

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
October 17, 2021 – 10:30 am
Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

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 Breath of God, Breath of Peace MV #24 vs 1

*Call to Worship (Based on Mark 10:35-45)

We may come here for a glimpse of glory,
But Jesus asks us: "Can you drink the cup that I drink?"
The cup of Jesus' own life: struggle and joy; suffering and hope.
Fullness of life!

We may come here to get close to Jesus,
And Jesus asks us: "Can you be baptized with my baptism?"

Baptized into the reign of God, where the Spirit breaks down
barriers among all people and creates new relationships!

We may come here for honor or fame,
But Jesus challenges us: "To become great you must serve!"

Why are we here?
**To drink the cup of fullness of life;
To immerse ourselves in Jesus' struggle for justice and peace;
To learn how to serve so that the world may be healed.**

Worship and work must be one! Let us worship our God.

*Hymn Joyful, Joyful We Adore You VU #232

Prayer of Approach

Holy Dwelling Place,
Your tent is wide enough to provide
shelter for all who seek you,
food for all who hunger, and
healing for all who suffer.
Meet us here today. Fill us with confidence in your presence.
May we risk sharing Jesus' cup and his baptism
so the world may become
the place of love and justice you desire for all.
Shelter us with your light,
and clothe us with your heavenly garments.
Teach us how we may best serve ourselves and one another
on this daring adventure. Amen.

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

Responsive Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c VU #826-827 Parts 1 & 2

*Hymn Seek Ye First the Kingdom VU #356 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

*Hymn Seek Ye First the Kingdom VU #356 vs 3

Presentation of Our Gifts

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow VU #541

***Presentation of Offering**

***Offertory Prayer**

Parent God, may this offering assist us in continuing Christ's work in the world to heal the grief, transgressions, and illnesses that oppress and harm your creation. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Sacred Word

Job 38:1-7, 34-41
Mark 10:35-45

Anthem

Musical Friends

Sermon

Reflective Music

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Responding to the Word

***Hymn** Let There Be Light VU #679

***Blessing**

***Choral Benediction** Go Now in Peace

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

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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 Muriel Lajeunesse. Lovingly remembered by daughter-in-law, Lois, 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.

FundScrip – Janet will be placing an order today. Next order date will be October 31st. You can reach Janet by email (jhowes1969@gmail.com) or by phone (902-393-1527). Ordering will be every 2 weeks. E-transfers accepted.

Rosewood Services are held the third Thursday of every month. Greg will be leading the service at Rosewood this Thursday, October 21st, at 2 pm.

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!!

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.

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

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.

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.

Bookworms United – Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 27th, at 10:30 am in the church parlour. To sign out a copy of the book **Run, Hide, Repeat, a Memoir of a Fugitive Childhood**, written by Pauline Dakin, please go to the office. For more information, please contact Liz Spangler at spangler@upei.ca.

Community News

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.



Every Person Is a Superhero: Esbikenh's Story

We all have superpowers. Generosity is one of them. But did you know that the power of generosity through Mission & Service supports real-life superheroes? Esbikenh was once a junior kindergarten teacher. While he grew up knowing his ancestral language, Anishinaabemowin (pronounced Ah-nish-nah-BEM-win), sadly the children he taught didn't. "One day I turned on YouTube and saw superhero videos. I thought, 'Why not make these videos and we will just have all the superheroes speak in Anishinaabemowin?'" says Esbikenh. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action include reclaiming, revitalizing, strengthening, and maintaining Indigenous languages. This is critical for cultural revitalization. It's also important because when people are able to speak their ancestral language, self-understanding and self-esteem grows, health improves, and the sense of connection and relationships with others flourishes. Knowing how important learning Anishinaabemowin is to the children he once taught, Esbikenh applied for a project grant from the United Church. The Healing Fund, which is nearly entirely funded through Mission & Service, addresses the ongoing impacts of the residential school system. With financial support secured, Esbikenh's filming has begun. When the videos are finished, they will be used as an educational resource for teachers, parents, and anyone who wants to learn the Anishinaabemowin language. Ashley Riley, the librarian and arts coordinator at Antler River Elementary School of Chippewas of the Thames First Nation, Ontario, plays a starring role in the films. She describes the systemic oppression of Indigenous peoples in Canada that results in the loss of language, among other things. Ashley's mother is a residential school survivor, and because she wasn't allowed to speak her language at school Ashley didn't learn it growing up. "We weren't allowed to speak our own languages. We weren't allowed to be who we were. We weren't allowed to practise our own ceremonies. My mother grew up thinking the language wasn't that important. She's slowly learning now. She says a prayer every morning in her own language. I'm hoping the community will get involved in creating more language videos," Ashley says. Why did Ashley decide to participate in the video project? She believes each one of us has the power to make a difference. "Every single person is a superhero. Every single person has a gift to share with the world. I think the most important thing is realizing the gift you can bring to your community," she says. Through Mission & Service, your generous gifts help repair harm and extend hope. Please support the vital, healing work we do together. We can do much more together than we ever could alone. Thank you! "Chee meegwetch to everyone who donated to Mission & Service for making this project possible." —Esbikenh