

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
January 14, 2024 – 10:30 am

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

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** Will You Come and Follow Me VU #567 vs 1

***Call to Worship**

We praise you, O God, for you are our God, and we are your people.

Wonderful are your works, O God, we know them very well!

Search us and know us, Creator, remove us from shadows into your presence.

Wonderful are your works, O God, we know them very well!

Place your hand upon us, Gracious One, as we worship you and minister in your name.

Wonderful are your works, O God, we know them very well!

***Hymn** Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart VU #378

Prayer of Approach

Holy God, we acknowledge your presence among us. Stir up the gifts you have planted among us. Hold us in your care and present a mirror before us so that we may know ourselves as you have known us. Strengthen us in your love and let your grace thrust us to renewal and righteousness. Raise us up so that we may stand in spirit and truth for your glory.

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 VU #861

***Hymn** Teach Me, God, to Wonder VU #299 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

Hymn Teach Me, God, to Wonder VU #299 vs 3 & 4

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, cultivate and nurture gratitude and trust in us.
May our gifts be used for the benefit of the kin-dom and all
creation, in your name. Amen.**

Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture

**1 Samuel 3:1-20
John 1:43-51**

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

. . . . God speak to us
Embrace us with your love.

***Hymn** I, the Lord of Sea and Sky VU #509

Extinguishing of the Christ Candle

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction** Halle, Halle, Halle VU #958

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

Ministers

All of us

Clergy

Rev Greg Davis

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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. 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, January 21st. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

FundScrip

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.

Church Calendar Fund-raiser – We have a few extra calendars available. Anyone interested in having one can pick them up in the Church office. Cost: \$10 each.

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.

Rosewood Service this Thursday, January 18th, at 6:30 pm. The Choir will be assisting Greg in leading the service.

Official Board Meeting will be held this Thursday, January 18th, at 7:15 p.m.

At this meeting, we will be discussing and voting on the proposal, Establishing an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization, that could change the structure of the United Church. For a study guide and other background information, visit the website gc44.ca and click on Remit 1.

We encourage all members of the Official Board, and anyone else who is interested, to attend this meeting.

Annual Meeting Reports – Thank you to all for submitting your reports. The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 28th, after the worship service.

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.

Thank You to everyone who donated so generously to the Mitten Tree. The children and staff at the local schools will be very gratefully for this wonderful gift.

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.

Bookworms United – The first meeting of Bookworms United will be held on Friday, January 26th, at 10 am. The book that will be discussed will be “The Light Between Oceans” by M.L. Stedman. If you wish to have a copy, please see Joan D. Bernard.

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

Puzzle/Book Exchange – To complement our puzzle exchange, we now have a library where you can share books. Be sure to check it out! Help yourself to a puzzle and/or book or bring some of your own favorites to share!! The puzzle/book exchange is now located in the main hall.

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 in the wooden box at the church entrance any Sunday or during church office hours.

Community News

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh on Sunday, January 21st, at 2 pm. Hosted by Jacinta MacDonald. Special guests: The Langille Boys. Also featuring guest drummer and vocalist Billy Matthews and Steven Perry and the Winsloe United House Band. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.