

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
July 23, 2023 – 10:30 am
Eighth 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

***Introit** Sing Praises (Taizé) x 4
Sing praises, all you peoples,
sing praises to the Lord.
Sing praises, all you peoples,
sing praises to the Lord!

***Call to Worship**

From every direction, we come together.
We have made our way here today. And we greeted one another as we arrived.
No matter who we are, or from where we come, God meets us in this place. God meets us in the eyes of the stranger sitting next to us, and in the wonder of children's whispers.
Led by the spirit of God, remind us that we are children of God.
Led by the spirit, let us be present to the community we create.

***Call to Worship** (continued)

We are here. Gathered to listen and respond to God's blessings.
May our hearts, our minds and our lives be open to the winds of God's Spirit. Let us worship God.

***Hymn** The Lone, Wild Bird VU #384

Prayer of Approach

God of many names, mother of all creation, father of all that is, womb of life, and wellspring of all that we can ever know, we know your presence here as we seek to embody your loving spirit and create your presence among us. We turn to you as we practice creating your kin-dom of heaven here on earth.

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

Responsive Reading - Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 VU #861
God, you have searched me and known me.

***Hymn** God of the Sparrow VU #229

All God's Children

Children may retire to Sunday School

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

*** Presentation of Offering** Deep in Our Hearts MV #154 vs 1

***Offertory Prayer**

We dedicate these resources to doing God's work among God's people.
May these gifts plant seeds of justice for God's children who seek it; may they remind us to love more mercifully; may all walk humbly as we learn to tread gently upon this earth. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture

Genesis 28:10-19a *Jacob's dream of the ladder*

Matthew 13:24-30, 26-43

The parable of the weeds scattered among good seed.

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

*Hymn Called by Earth and Sky MV #135

*Extinguishing of the Christ Candle

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction Go, Make a Diff'rence MV #209 (Chorus)

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able

Ministers All of us

Clergy **Rev Greg Davis**

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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.

Church Roof Fundraiser – A huge thank you goes out to all who've contributed over \$15,000 towards our \$18,000 fundraising goal!!

FundScrip – Janet will be placing an order today. The next order date is Sunday, August 6th. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

FündScrip

Strawberry Social, in support of Camp Abby, this Saturday, July 22nd, from 11 am – 2 pm at the Atlantic Superstore, 535 Granville St, Summerside.

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 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 – To register, visit their website at www.campabbeqweit.ca and click on “Register Today”. Brochures are available on the table in the foyer. A copy of their list of most needed items is posted on the bulletin board by the office.

Camp Abby requests your assistance to help with the financial costs to send students to camp. Requests have doubled from what they were for all of last year. Their philosophy is that every child has the opportunity to come to camp and that they will help in any way that they can. If you are able to donate to this part of their camping ministry, it would be greatly appreciated. Money can be sent to: Sharon Howatt, 1491 Waterview Road-Rte 120, Summerside, PE C1N 4J8.

Community News

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh tonight, July 23rd, at 7 pm. Host Jacinta MacDonald welcomes special guests Sandra and Ricky Jones and guest fiddler Steven Perry. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 6:30 pm.

Community News

Park Royal Church Ice Cream/Strawberry Social on Monday, July 31st, from 6 – 8 pm. Adults: \$10; Children 12 and under: \$6. Tickets are available at the church office (902-894-9656) or at the door.

LOVING CREATOR . . .

Thank you
for the everyday gifts of splendor
I so often take for granted.
Remind me to open my eyes
and see your divine touch
in all things around me.
No matter where I am, Lord,
make me daily aware
of the breathtaking beauty,
the glories of creation,
that so wondrously proclaim
your awesome power . . .
yet so exquisitely and tenderly
reflect your love.

By: B. J. Hoff

The whole earth is full of his glory. Isaiah 6:3

