

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
January 3, 2021 – 10:30 am
Second Sunday after Christmas

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** Let Us Build a House MV #1 vs 1

***Call to Worship**

Light shines in shadowed places.

Hope abounds where once there was fear.

God's Chosen One is born into our hearts.

We honour Jesus with gifts of devotion, love, and commitment.

We worship with gladdened hearts.

Laura Turnbull, Penticton, B.C. The Gathering A/C/E 2020 pg.41

***Hymn** Unto Us a Boy is Born VU #54

Prayer of Approach

God of the Ages; you called wise ones to travel from far away to find Jesus.

You call us to journey into the unknown.

We know that you go with us even if the steps we take are new and sometimes uncertain and unfamiliar.

Assure us, in this time of worship, that you do go with us.

Grant us the courage to open our lives to the new opportunities that lie ahead. Amen.

Beth W Johnston, Bridging Waters P.C., Nipawin, Sask The Gathering A/C/E 2020 pg.41

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

Psalm 147 Part One (1-11) VU #869

Hymn Good Christian Friends, Rejoice VU #35

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Promise of Assurance

In Christ Jesus, you who once were far off have been brought near. Christ came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; through Christ, you have access in one Spirit to God. We are a forgiven and beloved people. **Thanks be to God!**

Robin Wardlaw, Toronto, Ont. The Gathering A/C/E 2020 pg.41

Presentation of Our Gifts

Offertory Invitation

Offertory In the Bleak Midwinter VU #55 vs 4

***Presentation of Offering**

***Offertory Prayer**

O God, you birth abundant life!
We thank you for the birth of Jesus.
In response to your great labour of love, we offer our gifts.
As we open ourselves to you, may your love be born in us,
today and every day. **Amen.**

Listening for the Word

Sacred Readings

Jeremiah 31:7-14
John 1:1-18

Anthem Mary, Did You Know

Sermon What Child is This

Pastoral Prayer

Responding to the Word

***Hymn** Hark! the Herald Angels Sing VU #48

***Blessing**

***Extinguishing of the Candle**

Choral Benediction Three Fold Amen

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

Ministers All of us

Clergy

Office Hours

Office Phone

Email

Rev Greg Davis

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

9 am – 12 pm

902-964-2291

minister@cquc.ca

Ministry of Music

Website

Kirk Neville

<https://cquc.ca/index.htm>

Church Office

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Wednesday & Thursday

9 am – 12 pm

902-964-2221

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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 Catlin Wright. Lovingly remembered by Matthew & Jade Doucette.

Thank You – The congregation of Central Queens United Church would like to thank Kirk Neville for leading our worship service this morning.

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.

Bulletin Deadline – Deadline for items to be placed in the bulletin is **Wednesday** evening. Bulletin items can be emailed to office@cquc.ca.

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 yeldabertram@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 –The first order date for 2021 is Sunday, January 10th. You can reach Janet Howes by email (jhowes1969@gmail.com) or by phone (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

Official Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 21st, at 7 pm at the church.

Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 24th. Deadline for reports is **next Monday, January 11th**. Please email them to office@cquc.ca.

Central Queens Emmaus Walkers – Come join us as we walk and chat every Thursday at 12 pm. We will meet at the Dr. Kent G. Ellis Memorial Park. 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.

SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS

Each day there are showers of blessings
sent from the Father above,
For God is a great, lavish giver,
and there is no end to His love.
And His grace is more than sufficient,
His mercy is boundless and deep,
And His infinite blessings are countless,
and all this we're given to keep
If we but seek God and find Him
and ask for a bounteous measure
Of this wholly immeasurable offering
from God's inexhaustible treasure.
For no matter how big man's dreams are,
God's blessings are infinitely more,
For always God's giving is greater
than what man is asking for.

By: Helen Steiner Rice