

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
February 26, 2023 – 10:30 am

First Sunday in Lent

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

O Lord, open our lips,
And our mouths shall declare your praise.
O Lord, open our eyes,
So that we may behold your presence.
O Lord, open our ears,
So that we may hear your call to follow.
O Lord, open our hearts,
So that we may offer you worship in love and joy.

*Hymn Come People of the Risen King

Prayer of Approach

God of the hungry times, God of the difficult time, God of all the times of our lives, we need to talk. Sometimes it's difficult to understand the direction we need to go. With all the choices we have in our lives, sometimes we're not sure when to say "Yes", or when to say "No". So we ask for your guidance. We ask for wisdom. We ask for Spirit. In our worship, in our work, in our choices, in our lives. May it be so, Loving God!

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 51

VU #776-777

*Hymn Jesus' Love is Very Wonderful

All God's Children

*Hymn If You Are Happy and You Know It

Children may retire to Sunday School

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

You speak, O God, but we are not always listening.
Sometimes other voices are louder or more persuasive.
You show us your way, Holy One: but we are not always looking.
Sometimes other ways seduce us with their ease or power.
You give us choices, now help us to learn your will.
Lead us, Great Spirit, to walk your way on any road we travel.

Song Holy Overshadowing

Assurance of God's Love

Halle, Halle, Halle

VU #958

Presentation of Our Gifts

Offertory Invitation

Offertory

*Presentation of Offering Wings of a Dove

*Offertory Prayer

**We do not live on bread alone,
but by your Word, loving God.
May that Word fill our hearts and our hands,
all that we have, and all that we are,
that it may be a blessing in your world.
In Jesus' name, we ask it. Amen.**

Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture

**Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7
Matthew 4:1-11**

Anthem Bless the Lord O My Soul (Ten Thousand Reasons)

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

Responding to the Word

*Hymn Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah VU #651

*Blessing

*Choral Benediction Dance with the Spirit

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

Ministers All of us

Clergy

Office Hours Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
9 am – 12 pm
Office Phone 902-964-2291
Email minister@cquc.ca

Ministry of Music

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Church Office

Office Hours Wednesday & Thursday
9 am – 12 pm
Phone 902-964-2221
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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 to thank David Butterworth for leading our worship service this morning.

Vacation – Greg and Ellen will be away from February 17th until February 27th.

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.

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

FundScrip – The next order date is Sunday, March 5th. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.



Election of Elders – Be sure to pick up your ballot from the table in the foyer and deposit it in the silver box. Ballot deadline is next Sunday, March 5th.

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.

Broadview – The United Church magazine, Broadview, is up for renewal or new subscription. Cost: \$25/year. If you are interested in renewing or would like a subscription, please call Velda at 902-964-2210 by this **Friday, March 3rd**.

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.

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.

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.

Community News

World Day of Prayer will be held at St Anne’s Roman Catholic Church in Emyvale next Sunday, March 5th, at 2 pm. Theme: “I Have Heard About Your Faith” prepared by Taiwan.

Winsloe United Church Winter Series Ceilidh on Sunday, March 5th, at 2 pm. Host Eddy Quinn welcomes special guests Tip-Er-Back and guest drummer Billy Matthews. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

Interested in Working at the Provincial Election? The District #15 Returning Officer is looking for people who may be interested in working at the provincial election anticipated in early Spring 2023. If interested, please email d15roepei@gmail.com or call Beth at 902-330-3209.

