

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

April 14, 2024 – 10:30 am

Third Sunday of Easter



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 Introit)*

*Introit

Rise Up, Rise Up

MV #130

*Call to Worship

Let us fill our hearts and minds with hope as we hear the Words of Jesus Christ.

"Peace be with you."

When peace and justice seem uncertain, let us hear anew the Words of Jesus Christ.

"Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds?"

Let us be comforted by the presence of Christ, whose love, and light dwells within us.

***Call to Worship** (continued)

Let our lives be witnesses of these things.

Help us to be instruments of Christ's peace to all in need of God's healing love.

***Hymn** Eternal, Unchanging, We Sing VU #223

Prayer of Approach

Risen Christ, create in us a clean heart so that we can meditate in your peace; abide in your mercy; be filled with your justice; and be made new by your love. In your name, we pray.

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 4 VU #727

***Hymn** Jesus Came, a Child Like Me VU #583 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

Hymn Jesus Came, a Child Like Me VU #583 vs 3 & 4

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

All are invited to give joyously to the church that bears witness to Christ's love.

Let us give with a joyful heart.

God's generous love has given us every good and gracious gift.

We offer our gratitude for God's abundant blessings in our lives.

Now, let us be a blessing to others in the ways that God has faithfully and generously blessed us.

Offertory

***Presentation of Offering** Grant Us, God, the Grace VU #540

*** Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

Let us remember that weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes early in the morning. May these gifts of blessing be a sign of the love, light and glory of our redeeming God who has created a world of abundance with all that we need. May we remain thankful witnesses to your generosity, O God, as we dedicate these offerings to you and your beloved creation. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture

Acts 3:12-19

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

***Hymn** Christ Has No Body Now but Yours MV #171

***Extinguishing of the Christ Candle**

***Sung Benediction** Lead Me, God VU #662

***Choral Benediction** Go Now in Peace VU #964

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

Bulletins: Today's bulletin is placed in loving memory of Martha Carver. Lovingly remembered by Walter & Pat Carver and family.

Bulletins are also placed in loving memory of Martha Vickerson. Lovingly remembered by Walter & Pat Carver and family.

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. If you are looking for a church home, we would like to invite you to consider us your spiritual family. All are welcome in this place.



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.

Rosewood Service will be this Thursday, April 18th, at 6:30 pm. The Elders will assist Greg in leading the service.

Bookworms United - Our next meeting will be held on Friday, April 19th, at 10 am. at the church. We will be discussing *Greenwood* and *The Huntress*. We will also be distributing next month's books at the meeting. Please feel free to join us even if you haven't read the books. All are welcome.

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.

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.

FundScrip – Janet will be placing an order today. The next order date is Sunday, April 28th. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted. April's promotion is Sobeys/Lawton's 5%.

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.

Bulletin Deadline—Deadline for items to be placed in the bulletin is **Wednesday** evening. Bulletin items can be emailed to office@cquc.ca.

Y@R is a place of community and a place of faith where United Church youth, between grade 6 and 12, meet from across New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Gaspé, Quebec. It takes place during the Annual Meeting of Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council (FSLDW), May 31-June 2, 2024. To register, please follow this link: <https://ucceast.ca/82679-fsldw-youthregion>. If you have any questions, please email Catherine Stuart, Regional Minister for Children, Youth and Young Adults at cstuart@united-church.ca, or Lisa Folkins, Director, at lisa.folkins@gmail.com.

Food Bank – Please remember to support the Food Bank with non-perishable food items. You can drop them off in the wooden box at the church entrance any Sunday or during church office hours.

Puzzle/Book Exchange – Be sure to check out the wide variety of books and puzzles available in the main hall. Help yourself to a puzzle and/or book or bring some of your own to share!!

Pop Can Pull Tabs – The funds from your pull tabs go to the Shriners Hospital in Montreal where they are used to buy reading materials for children in hospital. Your pull tabs can be dropped off at the church. Thank you.

Sunday School has resumed. If you would like to help with this important ministry, please contact Greg at 902-964-2291 or by email at minister@cquc.ca. Help us to continue this ministry for our children.

National Indigenous Council Responds to the Results of Remit 1

Posted on:
April 9, 2024
by Lori-Ann Livingston

Remit 1: Establishing an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization has passed. The church's National Indigenous Council, its 16 regional councils, and 80% of pastoral charges in The United Church of Canada participated in the vote on Remit 1: Establishing an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization.

The National Indigenous Council offer words of thanks for all who have brought the church to this moment and state their commitment to moving forward together on the path of Right Relations.

Vision Statement from the National Indigenous Council on the Results of Remit 1: Establishing an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization

We, the National Indigenous Council, are a diverse group of Indigenous Peoples, rooted in distinct innate values and wisdom. We:

- Carry a common vision and dream
- Respect everyone's story
- Care for one another
- Uphold community
- Build positive relationships.

We thank our Ancestors and All Our Relations who have brought us to this moment.

We are all spirit first.

The work of Right Relations continues.

We commit to moving forward together in a good way.

Community News

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh on Sunday, April 21st, at 2 pm. Host Jacinta MacDonald welcomes special guest Kurk Bernard, drummer Billy Matthews, and the Winsloe United House Band. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

St. John's Anglican Church, Milton will be holding a Silent Auction and Cake Auction at the Milton Community Hall, this Saturday, April 20th, at 7 pm. They will also be selling tickets on a gift basket with the draw for the basket being made that night.

Roast Beef Dinner at Winsloe United Church on Saturday, May 4th, at 5 pm. sharp. Take-outs available at 4:40 pm. sharp. Tickets are \$30 each, children under six - no charge. For tickets call 902-218-7514, 902-330-1581 or 902-368-1233. Deadline for purchasing tickets is April 30th.

Trinity United Take-Out Roast Beef Dinner!! Dinner will be held on Saturday, May 11th, with pick up from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm at the Sydney Street door at Trinity United Church, 220 Richmond St., Charlottetown. Menu includes roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, turnip, carrots, peas, Yorkshire pudding and lemon cake with cream cheese icing for dessert. Tickets are \$20.00 and must be purchased in advance. Please stop by in person or call the church office 902-892-4114 or email trinitycliftonunitedchurch@gmail.com to inquire.

Maritime Christian College - Kt Norris Lectures 2024 – Convincing the World the News is Good from May 7 – 9 at Sherwood Christian Church, 9 Lilac Ave, Charlottetown. Speaker: Matt Dabbs, Church Planter, Auburn, AL. Morning Sessions: 9:30 am to 12 pm. Evening Sessions: 7:30 – 9 pm. No registration required. Free will offering. For more information, visit <https://www.mccpei.com/kt-norris-lectures>.

LORD OF MY LIFE, LORD OF MY FOREVERS

I thank you that I have this day to live.

I thank you for being a part of
all my yesterdays,

and I thank you that you hold my
tomorrows in your hand.

Life is a gift ---
and I celebrate it!

The future is yours ---
and I welcome it!

By: B. J. Hoff

He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men. Ecclesiastes 3:11

Mission and Service – ADES works closely with the community to grow food in a rural region of El Salvador.

Community members show their pride in a successful bean harvest at the Dora Alicia Sorto School Farm, a project led by the Association of Economic and Social Development Santa Marta (ADES).

The Association of Economic and Social Development Santa Marta (ADES), a Mission and Service partner, is located in an area of Central America that is very vulnerable to climate change. This hot, dry region regularly experiences drought. Mining projects have also negatively affected the environment and the people in the region. ADES and other community organizations decided to act to protect the community's right to a healthy environment.

An example of how ADES has responded is a three-year agroecology project co-funded by the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation and The United Church of Canada Foundation, along with Mission and Service. Agroecology benefits the land and water because it recycles nutrients back into the soil. It also reduces production costs, lessening the financial burden on rural farmers.

In this project, ADES works closely with the community to grow food in a rural region of El Salvador, promoting sustainable agriculture that protects biodiversity, maintains the integrity of the land, and upholds rural culture.

At the centre of the project is the Dora Alicia Sorto School Farm, where rural families, mainly led by women, learn about agroecology. The school provides training, technical expertise, and seeds indigenous to the region. It focuses on preserving the surrounding environment and on upholding gender and human rights as part of its approach to food security.

Your gifts to Mission and Service help support ADES' agroecology project. Thank you for your generosity!

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