

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
September 24, 2023 – 10:30 am

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sixteenth Anniversary

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 Rise Up, Rise Up MV #130

*Call to Worship

Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord!

Praise the Lord! Give thanks to our God!

God has blessed us and brought us to this time.

God has blessed us and brought us to this place.

In our 16 years together, our Family Tree has weathered winters, storms, periods of drought.

In our 16 years together, our Family Tree has enjoyed gentle sunshine, nourishing rains, the leisurely warmth of summer blessings.

For 16 years, God has nurtured and fed us, caused our roots to sink deep.

*Call to Worship (Continued)

For 16 years, God has shown us grace, growing fruit of abundant varieties.

For 16 years, God has made us his witnesses in the world.

For 16 years, God has placed us in loving relationship with one another.

Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord!

Praise the Lord! Give thanks to our God!

Praise the Lord for 16 years! Praise our God for 16 more!

Praise the Lord for evermore! Oh, praise the name of the Lord!

*Hymn Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah VU #651

Prayer of Approach

Mighty God, we enter your presence with thanksgiving and hope. You have formed us as your people. You join us on the journey of life through valleys, upon mountains and on the plains. We set our attention and seek your wisdom, encouragement, and grace. Reveal your will and display your glory among your people as we worship your holy name.

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

Responsive Reading - Psalm 105 Parts 1 & 4 VU #828-829

*Hymn Each Blade of Grass MV #37 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

*Hymn Each Blade of Grass MV #37 vs 3

Call to Transformation and New Life

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

God of abundance, forgive us for embracing a worldview that capitalizes on scarcity. Help us to know that you have given us enough for our journey. You have created us wonderfully and uniquely. Forgive us for comparing ourselves with our neighbor when we are called to love them. Help us to embrace how you

Prayer for Transformation and New Life (continued)

have made us as individuals who may bring our singular gifts to our common life. Amen.

Assurance of God's Unending Love

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

* **Presentation of Offering** What Can I Do? MV #191

***Offertory Prayer**

Great God, please receive our gifts for the glory of your name and the blessing of your people. May we be dedicated stewards of your abundance and use these gifts for the benefit of your kindom. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture

Exodus 16:2-15

Matthew 20:1-16

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

***Hymn** Now Thank We All Our God VU #236

***Extinguishing of the Christ Candle**

***Blessing**

***Choral Benediction** Deep in Our Hearts MV #154 vs 1

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able

Ministers

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 Leonard & Ethel Bowman. Lovingly remembered by Austin Bowman.

Central Queens United Church Anniversary – We celebrate and remember the official opening of our church on September 16, 2007.



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@cguc.ca for an appointment.

FundScrip – The next order date is Sunday, October 1st. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

FundScrip

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.

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.

Camp Abegweit Fundraising Supper and Auction will now be held this Saturday, September 30th. There are tickets available for both eat in at 6:00 pm and take-out between 4 and 4:30 pm. Adults \$40.00 and children \$20.00. To order tickets, please contact Sharon Howatt at vshowatt@pei.sympatico.ca or 902-432-9193 after 3:00 pm.

Community News

Roast Turkey Dinner at Winsloe United Church this Saturday, September 30th, at 5 pm sharp. Take-outs available at 5:30 pm sharp. Tickets are \$30 each, children under six - no charge. For tickets, call 902-394-2777 or 902-368-1233.

Love in Action - Rev. Christine MacLeod and Rev. Dr. Karen MacLeod-Wilkie invite you to join them at a Kairos Mass Blanket Exercise at UPEI this Saturday, September 30th, at 1 pm. Meet at Park Royal United Church at 12:20 pm to carpool to UPEI. Help share a United Church presence and experience the power of what can be learned together through this exercise. Details of the event are below. Please wear an orange shirt if you are able.

KAIROS Mass Blanket Exercise – Saturday, September 30, 2023 @ 1 p.m. Location: UPEI Campus beside the IKERAS Tipi Rain Location: WA Murphy Student Centre in MacMillian Hall

The Native Council of PEI is working in partnership with IKERAS at UPEI to provide an Indigenous Rights History that has not been taught in schools. The event will be held on Saturday, September 30th, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Attendance is open to the public. Please join them at 1 pm; feast to follow. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets. A feast after the Blanket Exercise in the Foyer of the WA Murphy Student Centre.

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh on Sunday, October 1st, at 2 pm. Host Eddy Quinn welcomes special guest Kurt Bernard and guest fiddler Steven Perry. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

“Milton Just for Fun Choir and Band” Concert on Sunday, October 1st, at 7 pm at the Stanley Bridge Memorial Centre (former Stanley Bridge United Church). For further information, call Helen MacEwen at 902-836-3222.

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Trinity United Church Roast Beef Dinner!! on Saturday, October 14th, at 5:30 pm in the Trinity United Church Gym, 220 Richmond St, Charlottetown PE C1A 1J5. Tickets are \$20 and **must be purchased in advance**. For inquiries, please stop by in person or call the church office at 902-892-4114 or email TrinityCliftonUnitedChurch@gmail.com.

PEI Protestant Children's Trust Fall Scholarship - Applications Open September 1st. This scholarship is for a PEI Protestant student (regardless of denomination) to attend Holland College and could be up to \$4000 per recipient. Applications are accepted online only through the [Community Foundation of PEI Application Portal](#). The criteria for the scholarship along with information about supporting documents is included in the portal. Important dates, answers to frequently asked questions and a direct link to the application portal can be found on our website at www.cfpei.ca/apply/scholarships/. Any questions about the Community Foundation of PEI or the scholarship, please email ebourgeois@cfpei.ca or phone 902-892-3440 (main line) or Emma Bourgeois at 802-200-8567. Deadline for applications is October 31st.

NEW EVERY MORNING

Oh, Lord, how you love to bless us,
You stand waiting with the dawn
of each new day with a fresh supply
of goodness and gladness and grace
for the hours to come.
Your well of mercy is overflowing,
Your store of blessings, inexhaustible.
Sunrise to sunrise,
season to season,
Your love is unending and boundless.

"This I call to mind and therefore I have hope; because of the Lord's great love, we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning. Lamentations 3:21-23