

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: # 95 "When He Cometh"

100 "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder"

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: We know that God is our God, and we are God's people.

People: Our God is good, and has mercy on us.

Leader: We have come to this holy place to praise and honour our God.

People: We come with cheerful voices and yearning hearts.

Leader: We come before God and rejoice.

People: Let us worship our God.

Leader: Let us come to the fountain of life.

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

Prayer of Approach:

Gracious God, you call to us. You welcome us all, young and old, newcomers and old hands. We gather here as a praising people, singing your goodness. We come as a praying people, bringing our needs, our joys. We join together as a listening people, opening to your Word. Fill us with your love and empower us for faithful living, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn:** # 822 "All People on Earth Do Dwell"

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 71 VU Page 789 (Part 1)

Time With Youth:

(at conclusion children recess for Sunday School)

Presentation of Our Gifts To God:

***Offertory Prayer:**

Generous God, we bring our gifts to you. We share not only our treasure, but also our gifts of time and talent. May all of our gifts be blessed and used to do your work, both in the communities we call "home" and in the communities we call "away". In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

***Hymn:** # 352 "I Danced In The Morning"

Prayer of Confession & Renewal:

You call to us, O God, but sometimes we just don't listen. You speak to us, but we answer with excuses – we're too old, too young, too busy, too preoccupied. You ask us to turn things upside down, but we don't want to bother anyone. You ask us so share the good news of your love, but we are too timid. You ask us to help our neighbours, we are too lazy; to help strangers, we are cold-hearted. You ask us to dance with you, but our spirits are tired. Forgive us our weaknesses. Restore us, reassure us, refresh us. Grant us healing and transformation, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us.

The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us. Be assured that God is with us even now, accepting, guiding, and forgiving.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen!

The New Creed: (Sung)

-LISTENING TO THE WORD-

Special Music: Central Queens Musical Friends

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Gospel Reading: Luke 13:10-17

Sermon:

-RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS-

Special Music: Central Queens Musical Friends

Pastoral Prayers & Lord's Prayer:

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

Commissioning & Benediction:

Leader: Go now to speak the words God gives you, to all those to whom God sends you.

People: We will offer our worship to God with thanksgiving and with works of freedom and mercy.

Leader: And may God be your shelter to keep you safe; may Christ Jesus set you free from all that cripples you; and may the Holy Spirit be with you to deliver you and to make you perfect with all God's faithful ones.

People: We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, in the name of Christ. Amen.

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 Central Queens Musical Friends for sharing their beautiful gift of music this morning. We would also like to thank Roland Easter for leading our service this morning and we would like to thank Anne Fraser-Burke for playing the piano/organ for us this summer.

- 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.

- Gena Yeo would like to thank all of the congregation for their generosity and support for our yard sale. Special thanks to Winnie Murphy, Janice Mackenzie, Linda Shelvey and Evelyn Smith. It was a tremendous success. Let's do it again next year. 🙌😊

- 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 28, 2016) Lectionary Readings are: Jeremiah 2: 4 – 13; Hebrews 13: 1 – 8; 15 – 16; Luke 14: 1, 7 – 14. 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 28th – Julie Mills

- ~August 28th Sunday – 10:00 a.m. – Sunday Morning Choir Practice to be held at Central Queens United Church.

- ~September 15th – Thursday – 7 p.m. – Rosewood Service to be led by the United Church Men.

- 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 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.

- **August 28th** – Sunday -- 7-9 pm. The monthly **Ceilidh Concert** at the beautiful Bonshaw Hall. Performers include special guests: Celtic singer/harpist Lana Quinn with guitarist Byron Olsen, Gaelic singer **Mary MacGillivray** with storyteller **Cian O Morain** and dancer Briana Domenegato, plus local musicians Herb MacDonald and Tony the Troubador. There's a 50/50 draw, delicious homemade lunch, and open stage time. Admission is by donation with proceeds going to the PEI Multiple Sclerosis Society. Everyone welcome; accessible for smaller wheelchairs. For more information phone 675-4093 or check the facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/events/269515096753536/>