

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
November 12, 2023 – 10:30 am

Twenty-Fourth 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 (*Placed during the singing of the Introit*)

*Introit Come Touch Our Hearts MV #12 vs 3

*Call to Worship

As the sea gathers its waters for the next waves on the shore:

So God's people gather for loving.

As the notes of harmony congregate for the sound of music:

So God's people cluster in community.

As the wind sweeps the air into great clouds of beauty:

So God's people wonder at creation.

As this day, this week begins:

So God's people gather for worship and praise.

*Hymn Faith of Our Fathers VU #580

Prayer of Approach

Steadfast God, you visit us in our aloneness, but we express you best in our togetherness. May our time together model the best we can be. An expression of the Kin-dom you call us to embody. Open our minds to your Spirit and shape our minds to engage the week before us.

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 78:1-7 *Part One* VU #792

*Hymn Spin Me A Story All God's Children Sing #17 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

Hymn Spin Me A Story All God's Children Sing #17 vs 3

Children may retire to Sunday School

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

* Presentation of Offering We Will Take What You Offer MV #196

*Offertory Prayer

Discerning God, receive our offerings and gifts for your Kin-dom. Let them be a blessing to those in need of encouragement, material goods and evidence of your presence among us. Magnify them beyond our imagining and grant us insight into the possibilities before us for ministry and witness. We are grateful to give. Amen

Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Matthew 25:1-13

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

***Hymn** Arise, Your Light Is Come VU #79

Extinguishing of the Christ Candle

***Benediction**

Now may the love of truth guide you, the warmth of love hold you, and the spirit of peace bless you, this day and in the days to come.

Amen. May it be so.

***Choral Benediction** May the Blessing of God Go Before You VU #962

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able

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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.

Sympathies are extended to Lois Lajeunesse and family on the loss of her brother-in-law.

Sympathies are also extended to Lois Moore and family on the loss of her sister-in-law.

Sympathies are also extended to Wendy and Wayne and extended family on the loss of their mother, Hazel Ripley.

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.

FundScrip – Janet will be placing an order today. The next order date is Sunday, November 26th. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

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Rosewood Service this Thursday, November 16th, at 6:30 pm. UC Men will be assisting Greg with the service.

Official Board Meeting – Next official board meeting this Thursday, November 16th, at 7:15 pm. All are welcome. Information will be shared and a vote held concerning the establishment of an autonomous national indigenous organization within the United Church of Canada.

Sunday School has resumed. Anyone who can help with this important ministry, please contact Greg at 902-964-2291 or by email at minister@cguc.ca. Help us to continue this very important ministry.

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.

The **Fall Roast Beef Take Out Supper** made a profit of \$7,371.65. Thank you, one and all for all your help!!

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.

Annual Frozen Pie Sale – The annual 8” frozen pie sale returns with a variety of delicious flavours including: cherry, apple, strawberry/rhubarb, pumpkin, no sugar added apple, caramel/apple, blueberry, classic berry and pecan. \$7.50/pie except \$8.50 for pecan. Great treats for desserts, gifts, or hosting. Orders accepted from till next Sunday, November 19th. Tentative date for pickup at the church will be Thursday, December 7th, from 12 noon - 6 pm. To order, call Lois at 902-621-0669.

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.

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.

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.

Music Gathering – You are invited to a music gathering to sing through the songs from the THEN LET US SING Sampler today, November 12th, from 2- 3:30 pm at Trinity United Church, 90 Spring Street in Summerside. Music directors, pianists, organists, choir member, clergy and congregants are all welcome.

Rural Routes Through the Holy Day Away (RRTH) on November 18th, from 10 am – 3 pm (coffee & muffins @ 9:30) at St Ann’s Anglican Church in Westcock, NB (near Sackville). Registration is \$25, including the meal. Register through the Rural Routes Through the Holy Facebook page, at www.hemofthelight.com, at <https://hemofthelight.com/registration-rural-routes-day-away-2023/>, or by calling Catherine at 506-536-0216

Brave Spaces 101 – Hosted by Trinity United Church, Charlottetown, on Wednesday, November 22nd, from 1:30 – 3 pm. This interactive, educational workshop with PEERS Alliance will explore the changing landscape of the language associated with the diversity of gender and sexuality. Over the course of 90 minutes, they will dive into what inclusivity and creating a brave space means for the 2SLGBTQ+ community and its allies. This educational session will explore:

- the definitions of gender identity, sexual orientation, and gender expression through the lens of privilege and power
- How to develop a sharing understand of Brave Spaces
- Identifying strategies for supporting 2SLGBTQ+ inclusivity.

Community News

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh this afternoon, November 12th, at 2 pm. Hosts are Dino Dunsford and the Winsloe United Church House Band with Steven Perry. Special guests are Louise and Jonathan Arsenault. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

The Island Peace Committee will host a Peace Walk this afternoon, November 12th, at 1.30 pm. The Walk will start on Grafton St. and proceed on the nearby streets of Charlottetown and return to the area next to the Cenotaph for a Rally.

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Bluefield High School Christmas Craft Fair next Friday, November 17th from 5:30 – 9 pm and Saturday, November 18th from 10 am – 5 pm. **All proceeds towards the school's music program.** Admission is \$2, children 12 and under are free. Lots of hand-crafted items, baked goods, home décor, jewelry, etc. plus, door prizes and musical entertainment.
Address: 924 Colville Rd, Hampshire.

Christmas Fair at Trinity Clifton United Church, 220 Richmond St, on Saturday, November 18th, from 9 am – 2 pm. Featuring a bake and deli table, jams, jellies, pickles, fudge, books, treasures, jewelry, crafts, sewing and knitting. Soup and chowder available for take-out. Free admission. All are welcome.

Pancake Breakfast sponsored by Park Royal United Church and Sherwood Metros on Saturday, November 18th, from 8 – 10 am. Please join them for pancakes, sausages, and a drink, all for \$10. Tickets at the door.

Spring Park United Church is holding a Holiday Market on Saturday November 25th, from 9 am – 12 noon in the Church Auditorium. Please use the Trafalgar Street entrance. Come early for the best selection. Please bring your own bag.

Open House – You are invited to come and join in the Celebration of Frances Tremere's 90th Birthday on Sunday November 26th, from 2-4pm at Park Royal United Gym.

Volunteer Coordinator - The QEH has a position coming up that would be great for a university student. It's an April to August position ... hospital volunteers get the summer off, as the student volunteers come in to take on the roles. For more information, go to <https://jobspei.ca/>, click on Health PEI Jobs and then Jobs Open to the Public.