

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
November 7, 2021 – 10:30 am
Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Remembrance Sunday

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.

The Community Gathers

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Birthdays & Special Occasions

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

Bible Presentation

*Introit Gather Us In MV #7 (repeat)

*Call to Worship

From east and west, north and south, we gather on this day of remembrance to give thanks and praise.

We come to be inspired by the Word of God and honour the sacrifices of those who have committed themselves to service before self.

In times of peace, in times of conflict, and in times of uncertainty,

We remember that we are not alone.

We are the people of God, connected across time and space, from generation to generation.

We are united by the love of the One who said: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."
As we gather to remember, let us sing and pray.
Let us worship God together!

*Hymn For the Healing of the Nations VU #678

Prayer of Approach

On this day of memory we gather to sing and to pray,
we remember the past and look to the future.
On this day when the guns once fell silent,
we come before you God, seeking Your peace.
On this day of hope in the face of terror,
we come before you God, praying with all our hearts -
God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come.
Open our eyes and the eyes of the nations to find a different path through the disagreements of life in this world.
In this time of story, song, and prayer,
may we be re-committed to being a people of peace, true peace.
May we catch a vision of how the world could live together.
And so we echo the old prayers,
Make us channels of your peace.
Let there be Peace on Earth and let it begin with us!

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

Act of Remembrance

*Hymn O Canada VU #524

Roll Call of Those Who Died in the Wars: LS Patrick Davis
Boer War (1899-1902)
World War I (1914-1918)
World War II (1939-1945)
Korean War (1950-1953)
Others Who Made the Supreme Sacrifice

Placing of the Wreath

The Response: They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

The Last Post

Two minutes of Silence

Reveille

*God Save the Queen

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, when our lives are comfortable and we live in relative safety, it can be all too easy to forget that what we enjoy today has come at a great cost. For some, the price was their last breath. For others, it was wounds to body, mind, or spirit. Our inability to resolve conflicts through peaceable means has caused harm beyond measure.

Forgive us for using violence as a way to resolve our differences.

On days like this, we remember those who defend our freedoms and we say "Lest we forget." Yet, too often we forget that the wounds to mind and spirit can last a lifetime.

Forgive us for not remembering once the poppies have been put away.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers," but we have often focused on what divides us rather than on what can bring us together.

Forgive us for our reluctance to do the hard work of peacemaking.

For all these things, and for those which we name before you now in the silence of our hearts, forgive us...

Silent Prayer and Reflection

Words of Assurance

Jesus said, "God did not send Jesus into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." (*John 3:17*)

Receive the Good News: in Christ, we are

forgiven! Our loving God desires that all people, indeed the whole world, be restored to right relationship with God and one another, so that we might live together in peace.

Presentation of Our Gifts

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow VU #541

*Presentation of Offering

*Offertory Prayer

God of abundance, we thank you for the gifts that we present to you now. We ask that you receive them and bless them. May they enable us to serve the world in ways that inspire hope and make your love known. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Sacred Word

Micah 4:1-5

Responsive Psalm 107:1-9, 33-37 (Part One & Four) VU #831-832

Matthew 23:1-12

For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us,
thanks be to God.

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

*Hymn God, Make Us Servants of Your Peace VU #676

*Blessing

*Choral Benediction Go Now in Peace VU #964

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

Ministers All of us
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 9 am – 12 pm
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 9 am – 12 pm
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A Warm Welcome to All – We are delighted you've joined us. May God's word today strengthen your faith, inspire curiosity and learning, and motivate your service of others. All are welcome.

Today's Bulletins are placed in loving memory of Nick Gustanoff and Dolly Perry. Lovingly remembered by daughter, Gena Yeo and family.

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 register, please call 902-964-2221 or email office@cquc.ca. Masks are **required**. If you are registering **after 12 pm Thursday**, please text or call Velda at 902-940-7674.

CQUC Praise Service will be held next Sunday, November 14th, at 7 pm. Music by Central Queens Musical Friends, Sarah Weeks and Kirk Neville. Admission is free. Free will offering graciously accepted. To attend, please register by calling the church office at 902 964-2221. All COVID-19 guidelines will be in place. Hope to see you there!

FundScrip – Next order date will be November 14th. You can reach Janet by email (jhowes1969@gmail.com) or by phone (902-393-1527). Ordering will be every 2 weeks. E-transfers accepted. The promotions for November and December are: Swiss Chalet/Montana's - 10%; Winner's/Homesense - 8%; Boston Pizza - 10%; Shell - 3%; Staples - 4%; Old Navy/Gap - up to 9%; Giant Tiger - 5%.

Scent-Free – *"No scents makes good sense."* Recognizing that some of our church attendees have sensitivity and/or allergic reactions to various fragrant products, you are asked not to use scented products. Thank you for your cooperation so that everyone can attend our church.

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

A Walk on the Wild Side – Would you like to learn more Uppity Women of the Bible? Join Greg in the church parlour on Thursday mornings at 10 am for a seven-week journey (ending November 25th) as you explore the first uppity woman – Ruth!!

Official Board will meet on Thursday, November 18th, at 7 pm at the church.

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

Central Queens United Church Annual Frozen Pie Sale – Central Queens United Church is once again holding their annual frozen pie sale till next Sunday, November 14th. These delicious, taste like homemade, 8” frozen pies are a popular purchase as gifts, hosting, or just a quick evening dessert craving! Flavours include: apple, pecan, strawberry/rhubarb, blueberry, cherry, caramel apple, no sugar apple, classic berry, pumpkin. Price: \$7/pie except \$8 for pecan. Pie pick-up will be the first week in December at the church, at which time customers will be notified. To order, contact Lois at 902-621-0669.

Bookworms United will discuss **The Rose Code** by Kate Quinn on Wednesday, December 1st, in the church parlour. All welcome! Contact Liz Spangler for more information.

Gifts with Vision are an opportunity for you to make a difference in someone’s life. The Gifts with Vision catalogue and website are full of gifts that make a difference in people’s lives throughout Canada and across the world. If you are searching for ways to help people whose lives are being significantly disrupted by COVID-19, both here in Canada and across the world, there are several online gifts that are directly related to challenges surrounding COVID-19. Each Gift with Vision provides support for specific Mission & Service partners for special projects. Select gifts online at giftswithvision.ca and help save and transform lives!

Community News

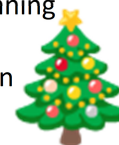
Remembrance Day Service at Wheatley River – Due to COVID-19, a formal Remembrance Day Service **will not** be held in Wheatley River, either at the Cenotaph or in the Hall. You may still observe this day and all that it means by placing a wreath or a poppy at the monument on November 11th.

Hunter River & Area Community Remembrance Day Service will be held on Thursday, November 11th, at 10 am. Due to COVID-19, this will be an outdoor service at the Veterans Memorial located at the Hunter River Presbyterian Church. Masks are required if you are unable to social distance. Hunter River Community Council will host a reception following the service at the Community Center. Everyone over the age of 12 will require proof of vaccination.

Winsloe United Church Chili Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 13th, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. **TAKE-OUT ONLY**. Tickets \$10. For tickets, contact the church office at 902-368-1233 or Faye (after 6:00 pm) at 902-368-1175. No tickets available at the door.

The 11th annual Drive Thru Living Nativity will be taking place on December 3-5th from 5:30 to 8:00pm at the home of Chrys and Doreen Jenkins at 6452 Route 19 in Canoe Cove. There will be live animals. lots of lights, shepherds, kings, angels, Joseph, Mary. Christmas choir and on Saturday there will be drummers. Freewill donations will be accepted for the Lennon Recovery House. A recovery home on Prince Edward Island for those battling with addictions and their mental health available to Islanders that provides a safe, reliable home for those ready to get their life back.

Christmas Trees – Due to a Christmas tree plantation which needs thinning for a rider way and wildlife, a lot of Christmas trees will be cut during December. If interested, you can collect one on any Saturday afternoon in December. They are free. For questions, call David at 783-377-4203.



A Prayer

God of peace and gentleness
we remember with deep sorrow
the fault, fear, and failure
that repeatedly leads to the forming of enemies,
the escalation of hatred and to war.

We repent of our complicity in cycles of violence
for colluding with anger or defaulting to patterns
of hostility.

We pray,
as we remember those who have
suffered as a result of our forgetfulness
or our inhumanity one to another,
that we may also disarm our desire to overpower,
capture or vanquish.

Help us to resist peacefully every form of violence
so that we can follow you in ways of gentleness and justice,
continually resolving to form life-giving relationships,
strengthened by the forgiveness of Jesus the fearlessness
of the Spirit the transforming love of the Creator. Amen

Author Unknown



Thank You for Believing: Arwa's Story

We all need someone who believes in us. Someone who supports our dreams. When you give to Mission & Service, you are that someone. Here's one story of how your belief and support make all the difference.

Three years ago, Arwa was a Palestinian refugee who had just arrived in Montreal. She had made a harrowing journey, travelling from Saudi Arabia through New York City with three children in tow.

"It wasn't easy for me. I was a single mom in a new country with new people. I was struggling for housing and looking for a job. It wasn't easy at all," she says.

Arwa sought help at Montreal City Mission, an outreach ministry your Mission & Service gifts support. There, her whole family found belonging. Arwa's children made friends, and she benefitted from training programs and events.

It wasn't long before Arwa gathered a group of women together to form a catering cooperative called Women Weaving Their Dreams, which specializes in homemade Middle Eastern meals. The group was going strong and the women were becoming more financially secure when COVID-19 struck.

No stranger to hardship, Arwa was determined to help others through the pandemic. She initiated a sewing circle to make masks. The group made over 500 masks a week and distributed them to homeless shelters and frontline workers. "I was so happy to help people," says Arwa, whose extraordinary leadership skills landed her a full-time job at Montreal City Mission.

"I consider myself a lucky person that I got to know this organization. It has become not only my full-time job, not only my provider. It has become my home. I hope to see more and more women getting the same chance to have this better life for their families," she says. "I wanted a country that could hold me and hug me my whole life long. I found it in Canada."

Your gifts through Mission & Service don't just support dozens of organizations like Montreal City Mission across the country. They also support people's dreams for a better life—amazing people who make their communities and our country stronger.

Please give generously through Mission & Service. Show incredible community leaders like Arwa that you believe in them. Thank you for your support.