

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada

July 28, 2024 – 7 pm

Dedication of a Quilt



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

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

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*Call to Worship

Welcome, dear friends, to this sacred time of worship and reflection.

We gather to marvel at the craftperson-ship of our Creator.

In the beginning, God wove together the fabric of existence with skillful hands.

From the delicate threads of chaos, God embroidered order and beauty.

Through the tapestry of time, God stitches together stories of grace and redemption.

Let us open our hearts to the intricate designs of God's artistic touch.

For God is the seamstress of sunsets and the weaver of constellations.

The Creator's needlework is seen in the intricate patterns of every leaf, every butterfly, and every human life.

In the patchwork of creation, we glimpse the love of our Divine Quilter.

We come to worship the Artist of all that is good, whose quilt of creation wraps us in warmth and wonder. May our worship rise like threads of praise, honoring the God who stitches our world with love and grace.

***Hymn** Joyful, Joyful We Adore You VU #232

Prayer (*From "Prayers of Our Heart" by Vienna Cobb Andersen*)

Bless the creators, O God of Creation, who by their gifts make the world a more joyful and beautiful realm. Through their labours, they teach us to see more clearly the truth around us. In their inspiration, they call forth wonder and awe in our own living. In their hope and vision, they remind us that life is holy. Bless all who create in your image, O God of Creation. Pour your Spirit upon them that their hearts may sing, and their works be fulfilling. Amen.

Statement of Purpose

A Short History of Mary Ann Smith-Carew *by Marilyn Carew*

Dedication of the Quilt

Presentation of the Quilt

Presenter of the Quilt *Helene MacEwen*

In memory of Mary Ann Smith-Carew, I present this quilt to be dedicated to the glory and praise of God.

Representative of Central Queens United Church

Bernie Dykerman

With gratitude, we accept this quilt. We will care for it, and we will place it in our church hall so that all may gaze upon its beauty.

Words of Dedication

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray. Creator God, source of all inspiration and beauty, we thank you for the gift of this quilt now dedicated to the glory of your name.

May your Holy Spirit guide us in reverent and loving use of all things, remembering always your great gift to us, Jesus Christ, your Child, our Savior. Amen.

Sacred Word

Genesis 1:1-5

Anthem *Precious Memories* *Wheatley River Duo*
Helena Stead and Nancy Rackham

Meditation *The Divine Quilt Maker* *Rev. Greg Davis*

Prayers of the People

***Hymn** Faith of Our Fathers/Mothers VU #580

***Blessing**

***Choral Benediction**

**May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavour.
Lift your eyes to see God's face, know God's grace forever.
May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.**

***Sung Response** Amen

* Please stand as you are able