

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
February 12, 2023 – 10:30 am

Sixth Sunday after 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

Bible Presentation

*Introit Come All You People MV #2

*Call to Worship

How blessed are we when we meditate on God's teachings;
and when we desire God with our whole hearts.
Let us praise God with attentive minds and eager spirits,
for we are God's servants, working and praying together.
So let us worship God and praise God's holy name.
Let us seek God's path and listen for God's call.

*Hymn Praise to the Lord, the Almighty VU #220

Prayer of Approach

God of all life and each life,
You are the light of minds that seek to know you.
You are strength for those who seek to serve you.
You reveal truth to those who search for you.
In worship, we pause in your presence, resting from our work and responsibilities, from our worries and distractions.
We come to enjoy your presence and praise you for the gift of life in Christ and in creation.
Receive our prayers and praise this day, for we open our hearts in love and loyalty to you, O God, our All in All. Amen.

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 119:1-8 *Part One* VU #838-839

*Hymn To Show by Touch and Word VU #427 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

*Hymn To show by Touch and Word VU #427 vs 3

Children may retire to Sunday School

Call to Transformation and New Life

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

God who is all in all,
You call us to choose life and walk in your ways, but we are
tempted by short cuts and easy solutions.
You ask us to turn from anger and settle our differences, but we
cling to grievances and point fingers at others.
You ask us to be true to our word, but we prefer to keep
everyone happy. Forgive us, O God; and give us courage to
follow the paths you set for your people.

Assurance of God's Unending Love

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

*Presentation of Offering What Can I Do MV #191

*Offertory Prayer

Gracious and generous God, we bring our gifts to you in thanksgiving. Bless them and surprise us by all the Holy Spirit can accomplish with them. Bless our lives, too, so that our choices will always honour you, for Christ's sake. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Matthew 5:21-37

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Responding to the Word

*Hymn Jesus Christ is Waiting VU #117

*Blessing

*Choral Benediction Dance with the Spirit MV #156

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

Ministers

Clergy

Office Hours All of us
 Rev Greg Davis
 Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
 9 am – 12 pm
Office Phone 902-964-2291
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Ministry of Music

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Church Office

Office Hours Wednesday & Thursday
 9 am – 12 pm
Phone 902-964-2221
Email office@cquc.ca

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.

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: Masks are recommended but not required.

FundScrip –The next order date is Sunday, February 19th. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

FündScrip

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 if our church service is cancelled.

Central Queens UCW “Queens Unit” will meet this Tuesday, February 14th, at 7:30 pm at the home of Joan D Bernard. Program: Joan D Bernard; Worship: Joan G Bernard. Lunch: Joan G Bernard & Joan D Bernard.

Rosewood Service will meet this Thursday, February 16th, at 6:30 pm. The UCW will be assisting Greg in leading the service.

Church Calendar Fund-Raiser – We have a few extra calendars this year. Anyone interested in having one can pick them up at the church office. Cost is \$10 each.

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.

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.

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 signup sheet on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Cost is \$20.00.

Central Queens Emmaus Walkers is on pause. Stay tuned for when they will resume.

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 winter activity.

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

Valentine's Day Is for Christian Love

Valentine's Day is for honoring love;
To show those we love we care.
Red hearts with tender sentiments
We send, our love to share.

So on Valentine's Day we're reminded
Of our very first Christian goal:
To love the Lord with all our heart
And all our mind and soul.

To love our neighbor as ourselves
We are also told to do,
So let's live our love by the Bible;
It's God's word, flawless and true.

If we give this Christian Valentine first,
We'll never run out of love,
For infinite love will come to us
From God in heaven above.

By Joanna Fuchs

