

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
January 1, 2023 – 10:30 am

First Sunday after Christmas

New Year's Day

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 A Light is Gleaming VU #82 (Chorus)

*Call to Worship

Let all of creation praise the name of the Holy One!
The rhythms of life praise the Everlasting God through the markings of time.

Let all of creation praise the name of the Holy One!
The flowers, land and trees praise the Divine Gardener through rest and renewal.

Let all of creation praise the name of the Holy One!
Living creatures praise the Spirit of God through our breathing, living and being. Praise God!

*Hymn Joy Is Now in Every Place VU #45

Prayer of Approach

God, whose name is Love, you make us a community. You gather us as your offspring and knit us together with grace and mercy. In your presence, there is fullness of love, joy, hope and peace. Thank you for being among us this day and with us in every moment of our being. Receive our praise, dwell in our midst, and create in us a heart that yearns for you and your kingdom. In the name of Emmanuel, God with us, we pray.

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 8 VU #732

*Hymn I Am the Light of the World VU #87 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

*Hymn I Am the Light of the World VU #87 vs 3 & 4

Children may retire to Sunday School

Call to Transformation and New Life

Prayer of Transformation and New Life

Eternal God, the dawn of a new year prompts us to reflect on our past and hope for our future. Help us live every day seeking your way and moving on your path. Help us re-commit to the ways of love in this coming New Year and resolve to extend the grace and mercy we receive from you and our neighbour. Make us new. Amen

Assurance of God's Unending Love

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

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

*Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Generous Love, bless these offerings. Stir up the gifts within us for your glory, show your provision through the sharing of our resources, and empower us to steward our days as precious and holy. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture

Revelation 21:1-6a

Matthew 25:31-46

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Watch Night Service Prayer

Prayer

O God, Searcher of all our hearts, you have formed us as a people and claimed us for your own. As we come to acknowledge your sovereignty and grace and enter anew into covenant with you, reveal any reluctance or falsehood within us. Let your Spirit impress your truth on our inmost being and receive us in mercy, for the sake of our Mediator, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Litany of Thanksgiving

Response: We praise your holy name, O God

Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed for thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low by thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God, Creator, Christ and Spirit, Thou art mine and I am thine. So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in the eternal. Amen.

Responding to the Word

*Hymn I See a New Heaven VU #713

*Blessing

*Benediction Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New MV #115

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

Ministers

All of us

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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.

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 first order date for 2023 is next Sunday, January 8th. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted. 

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.

Official Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 19th at 7:15 pm.

Annual Meeting – Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29th, after the worship service. Deadline for reports is **next Wednesday, January 11th**. Please email reports to office@cquc.ca. Thank you.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Central Queens Emmaus Walkers is paused until the new year.

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.

Community News

Winsloe United Church Winter Series Ceilidh on Sunday, January 8th, at 2 pm. Host: Eddy Quinn and Fiddlers' Sons with special guests, Cynthia MacLeod and Billy Matthews. Admission is \$15 at the door.

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Mission & Service - Working with Young Leaders: Amy Crawford's Work

Jesus says, "Let the children come to me."

As Amy Crawford knows, you can't be passive when trying to bring young people to the church.

"We took it for granted that youth and young adults were going to be in the church," the Team Lead for Identity and Mission says. "And we can't take that for granted anymore."

But Crawford is not painting a dark picture here. "Our youth ministry in the United Church in many ways has *grown* in recent years," she says. "The youth are here because they choose to be here. And they're here because they find a place for themselves."

Crawford has been doing ministry with youth and young adults for almost 30 years, and she's never been more excited about the future for youth leadership in the church.

Recently, 45 youth at the General Council Youth Forum received honorariums to pursue passion projects on social justice, anti-racism, and Indigenous justice issues. As a result, they developed educational resources and social media programs for their congregations.

"These will be resources for the whole church," Crawford says excitedly.

Mission & Service has funded outdoor ministries like camps and supported youth and young adults to take education trips, receive project grants, and initiate new ministries.

Crawford recalls one young woman who attended the General Council 43 Youth Forum. She went on to serve as a summer intern with the Church in Mission Unit, working on social justice initiatives for youth. Now, four years later, she serves on the General Council Executive and the Moderator's Advisory Committee.

"When we provide opportunities for young people, it really does have a lasting impact on their lives and on the church," Crawford reveals.

What would Crawford want supporters like you to know about the impact of your generosity?

"I would want them to know that young people make a difference," she says, "that they are creating the next generation of leaders in the church and even beyond the church."