

Welcome TO Pine River United Church



May 28th, 2017

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UCW Sunday

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*A warm welcome to Pine River United Church.
May this time of worship offer you
strength for the week ahead.*

* INDICATES AN INVITATION TO RISE IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT.
CONGREGATION MAY RESPOND WITH THE PARTS PRINTED IN
BOLD.

UCW Church Service

GATHERING

WELCOME, OVERALL THEME: LESLIE UTTLEY

CALL TO WORSHIP:

WE COME LISTENING FOR YOU TO SPEAK.

We come, O God, wondering what will be.

WE COME CRYING OUT TO YOU.

**We come, O Spirit, laughing in our joy yet
still afraid.**

WE COME, O RISEN CHRIST, AS WE LOOK AROUND AND
WORRY.

**We come waiting for your voice in our
hearts.**

We come at your invitation.

* OPENING HYMN: "JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE"
VU # 232

OPENING PRAYER LYNDA MACKENZIE

LET US JOIN TOGETHER IN PRAYER:

Jesus, you are the Christ.

**In your rising is our own rising,
but we struggle every day.**

**We want to be comfortable, relaxed, even,
but you reach out and touch us all.**

With wounded hands you hold our hands.

With wounded feet you walk beside us.

June 22nd: Thursday, Official Board meeting at 6:30 pm

June 23th, Friday Reminder of our **2nd Annual FUN-raiser** for Silver Lake United Church Camp at Point Clark Community Centre starting at 5:00 p.m. Donation Sheet is in the front lobby.

June 25th: Sunday at 3:00 p.m. Join "Friends of the Orphans" for a picture journey to the "orphanage" in Nicaragua. A team will be travelling to the Dominican Republic or Nicaragua in 2018. Come out, have a look, enjoy the refreshments.

June 25th: The Church will celebrate Canadian Music, please think of your favourite songs for this special Sunday.

Greeter Sheets.... Please sign up.

Please note...we are still collecting used stamps and pop tabs, but no longer collecting Campbell's soup labels.

Sharing Table is now downstairs....

ENEWS: If you would like to be sent emails, please fill out the form at the back of the church.

Food Bank: We are collecting baby food or anything else would all be appreciated.

*Hamilton Conference Prayer Cycle:
As a church we are called to pray for each other
and our mission in the world.
This week keep in prayer our
brothers and sisters at
St. David's-Queenston United Churches
Niagara Presbytery*

Announcements

May 28th, Sunday, 7:30 pm, A Cappella choir presents an evening of Sacred and Gospel Music: DONA NOBIS PACEM at Port Elgin United Church. Patt Lowry still has a few tickets \$20.

June 1st, Thursday, Morning Break, 9:30 a.m.

June 2nd: Friday: 9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Group
4:15 p.m. Cherub Choir and
4:45 p.m. for the 9rs & 10rs and Up.

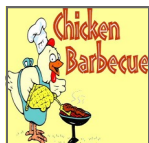
June 4th: 2:30 to 4:30pm. You are invited a Come and Go Tea at Pine River United Church to celebrate the 50th Wedding Anniversary of David and Joyce Ellis. Best Wishes only please!

Community Singers: Performance dates are Friday, June 9th and Saturday, June 10th at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, June 11th at 3:00 p.m. At the Kincardine Pavilion. Social time and music an hour before the start. Tickets are available at Jerome flower and Gifts and Choir Members. Come and enjoy "The Canada Concert".

June 11th, Foodgrains Sunday. Guest speaker David Epp, Ontario Food Grains Coordinator. Soup luncheon to follow.

June 14th, Wednesday is the Pine River United Church Annual Chicken BBQ from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tickets will be available every Sunday before and after church.

Adults \$20.00, Youth 5-10 \$10.00 and under 5 free.



Advance sales ONLY!!!

The sign up sheet for making desserts are in the lobby, we need either 2 pies or 9 x 13 tray of desserts (for cutting and putting on plates).

June 20th, Tuesday. (Please note date change for the next UCW meeting.) 9:30 a.m.

With a pierced heart you enfold our hearts.
Your eyes gaze deeply into our own eyes –
you implore, you invite and you incite.
“Go! Tell! Share! Heal! Do it in my name,”
you command us with a smile.
It is a smile which knows from the inside
out. It is a smile shadowed with pain *and*
with joy. It is a smile both wry and
companionable. Strengthen us, O God.
Enable us, O Spirit.
Lead us, O Christ. Amen.

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING: HABAKKUK 1:1-4, 2:1-4

LINDA CAMPBELL

REVELATION 21:3B-5A JEAN COLLING

GROWING WITH GOD: (AT THE SOUND OF THE “RAIN
STICK”, ANY YOUTH ARE INVITED TO COME FORWARD)

PRAYER (In unison)

**Sometimes change frightens me,
but thank you for being there with me.
Thank you for helping me grow.
Thank you for teaching me love.
I trust you, always. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION: NANCY CAMPBELL

WE SUGGLE INTO YOUR WELCOMING EMBRACE,
O GOD, SEEKING HEALING WHOLENESS IN CONFESSION.

We admit it, O God.

We're scared,

**wanting to squirrel ourselves into safe,
predictable places.**

**We're unwilling – unable at times – to trust
you. “Change happens,” we nod sagely,**

**“But only if we can control it, okay?”
Then your Spirit breathes where it wills –
uncontrollable by its very nature.
We turtle and try to protect what we have,
even as we are blown in new directions.
Will we ever learn to trust in faith?
Can we ever learn to trust in you?
(Silent Prayer)
Amen.**

ASSURANCES OF GRACE: LESLIE UTTLEY

YOU DON'T HAVE TO HIDE UNDER THE COVER OF DARKNESS,
SKULKING AROUND FOR FEAR OF BEING DISCOVERED AND ACCUSED.
THE RISEN CHRIST MEETS YOU WITH OPEN ARMS,
INVITING YOU TO ACCEPT THE ABUNDANCE OF GOD'S GRACE,
TO ENTER INTO THE HEALING HUG OF TRANSFORMATION,
TO BE BORN AFRESH INTO NEW WAYS OF LIVING.
YOU ARE LOVED TRULY, FULLY, COMPLETELY
FOR WHO YOU ARE AND WHO YOU ARE BECOMING
BECAUSE OF WHO'S YOU ARE. THANKS BE TO GOD!
JESUS WEEPS WITH US IN OUR PAIN AND OUR BROKENNESS,
BUT HE NEVER LEAVES US,
ALWAYS HERE TO OFFER NEW LIFE, NEW WAYS OF BEING.
THE SPIRIT BLOWS WHERE IT WILLS AND PUSHES US TO UNEXPECTED
JOY AS WE EMBRACE CHRIST'S HOPE AND HEALING.
GOD'S GRACE FLOODS OUR LIVES EACH DAY AND IN EVERY MOMENT
SO WE CARRY BLESSING AS A PROMISE AND AS A COMMITMENT.
WE ARE FORGIVEN, LOVED, RESTORED AND ENLIVENED.
THANKS BE TO GOD.

*** HYMN: “LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING” VU # 333**

**GUEST SPEAKERS: GEORGE AND AILEEN ELLIOTT
INTRODUCED BY BETTY JONES**

*** HYMN: “MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE” VU # 820**

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*** COMMISSIONING:**

WE GO FROM THIS PLACE STANDING TALL AND CONFIDENT.

**No longer bent over,
we go to live in Love every moment.**

WE GO FROM THIS PLACE HEALED AND WHOLE.

**No longer ashamed of our uncertainty,
but trusting we have a place and a purpose.**

WE GO FROM THIS PLACE WITH THE SPIRIT'S ENTHUSIASM.

**No longer afraid to make a difference in the
world, but delighted to build relationships –
one touch at a time.**

WHILE WE MAY STILL WORRY, LIVING CHRIST, WE REST OUR TRUST IN YOU. BLESS WHAT WE HAVE SAID AND DONE TODAY AS A SIGN OF THAT TRUST, KNOWING YOU ARE THE AUTHOR OF OUR TRANSFORMATION, RESTING IN THE ASSURANCE OF YOUR GIFT OF FAITH. YOU DO, INDEED, MAKE BEAUTIFUL THINGS OUT OF US.

CHORAL AMEN

***Thank you to everyone who
assisted in the service today.***

***Please join us downstairs for
refreshments and fellowship.***

Upcoming Church Services

**June 4th: Pentecost Sunday - Communion
June 11th: Foodgrains Sunday
June 18th: Aboriginal Sunday
June 25th: Celebrate Canada's 150th.**

WHILE YOU WHISPER TO OUR HEARTS, "IT'S UP TO YOU;"
WE READ MEDIA STORIES OF FEAR, OF ISOLATIONISM, OF RACISM, OF HATE
THAT SEEMS TO BE SWALLOWING THE WORLD IN POISONED RELATIONS AND
WE LISTEN TO JESUS' WORDS,

"LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU;"

WE WONDER IF THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON MISSING AND MURDERED
INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS WILL ACTUALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE
AMIDST GRAND PROMISES AND GREAT FANFARE,

WHILE JESUS' WORDS FALL ONCE MORE ON OUR HEARTS,

"AS YOU DID FOR THESE, YOU DID IT FOR ME;"

WE LISTEN TO YOUR SPIRIT WHISPERING TO US OF TRANSFORMATION
TRANSFORMATION INTO WHAT WE CAN BECOME,
TRANSFORMATION INTO WHAT WE CAN HELP OUR WORLD BECOME,
TRANSFORMATION INTO NEW POSSIBILITIES

BECAUSE OF OUR BAPTISM BY LIVING WATER.

IN GRATITUDE, WE LIFT OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER-FILLED THANKSGIVING.

(SILENT PRAYER)

O GOD, MAY YOUR LIVING WATER BATHE US

WITH HOPE, WITH JOY AND WITH LOVE

AS WE REPEAT THE WORDS JESUS GAVE US TO PRAY, SINGING:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy
name. Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive
them that trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the
glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

DEDICATION OF QUIET ROOM

* HYMN: "GUIDE ME O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH?"

VU # 651

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

* OFFERING HYMN: "GRANT US, GOD, THE GRACE"
VU # 540

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (IN UNISON)

**Take what we offer, O God, as you take us –
our lives and our living, our love and our loving
blessing us for your mission and ministry.
Transform us into agents of healing for an
aching world as we share the gifts with which
you have blessed us. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

COMMUNITY PRAYER: LESLIE UTTLEY

DO WE HEAR IT?

CAN WE LISTEN CAREFULLY ENOUGH

TO HEAR THE SOUNDS OF YOUR LIVING WATER,

OR ARE WE DISTRACTED BY THE BABBLING OF THE BROOKS OF OUR
THOUGHTS?

BESIDE THE STREAMS OF YOUR GIFT OF LIVING WATER, O CHRIST,
WE OPEN OURSELVES TO YOU.

WE MAY SPEAK OUR THOUGHTS ALOUD INTO THIS SAFE SPACE OF
WORSHIP, OR WE MAY SPEAK OUR THOUGHTS SILENTLY INTO YOUR
HEART, BUT WE UNBURDEN OURSELVES TO YOU:

(SILENT PRAYER)

EVEN AS WE NAVIGATE THE RAPIDS AND THE TURMOIL OF OUR WORRIES,
WE OPEN OUR PERCEPTIONS TO SEE YOUR LIVING WATER.

THE LIGHT OF YOUR SON GLINTS BRILLIANTLY
FROM EACH GLISTENING WAVE CREST.

AS WE LISTEN CAREFULLY TO THE CHUCKLING OF THAT SUSTAINING
WATER - YOUR LIVING WATER WHICH OPENS US TO DREAMS OF WHAT
MIGHT BE - WE TASTE THE SWEETNESS OF YOUR BLESSING US TO ACT.
AS THE MUSIC OF THE FLOWING OF YOUR BLESSINGS SERENADES OUR
SOULS, WE LOOK ACROSS THE WORLD AND IMAGINE HOW YOU EQUIP US
FOR CHANGE: WE SEE THE TOO-RAPIDLY DEVELOPING FAMINE
SPREADING LIKE A CANCER ACROSS THE SOUTH SAHARAN TERRITORIES OF
AFRICA AND INTO THE SOUTHERN COUNTRIES OF AFRICA,