

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
May 14, 2023 – 10:30 am

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mothering Sunday

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 Bless the Lord (Taizé) x 4

Call to Worship

Come, worship the God who said:

As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you. *Isaiah 66:13a*

We will come before our God.

Gather us now before you, O God, as a hen gathers her brood to protect them. Like a mother, you gather your people to you; you are gentle with us as a mother is with her children.

As we meet today and follow your example, protect us, support us and feed us with your unconditional love.

Amen

Adapted from St Anselm of Canterbury

*Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

VU #264

Prayer of Approach

We thank you for mothers and carers everywhere, and for the special love they have for their children.

We thank you for the images of God that show God's tenderness, kindness, and love.

Help us to show your love to those who care for us, and to the people that we meet in our lives.

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

In Psalm 139 we are reminded that each of us is "fearfully and wonderfully made." Each of us is an image of the one who created us. On this Mothering Sunday, it's good to remember this.

The Images of God *written by Ruth Burgess*

Young mothers

Old mothers

Grandmothers

All mothers are made in the image of God

Childless women

Menopausal women

Lesbian women

All women are made in the image of God

Fathers

Gay men

Trans folk

Childless men

All men are made in the image of God

Divorced people
Married people
Single people

All people are made in the image of God

***Hymn** He Came Singing Love VU #359 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

***Hymn** He Came Singing Love VU #359 vs 3 & 4

Children may retire to Sunday School

A Good Enough Parent *Written by Ruth Burgess*

**Father of God, protecting your child against slander and danger
you were a good enough parent.**

**Mother of God, losing your son on the streets of Jerusalem
you were a good enough parent.**

**Father God, letting your children face pain and laughter
you are a good enough parent.**

**Mother God, loving your children through good and through evil
you are a good enough parent.**

**Parenting God, father, mother and Holy Spirit
help us to take the loving risks of parenthood.**

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

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

***Offertory Prayer**

**May these gifts be our testimony of our faithfulness to you,
Abiding God, even as we offer to you all that we are and all that
we have for your glory, honour, and praise. Amen.**

Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture

Acts 17:22-31

John 14:15-21

Anthem

Sermon *Never Left Alone*

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn** Deep in Our Hearts MV #154

***Blessing**

***Choral Benediction** Over My Head MV #88 x2

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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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.

May 28th – No Worship Service

As part of the annual meeting of Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council, you are invited to attend the worship service of Praise & Celebration of Ministry at the Performing Arts Centre and Residence building, UPEI (#21 on the campus map <https://files.upei.ca/map.pdf>) on Sunday, May 28th, at 10 am. There will be no worship service held here at Central Queens United.

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.

FundScrip – Janet will be placing an order today. The next order date is Sunday, May 28th. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted. Promotions for May: Indigo 8%, Winners/Homesense 8%, Boston Pizza 8% and Hello Fresh/Chef's Plate 9%.

FundScrip

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 June 18th.

Annual Spring Roast Beef Take Out Supper – Central Queens United Church is holding their annual spring take-out Hot Roast Beef Supper on Saturday, June 17th. A tasty hot roast beef supper with all the trimmings including scrumptious homemade desserts! Ticket prices: Adult: \$18; children (6-12 yrs): \$7; children under 6 yrs: free. There will be three (3) take-out times: 3:30 pm, 4:30 pm, and 5:30 pm. Tickets **must be ordered in advance** by calling Debbie at 902-964-2882 or Lois at 902-621-0669.

*****Please Note:** This dinner is take-out only. Customers should remain in their vehicles. Tickets will be collected at that time and meals will be delivered to your car.

Rosewood Service this Thursday, May 18th, at 6:30 pm. The choir will be assisting Greg with the service.

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.

Save the Date!! The annual giant 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.

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.

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.

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.

Bookworms United – The next meeting of Bookworms United is Thursday, May 25th, at 9:30 am in the church parlour. The book selection is the recent winner of Canada Reads, DUCKS by Kate Beaton.

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.

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.

Youth @ Region (formerly I@C and YF) from May 26th-May 28th at UPEI in Charlottetown. Y@R is a place of community and a place of faith where United Church youth, between grade 6 and grade 12, meet from across New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and the Gaspé. It is an inclusive, diverse, and safe community for youth in the name of Christ and a place for youth to explore their faith and to learn more about the United Church of Canada while sharing in music, worship, and fun in a spirit-filled community. For more information, please contact Catherine Stuart at cstuart@united-church.ca. To register: https://ucceast.ca/77877-youthregion-may-26-28-2023-university-of-price-edward-island?#gf_531

Camp Abby – Registration is open! To register, visit their website at www.campabegweit.ca and click on “Register Today”. Brochures are available on the table in the foyer.

Camp Abby is looking for donations of kitchen supplies, **specifically large pans for serving food**. If you have pans you would like to donate, please contact Alex Corbett at alexcorbett@campabby.ca or by phone at 902-626-8037.

Community News

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh on Monday, May 22nd, at 7 pm. Host Dino Dunsford welcomes fiddler Steven Perry and vocalist Lisa Logan Campbell. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 6:30 pm.

QEH Foundation’s Big Day of Giving – Wednesday, May 24th, is the QEH Foundation’s Big Day of Giving—a 24-hour community celebration of those who are a BIG DEAL to the QEH. Celebrate with them on social media and tune in to Ocean 100 and HOT 105.5 for heartfelt stories of grateful patients, community supporters, QEH staff, and life-saving equipment needed at our Island’s largest hospital. Together we all can have a BIG impact on the health care of Islanders from East Point to North Cape and everywhere in between. Phone in your support by calling (toll free) 1-833-335-0545 or donate online by visiting www.qehbigday.ca. Thank you!!

Brackley Beach Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, May 27th, from 7:30 – 9:30 am at the Brackley Beach Community Centre, 3330 Brackley Point Rd. Adults: \$10; Children 12 and under: \$5. *Over...*

Mission & Service – *Education the Ministers of Tomorrow: Jennifer Janzen-Ball's Work*

You may think Mission & Service just happens far away from your church. But the effects of Mission & Service may be as close as your local pulpit.

Mission & Service does a surprising amount of development in your local church, recruiting new ministers and funding theological schools. It even shapes the hymn books you sing from every service.

Another important way Mission & Service supports local ministry: by providing academic bursaries for students studying to become ministers and theological leaders.

“The church has a lot to offer in terms of witness to the community and supporting people who are struggling.” explains the Rev. Dr. Jennifer Janzen-Ball, the United Church’s Executive Minister for Theological Leadership.

Janzen-Ball knows there’s more to a bursary than just the financial gift. “The money is really helpful,” she says, “but the other thing that is so important to students is realizing that people throughout the church cared enough to donate to Mission & Service.”

The Rev. Alexa Gilmour received one of these bursaries when she was still a ministry candidate. “I was a single parent, and I knew I couldn’t get through without support,” Gilmour says. “I felt blessed by God through people who donated and who, by giving, encouraged me on my journey. I have tremendous gratitude for that important role the church played in my life at that time,”

Janzen-Ball wants you to know that your gifts do matter. “They matter both tangibly in peoples’ lives in a real way but also in intangible ways because they signal the support of the wider community,” she says. “The care of people who are strangers to one another—the importance and impact of that can’t be overstated. Giving to Mission & Service is an opportunity to support future and current leaders. Those gifts make a significant difference.”