

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
January 15, 2023 – 10:30 am

Second 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**

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** Will You Come and See the Light VU #96

Prayer of Approach

God, our Creator and Redeemer, your faithfulness endures forever. You offer us new life in Christ Jesus and call us to follow. You challenge us to bring life and hope to the world you love. In you we find strength and courage to face every challenge. And so we offer our praise and gratitude to you, O God, with Christ and the Spirit, one God, now and always.

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 40:1-11 VU #764-765

***Hymn** I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me VU #575 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

***Hymn** I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me VU #575 vs 3 & 4

Children may retire to Sunday School

Call to Transformation and New Life

Faithful God, you sent Jesus Christ to show us a new way of being, yet we have often lost our way. We seek the next new thing instead of your gift of new life. We follow the trends of our culture rather than Jesus' example. Wash over us with your cleansing Spirit, and renew our commitment to follow you. Amen.

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 God, we offer you our gifts with humble hearts. Each gift seems small on its own, so bless each one and those of your people throughout the Church. Through the work of your Holy Spirit, surprise us with all that our gifts can accomplish, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture

Isaiah 49:1-7
John 1:29-42

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Responding to the Word

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

***Blessing**

***Choral Benediction** Dance with the Spirit MV #156

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

Ministers All of us
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9 am – 12 pm

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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.

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.

FundScrip – The next order date is Sunday, January 22nd. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.



Rosewood Service will be on Thursday, January 19th, at 6:30 pm. The Choir will be assisting Greg in leading the service.

Annual Meeting – Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29th, after the worship service. Thank you to everyone who submitted reports.

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.

Bookworms United is Back! Come join the Book Club on Wednesday, February 1st, at the church. The book up for discussion is **The Thursday Murder Club** by Richard Osman. It is widely available in bookstores and the Public Library may have a few copies. Please bring a title (and author) of a book that you think might be a good read. Coffee at 9 am and book discussion will be from 9:30 – 10:30 am. Please note earlier start time. All are welcome.

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.

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.

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

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 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.

Community News

Winsloe United Church Winter Series Ceilidh on Sunday, January 22nd, at 2 pm. Host Eddy Quinn welcomes special guests Chad Matthews and Steven Perry. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

A FAITH TO LIVE BY

Give me the faith of adventure, Lord,
The courage to try the new,
The will to press on in spite of the dark,
Knowing I will walk with You.

Give me the faith of desire and hope,
The inward surge to achieve.
All things are possible with You.
Oh, Lord, let me believe!

Give me the faith of awareness
Of beauty everywhere,
Eyes to see, and ears to hear –
An open heart to care.

Give me faith to live by,
Joyous and unafraid,
A glorious faith to match the dawn
Of this day You have made!
By: Helen Lowrie Marshall