

Central Queens United Church
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(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 calls us, and we respond; Christ leads us and we are to follow; the Spirit beckons on and we are urged to enter into new life.

People: We come to worship the God of Life and Laughter, Hope and Anticipation, Peace and Wholeness.

Introit: MV 4 "All Who are Thirsty"

Prayer Of Approach:

O God of the Risen Christ: whose message of love and mercy we read again; whose presence in the midst of the disciples we recall again. Be among us in your love and power. Come to us; guide us, instruct us, comfort us, heal us we pray; in Christ's name. Amen.

Hymn: # MV 135 "Called by Earth and Sky"

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 116 (Voices United 836)

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 595 "We are Pilgrims"

(Choir sings as gifts are received)

***Offertory Prayer:**

Gracious God, we give you thanks for all of the blessings of this life. Accept the gifts we bring and bless our service in your name. May our voices sing your praise, our hands care for those suffering and our feet walk your paths faithfully. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

***Hymn: # VU 663 "My Faith Looks up to Thee"**

Prayer of Confession & Renewal:

God of Resurrection Promise; we come acknowledging our doubts and uncertainties. We want to see signs of your graciousness yet are blind to the revelations before us. We want proof of your love but are unwilling to embrace your indwelling Spirit. Open our eyes and our souls to the miracle of new life. We pray as witnesses to the living Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Truly God has heard us and given heed to the voice of our prayer. For scripture says, blessed are you, O God, for you have not rejected our prayer, nor withdrawn from us your steadfast love.

People: We are a forgiven people. Thanks be to God.

-LISTENING TO THE WORD-

First Scripture Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35

Sermon:

-RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS-

Choral Anthem: "I Have a Friend - His Name is Jesus"

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer:

Hymn: VU 157 "Christ the Lord is Risen"

Commissioning & Benediction:

Leader: The world waits for songs of blessing, justice, hope and love. Go from here with God's music in your heart and God's message on your lips.

People: We will add our voices to the chorus, and tell the good news of God's love for us all.

Leader: Go with patience, gentleness, and humility, and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit go with you all.

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

Ralph L. Howes

June 5, 1934 – May 4, 2009

Remembered By

Ruby, Fred, Janet, Alyssa & Kaylee



-LIFE AND WORK OF OUR CHURCH –

- The congregation of Central Queens United Church would like to thank Rev. Leslie Jay for leading our service this morning.
- 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 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: May 7 – *Fourth Sunday of Easter* - Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23 (Voices United 747-749); 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

- **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](tel: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!

- Camp Abegweit is looking for a cook and cook's assistant. Job details can be found on our website or by contacting Sharon Howatt at vshowatt@pei.sympatico.ca

• May 3rd – Wednesday – 8:30 p.m. – Choir Practice to be held at Central Queens United Church. Please Note Change of Date.

• May 7th – Sunday – 10 a.m. – Choir Practice to be held at Central Queens United Church.

• May 9th – Tuesday – 8 p.m. (Please Note Change of Time) – Queens UCW to be held at the home of Etta Ellis. Worship: Velda; Program: Kim Rodd; Word: Flower.

• 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 30th – Sunday - 2- 4pm - Everyone welcome to attend the monthly Ceilidh Concert at the Bonshaw Hall. Performers include special musical guests: The Fair Deal Exchange' group of Peter Webb - Banjo, Katriona MacNeil - Accordion, Thomas Kirkham - Mandolin and Bodhran, Robert Pendergast - fiddle and harmonica, Billy Dean Dunsford - Bass and Vocals, and David Pendergast - guitar. Plus singer/songwriters Andrea MacDonald, Gary Torlone, and Andrea Corder dancer Briana Domenegato and regulars Herb MacDonald, Phil Pineau and Tony the Troubador. Also 50/50 draw, lunch, and open stage time. Admission is by donation with proceeds going to the Bonshaw Hall Upkeep Fund. Everyone welcome; accessible for small wheelchairs. For more information phone 675-4093 or check the facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/events/199884243837494/>

• 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:9029642409).

• 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.

• May 13th – Saturday – 2 p.m. -- Tea and Tunes - A Fundraiser for Young at Heart Musical Theatre for Seniors at 101 Prince Street (St. Paul's Hall). Come see a performance of Sing-Song Ping-Pong by Nancy Beck and Pamela Campbell, and enjoy a served catered tea with food by The Yellow House and tea from Lady Baker's Teas. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased in advance by calling [902-370-2907](tel:9023702907). *A wonderful treat for Mother's Day! Show is suitable for all ages.*

• May 17th – Wednesday – 3:30 – 6 p.m. -- The 'Take Out Lobster Supper' for Park Royal United Church . Tickets are \$20 and are available from any UCW member or by calling the Church Office at 902-894-9656.

• May 17th, 18th & 19th -- The WoHeLo Club will again host their Spring & Summer clothing sale, Wednesday, May 17th – 12 PM – 4 PM; Thursday, May 18th - 8AM to 8PM and Friday May 19th 8AM to 1:00 PM – in Classrooms A&B – 3rd floor of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. We offer high quality, gently used clothing and accessories for the whole family. All proceeds go to fund equipment for high-risk newborn babies in the province. Come early for best bargains!

• May 27th -- Saturday – Ham & Salads Take Out Supper to be Sponsored by South Shore United Church, # 85 route 10, Tryon. Pick up time 9:30 – 11 a.m. Delivery Available. Supper includes: Ham

Salads, rolls, dessert (Gluten free available.) Adults \$12, Children under 12 \$6. For tickets please call the office at 658-2863, Helen 658-2324 or Susan 888-7496.

- **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).)