

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
November 19, 2023 – 10:30 am
Twenty-fifth 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

Welcome in the name of the Christ.

Welcome to this place of worship, situated on the unceded traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq people.

Welcome to this place of retreat and refuge, worship, and wonder.

It is good to be here.

It is indeed good to be together.

Announcements

Birthdays & Special Occasions

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

Bible Presentation *(Placed during the singing of the Introit)*

*Introit Rise Up, Rise Up MV #130

*Call to Worship

Holy One, you have been our God from generation to generation. Before the universe exploded and the earth was without form, you have been with us.

Creator, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

We enter your presence to worship and praise your holy name.

Mighty One, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Teach us to count the days with joy and appreciation for all your marvellous works and steadfast love.

Everlasting God, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

*Hymn Teach Me, God, to Wonder VU #299

Prayer of Approach

Generous God, you pour your Spirit into us. You bless us with your love. In your presence, there is fullness of joy, comfort for those in despair, and peace in the midst of chaos and confusion. You do not abandon us in times of need or of celebration. We turn toward you now seeking to receive your message, to give you honor, and to commune in your presence. Make yourself known among us, O God, make yourself known to us.

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 123 VU #847

*Hymn Small Thing Count VU #361 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

Hymn Small Thing Count VU #361 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

Generous God, we bring the gifts of ourselves and our abundance. Magnify and multiply these offerings to meet the needs before us. Continue to cultivate the spirit of generosity among us and make us good stewards as we allocate the use of these gifts in your name. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture

Judges 4:1-7

Matthew 25:14-30

Anthem In Heavenly Armour *Central Queens Musical Friends*

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

***Hymn** Take My Life and Let it Be VU #506

Extinguishing of the Christ Candle

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction** Deep in Our Hearts MV #154 vs 3

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.

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 – 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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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.

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

Annual Frozen Pie Sale – Today is the last day to place your order. 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.

Sounds of Christmas – You are invited to enjoy the “Sounds of Christmas” concert at Central Queens United Church on Sunday, December 3rd, at 7 pm. This seasonal performance will feature Kirk Neville, Bonnie LaFrance and friends. Come get an early start enjoying the spirit of Christmas in a wonderfully musical, stress-free environment. Admission is \$12 at the door.

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.

Christmas Carol Concert – You are invited to a Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 17th featuring Central Queens Musical Friends. Concert starts at 7 pm. Come and enjoy the reason for the season.

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.

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.

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.

Brave Spaces 101 – An interactive, educational workshop with PEERS Alliance hosted by Trinity United Church, Charlottetown, on Wednesday, November 22nd, from 1:30 – 3 pm. Over the course of 90 minutes, they will explore what inclusivity and creating a brave space means for the 2SLGBTQ+ community.

The PEI Godly Play Guild meets monthly at Kensington United Church from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon. The next sessions are for November 26th and January 6th. Godly Play is a creative and imaginative approach to faith formation and spiritual development using symbols, objects, silence, and words to explore biblical stories and Christian practices. Interested in attending? Email Barb Moase at barb.moase@outlook.com.

Community News

The Confederation Singers under the direction of Nick MacDonald present their winter concert “In Endless Song,” a musical journey celebrating the emergence of light in dark times, new beginnings, and the way singing brings people together in community. On stage at The Mack on Saturday, November 25th, at 7:30 pm, the concert weaves together seasonal themes with songs of resilience to celebrate the timeless power of music to help us find hope in the face of hardship. Tickets are available at <https://confederationcentre.com/whats-on/inendlessong/>.

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.

Brackley Beach Pancake Breakfast – You are invited to come to the Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, November 25th, from 8 - 10 am at the Brackley Beach Community Centre, 3330 Brackley Point Road. Enjoy a hearty breakfast of pancakes, sausage and bacon while spending time with family and friends. Adults \$10, Children \$5. Proceeds are for the

upkeep of the Brackley Beach Community Centre. For information, please call 902-218-6984.

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 Church gym.

“A Not So Perfect Christmas” – a Musical play for World Vision at New Glasgow Christian Church on Saturday, December 2nd and Sunday, December 3rd, at 7:30 pm. Free Admission. Donations accepted to help send a stable full of animals to a World Vision village.

Trinity United Church Kick-Off to Advent on Saturday, December 2nd, at 2 pm at Trinity United Church, 90 Spring Street, Summerside. The Trinity Players and Contemporary Choir will take you on a musical and theatrical journey into the themes of Advent and prepare you for the birth of Jesus. Free will offering at the door in support of the Food Box Program.

Christmas Concert - Award winning Prince Edward Island folk music group, Fiddlers' Sons, will play at Park Royal United Church, on Sunday, December 3rd, from 2 - 4 pm. The band features storyteller, author and three-time Music PEI Male Vocalist of the Year Eddy Quinn, singer songwriter and guitarist John B. Webster, and fiddler Allison Giggey. Christmas food items will also be available for sale. For tickets and more information, please call the Church Office at 902-894-9656. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Trinity United Church Christmas Dinner on December 9th. Dine In Dinner: 5:30 pm. Takeout Pickup: 4:30 pm (Sydney Street). Cost \$20 per person. Proceeds to Food Bank. Tickets available at the church office by calling (902)892-4114.

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.