

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
March 5, 2023 – 10:30 am

Second 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** God in the Darkness MV #17 vs 1 & 3

***Call to Worship**

We are gathered in the presence of God.

We do not meet alone.

Like Abram and Sarai,

We pause to worship God.

In desert and on mountain top, in city and countryside,

God journeys with us and blesses us.

We worship and live in the presence of God.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

***Hymn** Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet VU #245

Prayer of Approach

Holy One, you call us, as you called Abram and Sarai, to a journey into the world with faith. When days are sunny and the path is easy, we travel with confidence in you. When nights are dark and we are filled with questions and doubts, draw us close and whisper to our spirits. We pause on our journey to praise you for being with us to guide our steps. We rejoice that you lead us into love and bless us so that we might be a blessing to others.

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 121 VU #844

***Hymn** Teach Me, God, to Wonder VU #299 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

***Hymn** Teach Me, God, to Wonder VU #299 vs 3 & 4

Children may retire to Sunday School

Call to Transformation and New Life

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

God, our Holy Friend, we admit to you and to each other, that our words and deeds become tangled. We set out to do what seems to be good, only to discover that we have hurt someone. We rely on our knowledge and experience, only to discover that we have been foolish. Sometimes we pretend to be thoughtful of others, yet we are thinking only of ourselves and our agenda.

Holy Friend, we present this tangled web of our lives to you. With your patient love and power to recreate, untangle our lives, free what is knotted, mend what is broken, and bring balance and harmony into our lives, we pray. Amen.

Sung Assurance of God's Unending Love

Don't Be Afraid

MV #90 x 2

Presentation of Our Gifts

Offertory Invitation

Offertory

***Presentation of Offering**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

VU #149 vs 4

***Offertory Prayer**

Holy Friend, we present our offerings and our lives to you. We share our bounty, a gift from you. We share our lives, growing in you. Bless the gifts we offer. Bless those who offer them. Bless those who will be touched by them. May the circle of blessings and blessed ones grow wide. Amen

Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture

Genesis 12:1-4a

John 3:1-17

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Responding to the Word

***Hymn**

We Are Pilgrims (The Servant Song) VU #595

***Blessing**

***Choral Benediction**

I Am Walking a Path of Peace

MV #221

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

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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.

Today's Bulletins are placed in loving memory of Denis Lajeunesse. Lovingly remembered by Lois & Family.

Sympathy – Sympathies are extended to Roger Bain on the loss of his mother, Marjorie Bain.

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 – Janet will be placing an order today. The next order date is Sunday, March 19th. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

FündScrip

Election of Elders – Today is the final day to cast your ballot. Please deposit it in the silver box on the table in the foyer.

Central Queens Joint UCW to be held at the church this Tuesday, March 7th, at 6 pm. Host: Central Unit; Worship: Lois Lajeunesse; Program and Lunch: Central Unit.

Rosewood Service will be held on Thursday, March 16th at 6:30 pm. The United Church Men will be assisting Greg in leading the service.

Official Board Meeting will meet on Thursday, March 16th at 7:15 pm at the church. All are welcome.

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.

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.

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

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 this afternoon, 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.

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