

Central Queens United Church
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Central Queen's Mission Statement: Central Queen's United Church is a loving and living community called to support the life stages of all people; celebrating joy and sharing in pain. Through faith and fellowship we are guided by God's love to live and serve as Disciples of Christ.

(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: # 57 "Onward, Christian Soldiers"

94 "Will Your Anchor Hold"

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

***Call to Worship:**

One: We come to hear the story of God's faithfulness to past generations.

All: But we are looking to the future, not the past.

One: Our God is also God of the future. The God who was with our ancestors will be with us as well.

All: Then we can go forward in hope. Whatever else fails, God remains faithful. Nothing can separate us from the love of God! Praise be to God!

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

Prayer of Approach:

Loving and gracious God, we give you thanks for the gifts of summer - green grass, trees in leaf, flowers in bloom, the harvest of field, garden and sea. We give you thanks for holiday time, special visits from family and friends, and all that offers new possibilities to our living. Keep us open to the beauty which surrounds us and to the spiritual gifts given to us by the Holy Spirit. May this time of worship nurture within us such a faith and such a hope and the desire to use our spiritual gifts for vital living. In the strong name of Jesus we pray . . . Our Father . . .

Amen

***Hymn:** # 220 "Praise to the Lord, The Almighty"

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 80 VU Page 794 (Part 2)

Time With Youth:

(at conclusion children recess for Sunday School)

Presentation of Our Gifts To God:

***Offertory Prayer**

Gracious God, as we stand in awe before the summer-time wonders of creation, help us hear your call to stewardship re-dedication and recognize the sacredness of everything you have made and provide. As stewards, O God, we give. As stewards, O God, help us live. In Jesus' name. Amen

***Hymn:** # 595 "We are Pilgrims"

Prayer of Confession & Renewal:

God, we have so much to be thankful for, But, sometimes...we just complain about what we don't have. We forget to say thanks to You, to our children and parents, friends and neighbors. We don't see the beauty around us. We are sorry God. Forgive us. Help us live with grateful hearts. Amen

Assurance of Pardon:

One: God loves us and accepts us and forgives us.

All: God lets us try again, each new day. Thanks be to God.

The New Creed: (Sung)

-LISTENING TO THE WORD-

Special Music: Christine Belanger and Cindy Easter

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 5: 1 - 7

Gospel Reading: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Sermon:

-RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS-

Special Music: Christine Belanger and Cindy Easter

Pastoral Prayers

***Hymn:** # 262 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Commissioning & Benediction:

The Light of God surrounds us,
The Love of God enfolds us,
The Power of God protects us,
The Presence of God watches over us,
Wherever we are, God is!

We go with the grace and peace of God!

Choral Benediction: “God Grant Us Grace” (Tune to Amazing 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 neighborhood.

-THE LIFE AND WORK OF OUR CHURCH-

• Central Queens United Church would like to thank Christine Belanger and Cindy Easter for sharing their beautiful gift of music 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.

• Central Queens United Church Cookbook - Anyone who would like to buy one or more of our new cookbooks, please call Karla at 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.

• You can Sponsor Sunday Bulletin Covers for 2016: 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. 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..

• Next week (August 21, 2016) Lectionary Readings are: Isaiah 1: 4 – 10; Hebrews 12: 18 – 29; Luke 13: 10 – 17. We invite you to take some quiet time to prepare for worship by reading these lessons.

• This is our second year for Our Community Church Calendar, we are looking for a picture for the 2017 calendar. Anyone wishing to have their family names added to the calendar or update their family list. Please contact Debbie Ling at [902-964-2882](tel:902-964-2882) or Church office by the end of August.

• Summer Special Music for Central Queens United Church:
August 21st – Central Queens Musical Friends

August 28th – Julie Mills

• ~August 18th – Thursday – 7 p.m. – Rosewood Service to be led by the United Church Men.

• ~August 21st Sunday – 10:00 a.m. – Sunday Morning Choir Practice to be held at Central Queens United Church.

• September 29th – Thursday – 7:45 p.m. -- Official Board Meeting to be held at Central Queens United Church.

• October 2nd -- Sunday – 7 p.m. – Hillcrest Gospel Group will be hosting a Gospel Concert to be held at Central Queens United Church.

-COMMUNITY EVENTS-

• August 15th – Monday – A celebration to honor and remember the life and work of one of the Island’s foremost citizens, Millie R. Gamble Teacher, Nurse, Photographer”, 1887-1986, will be held at the Tryon Baptist Church. At 1:30 pm, people are invited to attend the official opening of the new Millie Gamble Road, located near the church at the Junction of the Branch Road (Route 232) and TCH. The road will officially be opened by Hon. Paula Biggar, Minister of Transportation, Infrastructure and Roads. From 2:00 – 5:00 pm a program, emceed by John Robinson, will be held at the church. Guest speaker will be Kevin Rice who was instrumental in presenting an exhibition of Millie’s photography at Confederation Centre in 1998. Also, Hazel Robinson will present an interesting exhibit and talk on Millie’s diaries and postcards. A history circle, led by Paul H.

Schurman, will allow family and others participants a time to reflect and offer glimpses of Millie's life. There is no admission charge but donations or memberships to the Tryon & Area Historical Society will be greatly appreciated. Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall at the church. The church is located at #21274 TCH in Tryon. For more information please call Jack Sorensen at [902-658-2009](tel:902-658-2009), or visit web site: www.tryonareahistoricalociety.com.

- August 21st – Sunday – 7 p.m. – Ceilidh is planned for Kelly's Community Centre. For a list of guest entertainers and other information, see the Guardian's, "Don't Miss This", Friday, August 19th.

- August 22nd – Monday – 7:30 p.m. -- Winsloe United Church Ceilidh. Host Dino Dunsford will be welcoming back fiddler Louise Arsenault and, making her second appearance to this ceilidh, will be Colleen MacPhee, (one of the Ladies of the Century). Admission is \$10 at the door.