

Church Chat November 20, 2020



Reign of Christ Sunday Matthew 25:31-46

Celebrating the Reign of Christ Sunday marks the end of Ordinary Time and serves as a prologue to the festivities of Advent. We celebrate Christ's role in our lives in the world, and the church. In this reading Jesus reminds us once again of how important it is for us to bring hope to the hopeless and comfort to those in great need, to feed the poor and give water to the thirsty and clothe the naked.

Joanne returns November 23. For urgent Pastoral Care needs, please get in touch with Patti Skinner at 250-493-7376.

Sunday Worship: information at bottom of newsletter including Zoom link

Worship Dates (please mark your calendar)

November 22 – worship with Summerland United Church. *Marianne will be sending out the link separately.*

November 29 – Advent 1 worship with Summerland United Church

Dec 6 – Advent 2 – Communion/White Gift Sunday/Mitten Tree (see below).

Dec 6 - Wild Church contact Joanne

Dec 13 – Advent 3

Dec 20 – Advent 4

Dec 24 – Christmas Eve (7 pm)

Mitten Tree: Our new outdoor Mitten Tree. We are inviting people to come to the church between 12-2 on December 6 to help adorn the tree outside the church on Main Street. Bring your mittens, gloves, toques, scarves etc. and non-perishable food items will also be welcome. Distancing will be adhered to and people are asked to wear masks. The donations will be sorted and delivered to the respective organizations to be dispersed to those in need. If you are unable to come to the church on Sunday please contact the office and make arrangements to drop them off there and we will make sure they are added to the tree.

Correction Baptism: Keeva Bradford was Baptized Sunday, Nov. 8.

Announcements:

Freezer packs: Marie Houston has a large supply of the “squishy” freezer packs 6” x 7” if you are interested in getting some please call her at 250-492-8913.

Christmas Gifts: Never too early to consider ordering: giftswithvision.ca. There is also a copy in the Broadview so anyone with a subscription will have one.

Calendars: If you would like to order a United Church calendar please contact the office soon so that they one can be put aside for you. Thank you.

Annual Reports to Colin MacDermott by January 6, 2021. Will probably be the shortest reports ever!!!!

Annual General Meeting February 14, 2021

Hello if you have any inspirational thoughts, prayers, poems and Fall and Christmas recipes to share please contact Joanne and we can include them in Church Chat.

****Has anything happened to you** or do you have a story to share from the past 6 months – I know hard to believe.

Givings: we appreciate your continued support of the work of our church.

GROCERY CARDS: Use of grocery cards for SaveOn and Safeway are a wonderful and easy way to support Fundraising at PUC! If you purchase a \$100 grocery gift card----you can buy \$100 worth of groceries or any of a number of other items, including prescriptions, magazines, cards etc., sold at SaveOn or Safeway here or anywhere these stores exist. You will still collect Airmiles at Safeway and points at SaveOn and you can even budget your spending! PUC, as a Charitable organization, receives a discount of up to 8% from these stores, by buying gift cards in bulk. From September 5 to October 15 a total of \$277.00 was realized from the sale of Grocery cards and was deposited to the General Fund.

News Flash: From October 15 to November 15 a total of \$296.50 was realized from the sale of Grocery cards and was deposited to the General Fund”.

More ideas: Grocery cards would also be gratefully received as donations to the Food Bank! Or even as a welcome thank you gift perhaps.”

To purchase gift cards, please contact Cheryl at 250-492-2540 or email talk2ca@hotmail.com and she will be happy to deliver them in exchange for a cheque to PUC (or cash)

A big thank you to Cheryl for doing this for us. A great fundraiser in these difficult times.

A prayer list can be found in the Order or Service on the website. Please notify the office and Joanne if you have a prayer request.

Also let Joanne know if you have a favourite hymn to sing during the service. She will try to include all requests. For the next two weeks please leave your request on the office email

Events:

Racist, Who Me? An online event to explore the topic of racism in a safe and open environment, and learn about what anti-racism activities are happening in BC. Put on by Amnesty International and United Against Discrimination.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/anti-racism-event-tickets-127810632041>

Worship Update:

On-line Worship Services: we are continuing to gather at 10 via Zoom for worship on-line. Please use the current link. If you do not have the link please contact the office.

These on-line services are also recorded and posted on our Website and our FaceBook page if you want to watch later.

We are thrilled by how many are joining us this way. We have learned that people from other congregations are watching too.

On the Worship page of our Website (pentictonunitedchurch.com/worship) you can find the Order of Service posted prior to the service.

The recording of Sunday worship posted after each service on Sunday.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/415999196?pwd=U3FCT0VucXFzZjMweWxVWGcrOURvQT09>

Meeting ID: 415 999 196

Password: 486745

Please note that there is a local phone number to call in with a Meeting ID number and password if you would rather join that way.

Dial by your location

+1 778 907 2071 Canada

+1 438 809 7799 Canada

+1 587 328 1099 Canada

+1 647 374 4685 Canada

+1 647 558 0588 Canada

Meeting ID: 415 999 196

Password: 486745

Ongoing Communication:

Email: punitedc@telus.net

Mailing address: 696 Main Street, Penticton, B.C. V2A 5C8 (the mail box is secure and mail is being picked up daily.)

Phone: 250-492-2684 (please feel free to continue calling the church and leaving messages.)

The phone messages are being checked remotely so responses should be in a timely manner.)

Website: pentictonunitedchurch.com/blog/

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/PentictonUnitedChurch1/>

