

Central Queens United Church

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(Stand as able *)

Ministry Of Music:

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:

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: In this season of Lent we gather as people of faith.

People: Seeking food for our souls

Leader: we gather as people seeking a deeper relationship with our God and Creator.

People: Seeking knowledge

Leader: We gather to obey Jesus command. "Watch and Pray"

All: Seeking Sabbath time may we be aware, O Holy One, of your Spirit leading and uplifting us this day. Let us be a community of believers.

***Introit: # 4 "All Who Are Thirsty"**

Prayer Of Approach:

We gather in this place, at this time to honor you and to praise you, our God. We come as your children to learn how to serve you, and to live life to the fullest, we return to you, O God so that we might experience your love, your mercy and your forgiveness.

The wonder of your love is that you offer us a fresh start, a new beginning, a clean slate.

Hymn: # VU 326 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 130 VU 853

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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: VU 852 "Up from the Depths I Cry" (Choir sings as gifts are received)

***Offertory Prayer:**

Today, O God, we offer the whole and the broken pieces of our lives to you, to bless and transform. We offer also the gifts of our time and treasure that they might be used for the work of your church. Bless what we bring and open our hearts to the needs of others. Amen.

***Hymn: # VU 385 "Spirit Divine, Attend our Prayers"**

Prayer of Confession & Renewal:

We need forgiveness, God, for we are not the people you would have us be and we are not the people we would like to be. Time and again, the love that lives within us remains unspent. Time and time again, the compassion that stirs inside us remains restrained. Time and time again, the life of abundance you call us to live and share, remains only a dream. Forgive us and set us free to be all we can be. (Silent Prayer) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: We know our God as a God who renews broken covenants, who offers blessings and who has the power to make each of us a blessing to others.

People: Despite our weakness, we can begin once more by turning to God and acknowledging our sins. Thanks be to God. Amen.

The New Creed: (Sung)

-LISTENING TO THE WORD-

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Gospel Reading: John 11:1-45

Sermon:

-RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS-

Anthem: "Jesus Is Calling"

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Pastoral Prayers & Lord's Prayer:

***Hymn: # VU 586 "We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection"**

Commissioning & Benediction:

Leader: Go into a world too often profane and too often violent.

People: We go in the name of love, for it is still God's world.

All: May the name of our Holy God give us strength and hope as we go. Amen.

Choral Benediction: "God Grant Us Grace"

God grant us grace,
And peace to share
Faith, joy, and mercy good.
Sent from this place,
Renewed to share;
With all God's neighbourhood.



Today's Bulletins Are Placed
In Loving Memory
Of Our Parents
Inez & Harry Smith

Presented by
Helen, Wilfred, Velda, Margaret, Lois & Families

-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..
- Anyone who would like to donate yarn to the Prayer Shawl Group of Central Queens United Church it would be greatly appreciated. The Prayer Shawl Group makes shawls to give to folks in retirement homes, hospital and new mothers etc.. -3-

- 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.

- **You can Sponsor Sunday Bulletin Covers for 2017:** United Church Sunday bulletin covers are a great addition to our worship services, providing excellent photos, liturgy, and reflections by United Church people. Congregation members are invited to sponsor a week of bulletins to honour a special day/event or to offer a memorial for a deceased loved one and to help cover the costs of bulletins for our church. The sign-up sheet is on the table outside the sanctuary. Cost is \$20.00 per Sunday.

- **Central Queens United Church Cookbook** - Anyone who would like to buy one or more of our new cookbooks, please call Karla t 964-2221 or 393-9071. These cookbooks would make a great wedding gift, bridal shower gift, birthday gift or even a gift to save for your children when they venture out into the world on their own.

- We invite you to take some quiet time to prepare for worship by reading these lessons. Next week Lectionary Readings are: April 9 – Liturgy of the Palms - Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (Voices United 837). Liturgy of the Passion - Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16 (Voices United 758); Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14 - 27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54

- An announcement will be made by radio on Ocean 100 by a.m. and it will also be posted on our web-site.

- **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%

- We are pleased for the first time to participate in the **Fundraising Campaign with Vesey's Bulbs**. We will be selling summer bulbs, flower & vegetable seeds, seed mats, perennials....

There are over 50 items listed in the catalogue. You don't need a large backyard to have a green thumb! There are sprouts, herbs, container plants. Central Queens United Church will earn 50% profit on everything we sell. If you would like to take a catalogue to work, home, or just place a personal order contact Pat Carver at 902 628-7669. The catalogue can be viewed at https://gallery.mailchimp.com/43c30353b50c4a0de2c2c96f7/files/2017_SPRING_CAT_CAN_JPG2.pdf

- Gena Yeo is going on a Work and Witness Mission Trip to Rwanda in November. Gena pays her own way, but she is required to fund raise for materials needed for the project the group will work on while there. If you would like to help her, help them by giving a Love Offering please put your donation into the Rwanda Box. Any donation over \$10 is tax deductible, so please include your full name and complete address. Thank you

- 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

- April 2nd – Sunday – 7 p.m. -- Bible Study to be held at Rev. Barb's House

- April 5th – Wednesday – 8:30 p.m. – Choir Practice to be held at Central Queens United Church.

- April 8th – Saturday – 9:30 a.m. -- Minister's Book Club to be held at Andrews Lodge in Charlottetown at the invitation of Jennie MacNeill. This month's book is "A House In The Sky" by Amanda Lindhout and Sara Corbett. Everyone Welcome. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF VENUE.

- April 9th -- Sunday – 10 a.m. – Choir Practice to be held at Central Queens United Church.

- April 11th -- Tuesday – 7 p.m. – Rural Beautification Garden Workshop to be held at Central Queens United Church. Speaker to be announced. Register to attend by calling church office (964-2221) or Sharon (621-0724). 20 people maximum. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

- April 11th -- Tuesday – 7 p.m. – Queens UCW to be held at Joan George Bernard home. Program: Margaret Smith; Worship: Joan George Bernard; Word: "Hands"

- April 12th -- Wednesday – 7:30 p.m. -- Central Queens United Church, Hunter River, is pleased to host the musical group, "Country Legends, Men of the Century". The performers will pay tribute to Ronnie Milsap, Jean Watson, Johnny Cash and Merle Haggart. Singers and musicians include Kendall Docherty, Larry Campbell, Brian Knox, Heartz Godkin, Jimmy Platts and Peter Burke. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Light refreshments served. A wonderful evening of exceptional talent!

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

- 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.

**Central Queens Financial Report
January & February 2017**

<u>M & S</u>		<u>Operating Account</u>	
<u>\$ 931.00</u>		Donations	\$ 9,930.04
<u>Building Fund</u>		Rent, etc.	\$ 904.80
Income	\$ 2,369.37	Fundraising	\$ <u>2,538.55</u>
Mortgage	\$ <u>3,140.49</u>		\$13,373.39
	\$ 771.10		<u>\$20,815.42</u>
			\$ 7,442.03

The Restorative Care Benefit from Dec 8/16 to March 12/17 for Rev. Barb's Surgery has been okayed and the money will be sent from The United Church of Canada. Anyone interested in updating par or would like to go on par contact Velda.

- **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.

-COMMUNITY EVENTS-

- **April 7th – Friday -- The Winsloe United Church Goods and Services Auction** will be held at Winsloe United Church. Viewing at 6:00 p.m., auction at 7:00 p.m.

- **April 8th – Saturday – 11:00 a.m. -- A Celebration of Life for John Dunsford** will be offered at South Shore United Church. The family invites anyone who chooses to make a memorial donation to do so either to the Provincial Palliative Care Centre or to South Shore United Church.

- **April 10th – Monday – 7:30 p.m. -- Winsloe United Church Ceilidh** will be Host Larry Campbell will be joined by "The Trio" - Jolee Patkai, Marcella Richard, and Keila Glydon. A lunch will be served. Admission is \$10 at the door; doors open at 6:30 p.m

- **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:902-569-0166)), the QEH Foundation ([902-894-2425](tel:902-894-2425)), Proude's Shoes ([902-894-3504](tel:902-894-3504)) and from Barb Perry ([902-368-2620](tel:902-368-2620)). 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 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.

- **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 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 information go to www.cancer.ca and click "get involved" or call Gail at [902-566-4007](tel:902-566-4007).