

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
June 18, 2023 – 10:30 am

Third Sunday after Pentecost
Happy Father'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**

In the Lord (Taizé) x 4
In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
In the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid,
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

Call to Worship

The Lord is in his Holy Temple, let all the children of God rejoice. We are called as family to hold up holy hands and praise the God of justice and liberation for all! Not some, but for all people regardless of where you are on life's journey or who you are in the Kingdom of God. We are here to worship!
Hallelujah!

Call to Worship (continued)

We are here to lift up Holy hands!

Hallelujah!

We are the Kingdom of God!

Glory Hallelujah. Let us praise the name of our God!

***Hymn**

Come In, Come In and Sit Down

VU #395

Prayer of Approach

Gracious and ever-present God, make each of us an instrument of your justice. Continue to weave us into a family, your Kingdom, showing forth your power of healing, feeding, clothing and resurrection as evidenced through the life and ministry of your son, Jesus the Christ. Bless us and our differences and sustain our courage to stand together in the face of oppression and injustice in this world. We call on you today to gather us in your love. Impart to us the knowledge and understanding to better know you on each and every step of the journey of our lives. In the name of Jesus, who came in the name of love, let us now commit to shout with the voice of triumph and proclaim the love and grace of God to all the world. Let all the Kingdom of God shout "Victory"

Over Oppression!

Shout "Victory"

Over Injustice!

Shout "Victory"

Through Jesus the Christ. Amen and Amen

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

Responsive Reading Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

VU #836

***Hymn**

Like a Rock

MV #92

All God's Children

Children may retire to Sunday School

Call to Transformation and New Life

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Righteous God, we find ourselves as your hands, legs, heart, and spirit here in the earth. As your children, as were your disciples, we are called to make visible a Gospel of love, justice, reconciliation, and healing in the world. But our concern for a just and egalitarian world too often dissipates at the point of our discomfort. Forgive us for our humanity and our frailty as we dwell in your presence and seek transformation and new energy for the work of your ministry. Revive us again, O God.

O God, Revive...

Our love for the Kingdom!

O God, Revive...

Our yearning for justice!

O God, Revive...

Our desire for reconciliation!

O God, Revive...

Our need for healing! Amen and Amen!

Assurance of God's Unending Love

Just as Jesus endowed his disciples, his family, with moments of rest and amazement, it is good for us, kinfolk, to bask in the loving presence of God. Fortunately, God does not condemn us when we too often choose to linger there rather than enter into difficult, tough, unfamiliar or even mundane places and spaces. But I'm so glad that with grace and compassion, the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit lifts, informs and propels us in the direction we should go to heal, deliver, and resurrect. Come, Holy Spirit.

Lift us!

Come, Holy Spirit.

Inform us!

Come, Holy Spirit.

Propel us!

Come, Holy Spirit.

Shower us with your Grace and Mercy! Amen and Amen!

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

The Holy Spirit comes down to us as a gift of presence, compassion and companionship. We honour and uphold the Kingdom here on earth through our stewardship; as we are called to present our lives as a living testimony of the God who has created each one of us to be unique and minister to a world that needs what we have to offer in time, talent, and treasure. Let us now uphold the glory of God by the giving of our gifts in the spirit of generosity. We give...

To meet the needs of the Kingdom!

We give...

Out of the generosity of our hearts!

We give...

To further justice and peace in our world!

Offertory

*** Presentation of Offering** You Nourish Us VU #545

***Offertory Prayer**

Generous God, may these gifts glorify your spirit and meet the needs of your Kingdom. In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture

Genesis 18:1-15

Matthew 9:35-10:8

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

*Hymn Spirit, Open My Heart MV #79

Extinguishing of the Christ Candle

*Blessing

*Choral Benediction Go In Love

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able

Ministers All of us
Clergy **Rev Greg Davis**
Office Hours Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
9 am – 12 pm
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Church Office

Office Hours Wednesday & Thursday
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.

Today's Bulletins are placed in loving memory of Ivan, Helena & Kathryn Bowman. Lovingly remembered by Doug & June MacEachern and Family.

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.

Financial Assistance for Camp Abby – The UCW is providing some financial assistance for children going to Camp Abby this summer. If you are considering sending your child to Camp Abby, please give your name to Velda Bertram at 902-964-2210 or Kim Rodd at 902-626-5252 by **today**.

FundScrip – The next order date is Sunday, June 25th. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

FündScrip

Church Roof Fundraiser – At a recent congregational meeting, it was decided to fundraise the needed funds to repair the damage to the roof and siding from Hurricane Fiona. The estimated amount to repair the damage is \$42,064, less insurance coverage of \$26,625, leaves a net amount of \$15,438. A motion to raise \$18,000, in case of overruns, was approved. The fundraising timeline will be until July 15th. Donations can be dropped off at the church office on Sundays, in the mailbox located at the side entrance or by e-transfer to veldabertram@gmail.com.

Central Queens Praise Service will be held on Sunday, June 25th, at 7 pm at Central Queens United Church. Come and enjoy performers Central Queens Musical Friends, Kirk Neville, Sarah Weeks and Wina Reardon. Free will offering.

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.

Student Summer Employment – We have received a student grant for summer employment. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the church office at 902-964-2221 or email office@cquc.ca

Bookworms United – The next meeting of Bookworms United is on June 29th, at 9:30 am. The novel is **Demon Copperhead** by Barbara Kingsolver.

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.

Save the Date!! The annual Yard Sale at Central Queens United Church will be on Saturday, July 8th, from 8 am – 12 pm. Anyone wanted to donate items can do so until set-up day, Friday, July 7th. Items can be dropped off during the week during office hours. Volunteers are needed to help with set up on Thursday or Friday evening.

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.

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Camp Abby – Registration is open! To register, visit their website at www.campabbeqweit.ca and click on “Register Today”. Brochures are available on the table in the foyer. *Please see attached insert for their list of most needed items. It is also posted on the bulletin board by the office.*

Camp Abby is in need of a part-time cleaner. They are looking for someone to clean after each camp and after a rental. The times will vary, depending on what is happening each week. To learn more about this position, contact Sharon Howatt at 902-432-9193 or vshowatt@pei.sympatico.ca or Alex Corbett at alexcorbett@bampabby.ca.

Camp Abby is in need of money to help send students to Camp. As of today, the requests have doubled what they were for all of last year. Their philosophy is that every child have 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 our 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 tomorrow night at 7 pm. Host Dino Dunsford welcomes special guest, the Chad Matthews Band, featuring Chad Matthews, Danalee Lunch-Veinotte, and Steven Perry. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 6:30 pm.

Open House for Hope House – On behalf of the Island Pregnancy Centre, you are invited to an Open House for Hope House Mother’s Home tomorrow from 4 – 5:30 pm. Hope House Mother’s Home is located on 314 First St, Summerside (across from the Michael’s Restaurant). Come see all the changes that have been made possible by past and ongoing partnerships. A new wish list will also provide opportunities to partner with them in support of moms and babies to stay together in a supportive wrap around care environment. Light refreshments will be serviced.

Portage Cemetery – There will be a cleanup at the Portage Cemetery this Saturday, June 17th, at 9 am.

St. John's Anglican Church Milton is holding a yard sale at the Milton Community Hall on Saturday, June 24th, from 8 am - 12 noon. There will be something for everyone. Mark your calendars. Tell your family and friends.

Winsloe United Church is celebrating their 25th anniversary on Sunday, June 25th, at 10:30 am with Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Stevenson, President of FSLDW Region, as guest preacher. There will be a time of fellowship afterwards. All are welcome!

Mission & Service – *Fighting Racism at Home and Abroad: Adele Halliday's Work*

When was the first time you became aware of discrimination or oppression?

Adele Halliday, the United Church's Anti-Racism Equity Lead, says that parts of her work focus on racial discrimination – and she encounters many people across the church who are surprised by the ongoing systemic racism in church and society.

“I grew up as a racialized person and in a multiracial context, so this always surprises me. There's almost a kind of initial moment of realization,” she says. “In my work, what I encourage people to do is move beyond that moment of realization, asking, “So what does that mean for you in your life? If you're a person who's benefited from racism, now what? What's your next action? What does it mean for your life in the church and society as a person, as an individual, as a family member?”

Racialized people are among the people who have felt the negative effects of racism. It can take many forms, but all are harmful. And even worse, racism still exists in Canada and in the United Church today.

Your gifts to Mission & Service support educational initiatives, programs, and partners that work hard to dismantle racism. One of these programs is the 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism, which tackles topics like

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internalized racism, systemic racism, and anti-Indigenous and anti-Black racism.

While the program was designed for The United Church of Canada, Halliday says the impact is global. “I have gotten messages from people in other denominations and in other parts of the world like the United Kingdom, Australia, and the United States who are excited about the program and who want to use it,” she says.

“There are people who are hurting because of racial injustice and racial trauma,” says Halliday. “The work that we're doing helps us move collectively toward healing as a church and beyond.”

What Makes a Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it Dad.

