

Community

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Pender Island Community Church
<http://www.penderislandcommunitychurch.ca>

Welcome to your community church home on Pender Island!

Not the latest fad

PICC does not follow the latest fads found in TV churches. We worship as Christians have always worshipped. With prayer, with hymns, with joy and thanksgiving

The Website:

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With thanks to Pender Islands Museum

What's that place all about?

If you pass Pender Island Community Church, you might ask yourself 'what goes on in that place anyway?' Pender Island Community Church is the third congregation to make the little church home. Yet the congregation is not new.

The sharp-eyed passerby may notice a new sign and a slightly new name. "Slightly" is right; up until last year the congregation's name was Pender Island Community United Church. The name reflected its outgrowth from the United Church of Canada and while it has not been a United Church congregation for many decades its' association continued due to the curious fact that the United Church held title to the building.

All that changed last year when the congregation purchased the building from the UCC to formalize an old reality. The negotiations were amicable as the United Church had not maintained a congregation on the island for many years but were eager a Christian congregation continue making use of the charming heritage building for its original purpose. Our focus is the worship of God, sharing of the good news of the salvation bought by His son Jesus Christ, and fellowship in the Holy Spirit. What better fit for a church could there be?



If you are a church, how are you meeting during COVID?

From the beginning of COVID in our province our congregation has followed the rules and advice of the Provincial Health Officer to minimize the chance of spreading the illness amongst the congregation or to our dear fellow citizens of the islands we all call home. We recognized that as the restrictions were not focused solely on religious communities but asked for sacrifice by all British Columbians, then it was our duty and privilege to do our part in the fight to limit the impact of COVID.

Well great but that hardly answers the question does it?

True. We meet safely - over Zoom. Like many Christian churches worldwide now do. If you are interested in 'attending' a Zoom church service (where we can really say: 'We don't bite!') just email webeditor@picchurch.ca for a Zoom link for Sunday service.



Our New Sign!

Why 'Community'?

The word community in our name is very apt. Reflecting our formal background (officially, formerly a Presbyterian, and United congregation) and the make-up our current congregation, we reflect many Christian traditions.

You are just as likely to find an Anglican as you are a United believer. A Baptists may rub shoulders with a Pentecostal and a Mennonite with a Catholic. What we all share is faith in Jesus Christ.

Yet the word community also reflects the desire to see every person on Pender Island - the community we ourselves are a part of - hear the good news about God's great love for all people and the way He invites all people to both forgiveness and salvation.

PICC is a Christ centred church. Maybe you have been away from church for a very long time or never even been in a church but if you feel the gentle call of Christ we invite you to come check us out!

Community church: is it 'real'?

By real, we mean, is Pender Island Community Church (PICC) a real Christian church. Christian churches come in many flavours and styles, different governance structures, sometimes a part of large and even international bodies and, sometimes, as with PICC, they are independent congregations with no formal denominational ties.

PICC does however, subscribe to a statement of faith that puts it squarely in place amongst believing orthodox congregations everywhere. And while the church contains a very *regular* statement of faith it also subscribes to one of Christianity's oldest creeds: The apostles Creed which is held in common with Christians worldwide and across denominations