

Central Queens Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada  
August 27, 2023 – 10:30 am

Thirteenth 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.*

**Gathering for Worship**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Birthdays & Special Occasions

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

Bible Presentation

**\*Call to Worship**

Give thanks and tell of God's gifts.

**We will sing praises for all that God has done.**

Let your hearts be joyful!

**We will seek God's presence continually.**

Call to mind God's wonderful works.

**We will remember the blessings of God forever!**

**\*Prayer of Gathering**

Deep is our desire for what is true and enduring.

Deep is our need to see clearly.

Deep is our longing for you.

You are the root of love, the fountain of knowledge, the source of wisdom, the path of right living.

**Prayer of Gathering (Continued)**

**You are the beginning and end of all things. We worship you in humble praise, Holy God, ever three and ever one. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** I, the Lord of Sea and Sky VU #509

**Call to Reconciliation**

**Prayer of Confession**

Although you satisfy our deepest desires, we confess together that we sometimes turn away -

**We have sought meaning in shallow places.**

**We have clung to old hurts and familiar habits.**

**We have nursed anger and envy.**

**We have been self-absorbed and lacked compassion.**

Forgive us and guide us toward what we may become according to your grace.

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Sacred Scripture**

Exodus 3:1-15

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26 *Parts One and Three* VU #828-829

Matthew 16:21-28

**Sermon**

**Hymn** We Are Pilgrims VU #595 vs 1, 4, 5, & 6

**We Respond to God's Word**

**Offering Ourselves**

**For The Work and Witness of The Church**

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory**

**\*Presentation of Offering** What Can I Do? MV #191

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**We offer these gifts to you in hope and thanksgiving. Use them to transform the world you love with the good news we celebrate in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Meditation** Just as I am (Bradbury)

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**We Depart to Serve with Joy**

**\*Hymn** Will You Come and Follow Me VU #567

**\*Benediction**

Take the love of God into the world.  
**We will share with everyone we meet.**  
Take the grace of Jesus into your communities.  
**We will share with those who weep.**  
Share the Spirit's community with all this week.  
**We will welcome those who feel alone and afraid.**

**\*Choral Amen**

**Postlude**

\*Please stand as you are able

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**A Warm Welcome to All** – We are delighted you have joined us. May God’s word today strengthen your faith, inspire curiosity and learning, and motivate your service of others. All are welcome.

**Thank You** – The congregation of Central Queens United Church would like thank Kirk Neville for leading us in worship this morning.

**Today’s Bulletins** are placed in loving memory of husband, Kirk Allen, and grandmother, Eileen MacLeod, who share a heavenly birthday – August 31<sup>st</sup>. Lovingly remembered by Janice MacPherson and family.

**Vacation** – Greg and Ellen Davis are away on vacation till September 5<sup>th</sup>. Kirk Neville will be leading us in worship next Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Life and Work of Our Church**

**In the Event of an Emergency** – Rev. Eric Lynk is the on-call minister who will be available for emergencies while Greg is away. In the event of an emergency, please contact Don Rodd, Clerk of Session, at 902-393-3510.

**FundScrip** – The next order date is Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. You can reach Janet Howes by email [jhowes1969@gmail.com](mailto:jhowes1969@gmail.com) or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.



**Sunday School Leader & Teachers Needed** – We are looking for people to lead and to help with our Sunday School ministry. If this is something that you have a gift/talent for or feel called to do, please contact the church office. Help us to continue this very important ministry. Sunday School opening will be on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

**E-Transfers** – Central Queens United Church is set up to accept e-transfers. If you prefer to give your offerings through e-transfer, please send via email to [veldabertram@gmail.com](mailto:veldabertram@gmail.com).

**Church Roof Fundraiser** – A huge thank you goes out to all who've contributed over \$16,000 towards our \$18,000 fundraising goal!!

**Central Queens Dinner Theater** will be presenting "The 50's and 60's" on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, & 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Included is a three-course roast beef dinner. Cost: \$32.50/adult. Contact Lois at 902-621-0669 to get your tickets. Tickets are going fast!

**Scent-Free** – "No scents make good sense"

Please refrain from wearing scented products such as perfume, cologne, and fragrant personal care products as they can trigger serious health issues for those with fragrance allergies. Thank you for your cooperation so that everyone can attend our church.

**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.

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

**Pop Can Pull Tabs** – Remember your pull tabs!! George Mason is collecting pop can pull tabs which are then given to the Daughters of the Nile women's organization. The funds go to the Shriners Hospital in Montreal where they are used to buy reading materials for children in the hospital. Your pull tab collections can be dropped off at the church. Thank you.

**Puzzle Exchange** – There is a cart in the foyer with lots of jigsaw puzzles. Help yourself to a puzzle and/or bring one for someone to do. Making puzzles is a wonderful activity.

**Camp Abby** has one more opportunity for families to experience the camping experience this summer. Family Camp will be held from September 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>. Each family gets their own cabin for the weekend. There is room for 5 more families.

What does it include?

- A chance to relax and have fun with your children at their beautiful facility.
- There will be programming for the children which gives you a chance to have some social time with the other parents while you children are being supervised.
- All meals and snacks are prepared for you.
- And much more.....

If you would like more information, contact their register at [campabbyregister@gmail.com](mailto:campabbyregister@gmail.com).

**The Annual Camp Abegweit Fundraising Dinner** will be held on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm. There will also be the very popular cake auction hosted by Jim Blanchard. There will also be a silent auction with a variety of items up for bid. There will be 100 sit-down meals and 50 takeout meals. Cost is \$40/adult and \$20/children under 12. To get your ticket, contact Sharon Howatt at 902-432-9193 or email [vshowatt@pei.sympatico.ca](mailto:vshowatt@pei.sympatico.ca). Tickets can be purchased at the door or by e-transfer at [etransfer@campabby.ca](mailto:etransfer@campabby.ca).

The meal this year will be:

- Soup and biscuit
- Roast beef dinner with all the trimmings
- Strawberry shortcake for dessert

### Community News

**Winsloe United Church** – Come to a Gospel concert featuring Dino and the Harmonies at Winsloe United Church on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm. Guest fiddler is Steven Perry. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 6:30 pm.

**Winsloe United Church Ceilidh** on Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7 pm. Host Eddy Quinn welcomes special guest Leon Gallant and guest fiddler Steven Perry. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 6:30 pm.

**Author Celebration & Open House** – Rev Dr Karen MacLeod-Wilkie turned to novel writing a few years ago as another way of sharing her faith through story. You are invited to celebrate with Karen the completion of her fifth novel. Join Karen at her home (1561 Route 225, North Wiltshire) for cake and punch on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, from 2:30 - 4:30 pm. Books will be available for sale/signing. \$22 each.