

Central Queens United Church
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April 23, 2017 - Second Sunday of Easter

(Stand as able *)

Prelude:

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: God of vision and promise, your prophets speak words of comfort to those who despair.

People: May we hear your hope for our time.

Leader: Your prophets speak with love about your promise.

People: May your compassion open us to see each other and the world as you do.

Leader: Your prophets challenge all people to work for your vision.

People: May we be the salt that enables all to taste your godliness.

May we be light that draws out the God – colours of this world for all to see. May all creation rejoice together in your light.

Introit: MV 4 "All Who are Thirsty"

Prayer Of Approach:

Holy Mystery, God of all creation, we gather now in your presence to acknowledge your greatness and goodness. We gather now in your presence to thank you for your kindness and your blessing. We gather now in your presence to enter more freely into your forgiveness and your love. We gather now in your presence to enter more deeply into the wonder at the heart of all creation. Welcome us in; so that we would be touched by your grace and mercy.

Hymn: # MV 161 "I have Called You by Your Name"

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 16 (Voices United 737-738)

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 179 "Hallelujah, Hallelujah,

Give Thanks (Choir sings as gifts are received)

***Offertory Prayer:**

God, our guide, bless the gifts we offer with your power to change the world, so all may see the brilliance of your light and taste the comfort of your love. Amen.

***Hymn:** # VU 164 "The Day of Resurrection"

Prayer of Confession & Renewal:

God of Resurrection we gather on this day to hear again the world's most hopeful message. We come to believe and yet we confess that sometimes our actions show we do not. We allow opportunities for service to slip away. We do not act as if our lives can be changed. We stay stuck in the past while a great future awaits. Forgive us for our lack of interest in the world we live in. Help us to understand that when we ignore our brothers and sisters in need we are turning away from you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Hear the good news of Easter. There is hope, there are miracles and there is light and love, where sometimes there appears only dark emptiness.

People: Because of Christ we are promised hope and our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

-LISTENING TO THE WORD-

Old Testament Reading: Micah 6: 1 - 8

Gospel Reading: Luke 10: 25 – 38

Sermon:

-RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS-

Choral Anthem: "Christ is Risen"

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer:

Hymn: VU # 211 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Commissioning & Benediction:

Leader: The vision of God is before us. The power of God is at work to smooth the way to a new world.

People: We will join in God’s work, removing the barriers to justice, smoothing the challenges that make it hard to build peace.

Leader: And may the comfort of God the Creator find us where we walk, the power of God the spirit lift us up as we journey. The light of God in Christ show us our way as we travel with the people of God.

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
Rev. Charles Wagner
Remembered By
Rev. Barbara & Family

Today’s Bulletins Are Placed
In Loving Memory
Sheldon Moore
April 11, 1941 – April 24, 1999
Remembered By
Lois, Brian, Janet, Fred,
Allyssa & Kaylee

-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.

• 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..

• **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 30 – *Third Sunday of Easter* - Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (Voices United 836); 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

• **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. Aprils promotions are the Swiss Chalet / Montana'a 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.

- 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 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 23rd – Sunday – 7 p.m. -- Bible Study to be held at Rev. Barb's House

- April 26th – Thursday – 8:30 p.m. – Choir Practice to be held at Central Queens United Church. Please Note Change of Date.

- April 27th – Thursday – 3:30 p.m. -- Blanket Exercise to be held at Central Queens United Church, Hunter River. You can register on line at: www.peiblankeventbrite.ca or send Jim Wicks an email at: mjwicks@eastlink.ca or call 902-368-3207.

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

- April 30th -- Sunday – 10 a.m. – Choir Practice to be held at Central Queens United Church.

- May 13th -- Saturday – 9:30 a.m. -- The next meeting of The Minister's Book Club is to be held 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.

- May 18th -- Thursday – 7:00 p.m. – Rosewood Service to be led by the (Queens) United Church Women.

- 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 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. Please include the following information: Name, Phone Number and Pastoral Charge

- April 28th -- Friday – 7 p.m., at Hunter River Lions Club, Benefit Auction for Connor Waye, who has muscular dystrophy and is the great grandson of Norma Waye. An itemized list will be on-line later in the week under Moe's Auctioneering. For more information, contact Wilfred at [902-964-2409](tel:9029642409).

- April 28th – Friday -- 7 p.m. -- St. Paul's in Charlottetown is putting on a Variety Show. It's an important fund-raiser to support our Christmastime outreach program of food hampers and simple gifts for struggling families. For more information please see bulletin board or call 902-892-1691 or 902-628-6778.

- 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.

- **May 7th** -- Sunday – 7 – 9 p.m. -- **Memorial Hymn Sing** to be held at the St. John's Anglican Church, Milton with Vance and Emily Bryant, The Retro Frets and Just for Fun Band performing. Free will offering, all are welcome.

- **May 9th** – Tuesday – 6:30 p.m. -- at Hunter River Lions Club, **Vimy Ridge Experience** Presentation by Randy and Halle Reardon, as well as, Faith McIntyre from Department of Veterans Affairs. For more information, contact Wilfred at [902-964-2409](tel:902-964-2409).

- **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).)