

Central Queens United Church
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April 16, 2017 – Easter Sunday

(Stand as able *)

Prelude: “The Old Rugged Cross” Central Queens Musical Friends

Welcome & Announcements:

Birthday’s & Special Occasions: (Tune to Happy Birthday)

We celebrate you, in all that you do

We love you, God bless you.

Let us celebrate you.

Gathering Music: “He Rose”

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Easter is God’s reminder to us that death and disaster are not the final word.

People: Easter reminds us that out of the most hopeless situation comes hope.

Leader: God calls us to believe in new possibilities, to reach for new life and to celebrate the Easter message. Christ Is Risen!

All: Hallelujah! He is Risen Indeed.

Prayer Of Approach:

God of Resurrection, you gave us new life as we awoke this morning. Give us new life as we gather together to sing our Easter praises, as we share our faith, and as we break bread together.

Our God your love gives us reason to celebrate. Be present among us as we pray the prayer you taught your faithful people. Our Father....

Hymn: # VU 220 "Praise to the Lord"

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 118 VU 837

Time With Youth: (at conclusion children recess for Sunday School)

Go, go, go, with God

Have peace with your heart

Praise and pray every day

Have peace within your heart

Presentation of Our Gifts To God:

(Choir sings as gifts are received)

***Offertory Prayer:**

O God, we are filled with hope on this Easter Sunday as we celebrate Christ’s rising from the dead – May our offerings be signs of hope for the broken in our world. Bless our efforts and encourage our generosity in Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn:** # VU 217 "All Creatures of our God and King"

Prayer of Confession & Renewal:

We need new life, O God. We, too, need to emerge from our tombs of doubt and mistrust. We need to be unwrapped from our fears, our sorrows, our unforgiven sins. Grant us, this day, the new life of Christ, the joy of Easter and a hope that leans on you. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: On Easter morning, Jesus burst the bonds of death. Be assured, friends and family of God, that in our confessing and repenting and turning again to the heart of God, Jesus burst the bonds of our sins.

People: By God’s full and abundant grace, we are forgiven, freed to be all that God would have us be, freed to live abundant life.

Hallelujah! Praise be to God!

Special Music: “If That Isn’t Love”

-LISTENING TO THE WORD-

Old Testament Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18

Sermon:

-RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS-

Choral Anthem: "Because He Lives"

Hymn: VU 457 "As We Gather at Your Table"

Presentation of the Bread and the Cup:

Prayers Of Thanksgiving and Consecration:

Leader: May God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them up to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Words of Institution:

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup:

Prayer After Communion:

Lord Jesus, bless each one of us this day so that we might be instruments of your peace. Be with us as we proclaim the good news and may we bring joy to your hurting world. May our participation in this meal prepare us for the ministry which awaits us. In your Holy Name. Amen!

***Hymn:** # VU 884 "You Shall Go Out with Joy"

Commissioning & Benediction:

Leader: May the love of the cross, the power of the resurrection and the presence of the Living Christ, be with you always. And the blessing of the Eternal God; Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be upon you now and evermore.

People: We go to share the good news of Easter.

Choral Benediction: Hallelujah – Central Queens Musical Friends



Today's Bulletins Are Placed
In Loving Memory
Edith Rackham
December 12, 1933 – April 11, 2012
Remembered By
Robert & Family

-LIFE AND WORK OF OUR CHURCH –

- If you are visiting with us today we welcome you and encourage you to sign our guest book located in the foyer of the building.

- Karla's (Church Secretary) Work Schedule: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. and Thursday 1:00 – 4:00 p.m..

- Please Note that there is a large wooden box in the foyer where you may place your items for the **FOOD BANK**. The box will be there year round. We ask that you remember the poor in your prayers and donate to the food bank as you are able.

- We invite you to take some quiet time to prepare for worship by reading these lessons. Next week Lectionary Readings are: April 23 – *Second Sunday of Easter* - Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16 (Voices United 737-738); 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

- **FUND SCRIP** – Janet will be set up before church each Sunday selling gift cards with a variety of cards on hand. Anyone who would like to learn more about the program she will be happy to answer your questions. Each month there are promotions available. April's promotions are the Swiss Chalet / Montana's 5% up from 3% and Giant Tiger 5% up from 3%

- **Need Help!** Some people need help completing their **Income Tax and Benefit Returns**. That's why, every year, volunteers working with community, organizations and individuals give their time to help. Find out more about this service by visiting the Canada Revenue Agency's Web page at www.cra.gc.ca/volunteer or phone 1-800-959-8281. Fred Stilwell will be volunteering again this year from our community. If you would like Fred to do your 2016 taxes (free of charge) please call 902-628-8472.

- Central Queens United Church voted in 4 new elders – We welcome Lois Lajeunesse, Janet Howes, Walter Carver and Janice MacKenzie and we would like to thank our 4 retiring elders Kim Rodd, Trevor Campbell, Fred Stilwell and Joan D. Bernard for their years of commitment.

- Time to learn the basis of membership in the United Church of Canada? If you are a youth or adult and are thinking about being confirmed in our church, or you want to transfer your membership from another congregation or denomination then please speak to the minister or call the church office at 902-964-2221.

- We are looking for Volunteers to sign up for our After Church Luncheon and Tea. Anyone who can help out please sign up on the sheet outside the sanctuary. Thank You!

- April 19th – Thursday – 8:30 p.m. – Choir Practice to be held at Central Queens United Church. Please Note Change of Date.

- April 20th -- Thursday – 7:00 p.m. – Rosewood Service to be led by the United Church Men.

- April 22nd -- Saturday – The PEI Presbyterial UCW Annual Meeting will be held at Park Royal United Church, 1 Christie Drive, Charlottetown. Registration begins at 9:30; Cost: \$8.00. Bring lunch to share. AM: Business; PM Memorial and communion services and guest speakers: Hank and Rowena Stinson.

- April 23rd -- Sunday – 10 a.m. – Choir Practice to be held at Central Queens United Church.

- April 23rd -- Sunday – 12:30 p.m. – Central Queens United Church invites you to attend its 12 months of activities to celebrate its 10 year Anniversary. April's activity is a Friendship Soup meal, inviting the Refugee Committee and the Syrian family to join us.

- ~April 27 Thursday – 7:00 p.m. – Presbytery Meeting at Central Queens United Church.

- May 13th -- Saturday – 9:30 a.m. -- The next meeting of The Minister's Book Club is Saturday, May 13 in the Church Parlour. The selection of the month is When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi. All welcome. Please contact Liz Spangler ([902 964 2295](tel:9029642295)) if you have any questions.

- June 15th - Thursday - 7:45 p.m. Official Board Meeting. We will be voting on Remit 4: Funding a New Model. Please visit gc42.ca/remits for information on the remit.

- July 15th – Saturday -- 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. -- Church Yard Sale: Are you tired of your closet that is filled with either clothes that are too big small or you just don't wear them anymore? Are you tired of looking at your hutch that is filled with old dishes that you never use, and are you just sick and tired of garbage that is filled to capacity with stuff you and your family don't use any more, well then why not donate them to the Central Queens United Church Yard Sale. Drop off dates to bring donations are as follows: Sunday, July 9th after church; Wednesday & Thursday July 12th & 13th from 5:30 – 7 p.m... Please DO NOT drop off donations on Friday as there is a memorial service being held at the church. Anyone who would like to bake bread or biscuits to sell please drop off Saturday morning.

-COMMUNITY EVENTS-

- April 19, 20, 21 & 22th -- 7:30 p.m. -- Winsloe Players presents “Nosey Mrs. Wilson”, a three act comedy directed by Barb Perry. All proceeds to support the QEH/Eastlink Telethon. The play will be presented at Carrefour Theatre. Tickets are available at: Winsloe Irving ([902-569-0166](tel:9025690166)), the QEH Foundation ([902-894-2425](tel:9028942425)), Proude's Shoes ([902-894-3504](tel:9028943504)) and from Barb Perry ([902-368-2620](tel:9023682620)). Tickets: Adults - \$15.00 Children 12 & Under - \$8.00 . Calling all fudge makers! The Winsloe Players are graciously accepting donations of homemade fudge, to be sold at intermission as an additional way to raise funds during their event. If you are able to donate this sweet treat to help raise money for the QEH please contact Barb Perry at 902-368-2620. Thank you!

- April 20th -- Thursday – 7 p.m. – Windham Chamber Singers -- award winning choir in concert – to be held at Trinity Church in Charlottetown. Free will offering. For more information please check bulletin board,

- **April 22nd – Saturday – 8 a.m. – 12 noon -- Spring Park United Church Annual Yard Sale -- *Coffee, tea and snacks available for purchase.* Proceeds to benefit the United Church Women, the Church & a Youth Group event. Unsold items donated to the Mikinduri Children of Hope for their sale in May.**
- **April 22 & 23 -- Saturday & Sunday – noon – 4 p.m. --** PEI Sierra Club is hosting the family and children's activities from noon to 4 pm on Saturday and Sunday April 22 and 23, with The Music Man Mike Pendergast both days plus other music, the Earth Art Show, Clothesline Art and family art activities; face painting; seed planting; a reading tent; and more.
- **April 23rd – Sunday – 7 p.m. -- Service of Gospel Music** presented by the Men of the Harvest at St. John's United Church in Mount Stewart. Tickets available at the door or by calling Shirley Affleck (676-2549). Adults \$10.00, children six and under Free.
- **April 24th – Monday – 7:30 p.m. -- Winsloe United Church Ceilidh** on "A Tribute to Lady Singers of our Century", presented by Joan Reeves, Judy McGregor, Keila Glydon, Marcella Richard, and Colleen MacPhee. Hosted by Judy McGregor and Joan Reeves. Admission is \$12 at the door; doors open at 6:30 p.m.
- **May 5th – Friday – Gala Dinner 2017** (A fundraiser in support of AST) From Syria with Chocolate: One New Canadian Family's Story with Guest Speaker Tareq Hadhad. The Lord Nelson Hotel 1515 South Park Street, Halifax, NS; Friday, May 5th Reception 6 pm / Dinner 7 pm... Tickets \$150 per person or \$1,500 per table of 10. Reserve your spot before Friday, April 14. Details on our website: <http://www.astheology.ns.ca/home/events/gala-2017.html>
- **May 6th -- Saturday – 9 – 1:30 p.m. – Giant Yard Sale** to be held at the Eastlink Center for Mikinduri Children of Hope. This is a small community in Africa. See bulletin board for more information.

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- **May 13th – Saturday – Variety Show** to be held at Spring Park United Church Sanctuary; 65 Kirkwood Drive, Charlottetown. Doors open at 6:30, concert begins at 7 p.m. . . Tickets can be purchased from Glenda Frizzell 902-894-9279 or at the church office 902-368-1822. Tickets are \$12 per person at the door or \$10 per person if bought in advance. Concert Featuring: Treble with Girls, Brian Dunn, Betty Lou Jordan & Kenny Downe, and Step by Step, Jill Chandler, Randy Burrows and other special guests.
- **May 13th -- Saturday – 1:30 p.m. – Hunter River Lion's Club** presents "Fun In The Sun" Fashion Show. Fashions by Go Girl. Tickets \$10 each, There will be desert, tea, coffee and table favors. Tickets available by contacting Lions Club members.
- **June 16th – Friday -- 6 p.m. – midnight -- Cancer Changes Everything.** So Can You. Join your family, friends and neighbors at Confederation Landing Park on Friday, June 16 from 6pm to midnight for the 2017 Queens County Relay For Life. Whether you are cheering on survivors, walking the track, passing the baton to your teammate or joining in exciting trackside activities, Relay For Life is more than just a cancer walk - it's a journey.. Every dollar raised by Relay for Life participants makes a difference. Money raised funds Canada's most promising cancer research to save more lives, ensures no one has to face cancer alone and helps stop cancer before it starts. For more info go to www.cancer.ca and click "get involved" (Gail at [902-566-4007](tel:902-566-4007).)

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