasket 🦌 Win a Christmas Gift Card Basket!

Pictou United's Ways & Means 2021 Fun & Fundraiser
Jam packed with merchandise cards

*Cara's, Ahead of Hair, Home Hardware, Sobey's, Pharmachoice,
Seaside Treasure Trove, Harbour House, Marks and many more!*
See complete list at pictouunited.com and at [pictou united facebook](#) 

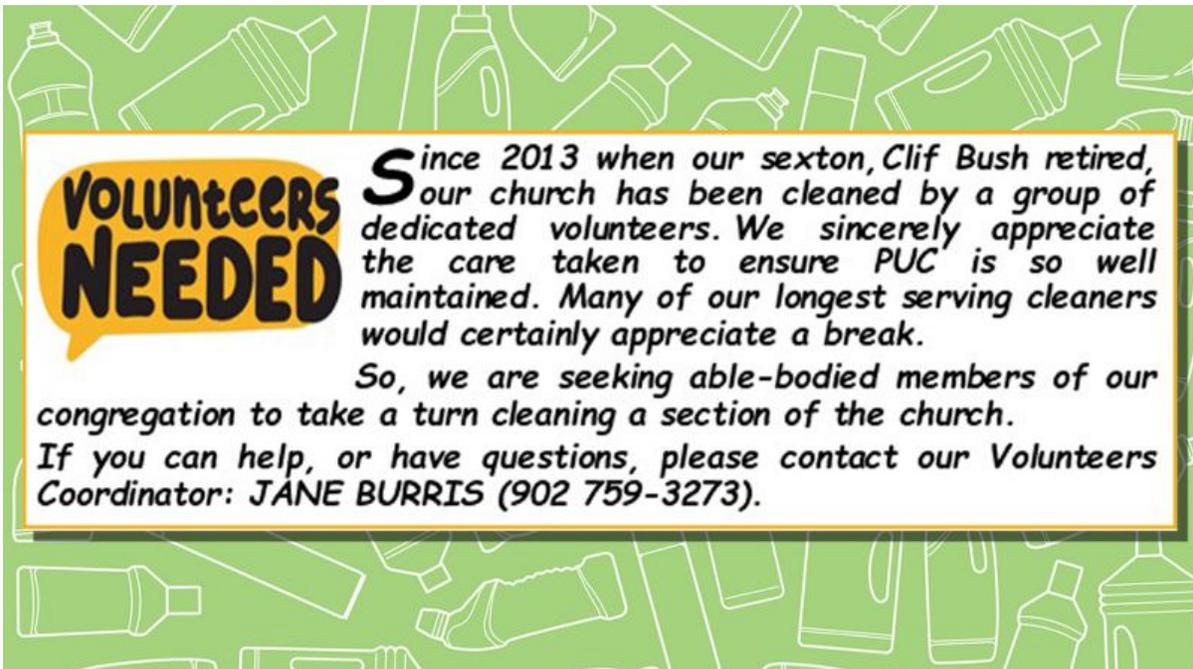
TICKETS ONLY \$5 To get yours contact:

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

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THANK YOU from your Ways & Means Committee for all your support.



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).



SPIRIT GLEN GREETING CARDS

As a thank you for the support Spirit Glen has received from PUC, sets of 16 photo images from the garden, (with envelopes) are available for \$20 in the narthex or from the office, all proceeds going to the church.

A poster in the narthex shows the diverse images contained in each set.

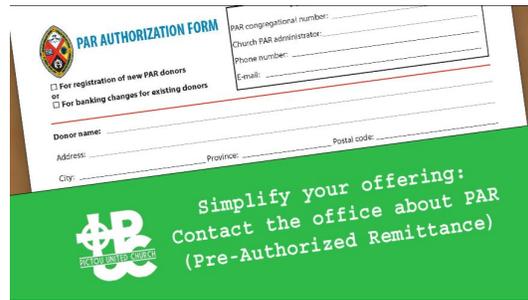


A Note from our PUC Treasurer (Brenda Parker) and F&S Committee...

When 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.



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

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no password required

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

