

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

Remembrance Sunday

Twenty-Third 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 Gather Us In MV #7

*Call to Worship

From east and west, north and south, we gather on this day of remembrance to give thanks and praise.

We come to be inspired by the Word of God and honour the sacrifices of those who have committed themselves to service before self.

In times of peace, in times of conflict, and in times of uncertainty, **we remember that we are not alone.**

We are the people of God, connected across time and space, from generation to generation.

We are united by the love of the One who said: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

*Call to Worship (continued)

As we gather to remember, let us sing and pray.

Let us worship God together!

*Hymn For the Healing of the Nations VU #678

Prayer of Approach

On this day of memory we gather to sing and to pray,

we remember the past and look to the future.

On this day when the guns once fell silent,

we come before you God, seeking your peace.

On this day of hope in the face of terror,

we come before you God, praying with all our hearts -

God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come.

Open our eyes and the eyes of the nations to find a different path through the disagreements of life in this world.

In this time of story, song, and prayer,

may we be re-committed to being a people of peace, true peace.

May we catch a vision of how the world could live together.

And so we echo the old prayers,

make us channels of your peace. Let there be Peace on Earth and let it begin with us!

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

Act of Remembrance

*Hymn O Canada VU #524

Roll Call of Those Who Died in the Wars *George Mason*
Boer War (1899-1902)
World War I (1914-1918)
World War II (1939-1945)
Korean War (1950-1953)

The Last Post

Two Minutes of Silence

Rouse

Silent Prayer and Reflection

Act of Remembrance

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.
We will remember them.

Placing of the Wreath

Poem In Flanders Fields *By: John McCrae*

*God Save the King

Children may retire to Sunday School

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, when our lives are comfortable and we live in relative safety, it can be all too easy to forget that what we enjoy today has come at a great cost. For some, the price was their last breath. For others, it was wounds to body, mind, or spirit. Our inability to resolve conflicts through peaceable means has caused harm beyond measure.

Forgive us for using violence as a way to resolve our differences. On days like this, we remember those who defend our freedoms, and we say, "Lest we forget." Yet too often we forget that the wounds to mind and spirit can last a lifetime.

Forgive us for not remembering once the poppies have been put away.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers," but we have often focused on what divides us rather than on what can bring us together.

Forgive us for our reluctance to do the hard work of peacemaking.

For all these things, and for those which we name before you now in the silence of our hearts, forgive us...

Words of Assurance

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

* Presentation of Offering

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow VU #541

*Offertory Prayer

God of abundance, we thank you for the gifts that we present to you now. We ask that you receive them and bless them. May they enable us to serve the world in ways that inspire hope and make your love known. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Sacred Word

Micah 4:1-5

For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

*Hymn God, Make Us Servants of Your Peace VU #676

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

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.

Sounds of Christmas” – You are invited to enjoy the “Sounds of Christmas” with Kirk Neville, Bonnie LaFrance and Friends on Sunday, December 3rd, at 7 pm here at Central Queens United Church. Admission is \$12. Come and get into the spirit of Christmas!

Save the Date!! – On December 17th, at 7 pm the Central Queens Musical Friends will be hosting a Christmas Concert. Come, relax, and enjoy the sounds of the season.

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.

Music Gathering – You are invited to a music gathering to sing through the songs from the THEN LET US SING Sampler on Sunday, November 12th, from 2 - 3:30 pm at Trinity United Church, 90 Spring Street in Summerside. Together, the songs in the Sampler will be explored and pondered on how those songs may resonate personally and in your congregations. All the music will be there for you. Music directors, pianists, organists, choir member, clergy and congregants are all welcome. It will be great to meet all of you! Please RSVP to Louise via email at music@trinitysummerside.ca or call the Trinity office at 902-436-3155 and leave a message with Joyce, office admin., for Louise. Hope to see you on November 12th.

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.

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. The guild was formed 10 years ago and has been attended by various people from across PEI. At this time, they would like to invite any interested persons to join them and experience a glimpse of what Godly Play is all about. 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. The program invites participants into stories and encourages them to connect the stories with personal experience. Godly Play is being used in various program situations within the church such as Sunday School for children, Bible Study for adults, and also in settings such as assisted living homes and nursing homes. Interested in attending? Email Barb Moase at barb.moase@outlook.com.

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). Presentations, conversations, worship, and nourishment. 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

Community News

Wheatley River Remembrance Day Service will be held on Saturday, November 11th, at 11 am with the reading of names and laying of wreath at the Cenotaph. This year we will not be having a service afterward in the hall.

Hunter River & Area Community Remembrance Day Service on Saturday, November 11th, at 10 am at Veterans Memorial located at the Hunter River Presbyterian Church. Hunter River Community Council will host a reception following the service at the Community Centre. Everyone welcome.

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh on Sunday, 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 Aresenault. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

Bluefield High School Christmas Craft Fair will be held on 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. For more information, please contact the school at 902-675-7480.

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.

