

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
January 24, 2021 – 10:30 am
Third Sunday Of Epiphany

Central Queens' Mission Statement

Central Queens 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 united by God's love to live and serve as Disciples of Christ.

Gathering for Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Birthdays & Special Occasions

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

*Introit Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary MV #18 x3

***Call to Worship**

We are called to be the church.

We celebrate the joy of service, outreach, caring and worship.

Let us sing Thanksgiving!

we have good news to share.

Praise God! We are blessed abundantly!ⁱ

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*Hymn Love is the Touch MV #89

Prayer of Approach

Beloved God, we are so incredibly thankful for your grace. You lavish us with blessing upon blessing. We look around this sanctuary and marvel at the commitment and dedication of your followers. This community of faith has been richly endowed with committed followers of Jesus Way. May we continue to show just how much each other is valued. We pray in the name of our holy friend, Jesus.²

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With Jesus, we share in the ancient prayer. . .

Psalm 62:5-12 VU #779

*Hymn Over My Head MV #88 vs 1, 2 & 3

All God's Children

*Hymn Over My Head MV #88 vs 4

Presentation of Our Gifts

Offertory Invitation

Offertory What Can I Do? MV #191

***Presentation of Offering**

***Offertory Prayer**

Jesus, you called ordinary folk to follow you and join in the work of God's reign on earth. We offer you our gifts to share in the work you began through them. So bless our gifts and continue to work through us, that the world may know your love is still active among us all. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Sacred Readings

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Mark 1:14-20

Anthem

Sermon

Responding to the Word

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn I See a New Heaven VU #713

*Blessing

Choral Benediction Go In Love

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

Ministers All of us

Clergy Rev Greg Davis

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9 am – 12 pm

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Warm Welcome to All – We are glad you are here as a visitor, a seeker, someone looking for a new church home, or as a regular worshiper.

Today's Bulletins are placed in loving memory of J. Allan Smith. Lovingly remembered by his wife, Wanda and family. Also Rollande Charland Bélanger, lovingly remembered by Martin and Christine Bélanger.

Life and Work of Our Church

Greg's Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 am – 12 pm. If anyone is in the hospital or would like a visit from Greg, please call him at 902-964-2291. If you wish to meet with Greg outside the scheduled hours, please call 902-964-2291 or email minister@cquc.ca for an appointment.

In-Church Services: Registration is **required**. To registration, please call 902-964-2221 or email office@cquc.ca. Masks **are required**. If you are registering **after Thursday**, please text or call Velda at 902-940-7674.

Sunday Worship Cancellations – In the event of inclement weather, an announcement will be made by radio on Ocean 100 by 9 am. It will also be posted on our website and Facebook page.

E-Transfers – Central Queens United Church is now step up to accept E-Transfers. If you wish to give your offerings through E-Transfer, please send via email to veldabertram@gmail.com.

Weekly Bulletins can be sponsored by you in celebration or remembrance of a loved one. There is a signup sheet on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Cost is \$20.00.

FundScrip –Orders can be placed with Janet today. Next order date will be February 7th. You can reach Janet Howes by email (jhowes1969@gmail.com) or by phone (902-393-1527). Ordering will be every 2 weeks. E-transfers accepted.

Annual Meeting will be held today immediately after church. If you wish, you may take a lunch for yourself.



Central Queens Emmaus Walkers – Come join us as we walk and chat every Thursday at 12 pm. Please check Facebook each week to see where we will be meeting. All are welcome.

“Bookworms United” – We hope that January will bring us face to face again for our next meeting. The next book we are reading is “Anxious People” by Frederik Backman. (There are lots of copies available in Indigo right now if anyone is looking for a copy.) Come join us for some lively discussion on this book on Thursday, January 28th, at 10:30 am at the church. All are welcome!

Food Bank –Please remember to continue your support for the Food Bank with non-perishable food items. You can drop them off any Sunday or during the week in the wooden box at the church entrance.

Take-Out Roast Beef Dinner – Treat your sweetie on Saturday, February 13th, at Park Royal United Church. Adults \$18 and Children under 12 - \$9.00. Tickets available by calling church office at 902-894-9656. *Menu includes tender roast beef, mashed potatoes (side of gravy), carrots, turnip, peas, roll, and a giant delicious cupcake for dessert.* We ask that you come into the office to pick up and pay for your tickets and please have a cheque made out to Park Royal United Church or the correct change as we will not be handling change. **All tickets must be picked up and paid for by Tuesday, February 9th.** Pickup times (at Headstart Door) for dinners, indicated on your ticket, will be 4:30 – 5:00 **OR** 5:00 – 5:30 pm on February 13th.

Camp Abegweit Endowment Fund Update – Those of us working on the Endowment Fund Campaign realize you are the heart of our success to date! How successful is the campaign to date? Including pledges, payments and promises, we can celebrate \$400,000!! Add to that our plans taking shape to raise the \$100,000 needed, with your help and that of others, we will have laid the most solid financial foundation in the history of OUR CAMP!! Join the volunteers, campers of many different times, organizers and well-wishers preparing to celebrate and give thanks! I can be contacted at bobhutcheson1@icloud.com or 902-628-1203. *Bob Hutcheson*

MY GOD IS NO STRANGER

God is no stranger in a faraway place.
He’s as close as the wind that blows ‘cross my face.
It’s true I can’t see the wind as it blows,
But I feel it around me and my heart surely knows
That God’s mighty hand can be felt everywhere,
For there’s nothing on earth that is not in God’s care.
The sky and the stars, the waves and the sea,
The dew on the grass, the leaves on a tree
Are constant reminders of God and His nearness
Proclaiming His presence with crystal-like clearness.
So how could I think God was far, far away
When I feel Him beside me every hour of the day?
And I’ve plenty reasons to know God’s my friend,
And this is one friendship that time cannot end.

By: Helen Steiner Rice