

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:

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Let us sing to God with thanksgiving.

People: The Lord is great and does great things for us.

Leader: May the Lord make us strong and fill us with enthusiasm.

People: May God's love embrace us all and may the world come to know that God truly is the giver of all good gifts.

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

Prayer of Approach:

God of days ancient and new, speak to us with your words of wisdom.

Help us to hear afresh Christ's message of love and servanthood.

Soften our hearts to sense your presence. Open our eyes to see your

guiding hand. Open our ears to hear your call. Change our lives to

follow your path of justice and mercy. Teach us, God of abundant

mercy to treat others as we would have them treat us. May we never

neglect to do good, or to share from our abundance, for such sacrifices

are pleasing in your sight. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn: # 661 "Come to My Heart"**

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 81 VU Page 797 (Part 2)

Time With Youth:

(at conclusion children recess for Sunday School)

Presentation of Our Gifts To God:

***Offertory Prayer:**

God of all peoples, you have provided for all our needs and given us many good things. As we return a portion of the gifts you have given us, remind us anew that your love is for all people, especially the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind and all who suffer. May these gifts bring healing and light into the world burdened by anguish and despair. Amen.

***Hymn: #286 "If You Will Trust In God To Guide You"**

Prayer of Confession & Renewal:

Loving God, you see each heart; you feel the weight of concerns we bring with us; the cares, the worries, the fears. You know that not all our days are joy filled even as we enjoy beautiful summer days. We do not ask you to bandage up our struggles for we are not here to cover up our hurt. We are not expecting a quick fix. Rather we seek you out asking that you would come and be with us. Teach us how to pray, gather us in your loving arms, draw us into your presence so that we might find you there. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: God offers us these words and this hope; I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.

People: God offers us those words of assurance "I will never leave you or forsake you." God is faithful even when we are not.

The New Creed: (Sung)

-LISTENING TO THE WORD-

Special Music: Julie Mills

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 2: 4 – 13

Gospel Reading: Luke 14: 1, 7 – 14

Sermon:

-RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS-

Special Music: Julie Mills

Pastoral Prayers & Lord's Prayer:

***Hymn: # 424 "May the God of Hope Go with Us"**

Commissioning & Benediction:

Leader: Let love continue to grow,

People: so that we may know peace.

Leader: Let mutual love flourish,

People: so that we will see God.

Leader: Let love be our teacher and guide,

People: so that we will never find ourselves forsaken.

Leader: And may love continue to abide within us,

People: so, that we will never be alone. Thanks be to 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 Julie Mills for sharing her 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 (Sept 4th, 2016) Lectionary Readings are: Jeremiah 18: 1 – 11, Philemon 1 - 21, Luke 14: 25 - 33. 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.**

• **~Septmeber 3rd -- Sunday – 10:00 a.m. – Sunday Morning Choir Practice to be held at Central Queens United Church.**

• **September 6th -- Tuesday – 7:30 p.m. -- Central UCW will be held at Nancy Rackham’s home.**

• **September 11th -- Sunday – 10:30 a.m. – Central Queens United Church Sunday School begins.**

• **~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 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/>**