

# CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

July 28, 2024 – 10:30 am

Tenth 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.*

Central Queens Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada

The Community Gathers

### 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** I Can Feel You Near Me God MV #48 vs 1

### \*Call to Worship

All God's works give thanks to the Lord.

**We will lift up our voices in praise.**

The Lord is near to all who call upon God in truth.

**We will sing of God's power and speak of God's loving kindness.**

Let us worship God who is faithful in all things.

**Let us praise God's holy name forever.**

**\*Hymn** Come to My Heart VU #661

### Prayer of Approach

Great and Mighty God, we seek your presence among us. We strain to hear your voice as it so often gets drowned out by the noise of the world. We pause to consider your works, your word, and your way. Speak to us now in spirit and in truth. Open your hand and our hearts that we may join in this moment of holy encounter. Forge us as a community committed to follow the path Jesus has marked for us. Amen.

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

### Responsive Reading – Psalm 14

VU #735

Hymn                      There's a Spirit in the Air                      VU #582 vs 1 -5

### All God's Children

Hymn                      There's a Spirit in the Air                      VU #582 vs 6 & 7

### Presentation of Our Gifts

### Invitation to Generosity

\*Offertory      Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New                      MV #115

### \*Presentation of Offering

### \*Offertory Prayer

Sustaining God, receive our offerings and magnify them beyond our imagination for the benefit of your kin-dom, this ministry, and your creation. Cultivate a heart of generosity within us and enable us to witness the abundance that can be found in the fragments that remain as testimony to your power at work in us. Amen.

### Listening for the Word

### Prayer for Understanding

### Sacred Word

Ephesians 3:14-21

John 6:1-21

### Anthem

### Sermon

### Reflective Music

### Responding to God's Word

### Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

. . . In the unrest around us, call out to us.

**Come near to us and overcome our fear.**

\*Hymn      All the Way My Saviour Leads Me VU #635

### \*Changing of the Light

### \*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.**

### Postlude

\*Please stand as you are able

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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.

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### **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](mailto:minister@cquc.ca) for an appointment.

**Service of Dedication** – Join us tonight at 7 pm for the Service of Dedication for the quilt which is hanging up in the Main Foyer. This quilt was created in 1930 by the great grandmother of Helen MacEwen, Mary Ann Smith-Carew. All are welcome.

**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](mailto:veldabertram@gmail.com).

**FundScrip** – The next order date is Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. You can reach Janet Howes by email [jhowes1969@gmail.com](mailto:jhowes1969@gmail.com) or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted. The next order date is Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **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.

**Yard Sale** – Central Queens United Church will be the site of our giant indoor yard sale on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, from 8 am - noon. This church fundraiser features a large variety of items including plants, houseware, seasonal decorations, clothing, jewelry, books, children's articles, hardware, etc. Treasures at reasonable prices for everyone to discover. Come early for the best selection!

Anyone who would like to donate items may drop them off during office hours. Please place them in the first classroom.

**Central Queens Dinner Theatre** on September 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Theme is “George, Tammy and Friends”. If you would like to put your name on the list, please call Lois at 902-621-0669.

### **Team Nights**

Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> – Team 1

Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup> – Team 2

Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> – Team 3

Set Up and Take Down – Team 4

**Office Church Directory** – In an effort to keep contact information as up to date as possible, please give Trudy any changes to your contact information. If you would like to be added to our directory, please contact Trudy at [office@cquc.ca](mailto:office@cquc.ca) or you can call her during office hours at 902-964-2221. 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.

**Bulletin Deadline**—Deadline for items to be placed in the bulletin is **Wednesday evening**. Bulletin items can be emailed to [office@cquc.ca](mailto:office@cquc.ca).

**The Friar's Briar**, a national curling bonspiel for clergy (ecumenical) and church employees is being hosted in Summerside in February 2025. This is the first time the bonspiel has been played farther east than Ontario. If you would be interested in helping to organize this event, please contact Andrew Richardson ([revdoc@live.ca](mailto:revdoc@live.ca)) as soon as possible. Also, if you are clergy or a church employee and want to put a team together, let Andrew know.

**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.

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### **Community News**

**Peace Rally** – There will be an Island wide PEACE RALLY on Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm at Boulder Park in Charlottetown organized by the Island Peace Committee.

**Winsloe United Church Gospel Concert** on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm. Featuring Dino and the Harmonies with special guest Steven Perry. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 6:30 pm. The church is air-conditioned.

### **Mission and Service – An Act of Generosity**

Those who work in the United Church's Philanthropy Unit have the privilege of hearing the stories of generous supporters. Each story shared is inspiring, but this note included in a cheque sent by Rock Lake Pastoral Charge in Manitoba is especially delightful:

### **Mission and Service – An Act of Generosity** (*continued*)

“Please find enclosed our cheque for \$125.00. One of our member's great-grandchildren rolled loose coins they found around the house. There was 1 roll of loonies, 6 rolls of quarters, 6 rolls of dimes, and 5 rolls of nickels. The three children ages 12, 9, and 7 were told if they rolled the coins, they could use the money however they wanted. They decided very quickly that they wanted to give it to children/people of Ukraine. They brought the money to Rock Lake Pastoral Charge and asked to have the money sent through The United Church of Canada for Emergency Response—Ukraine. They wanted it to go through the church because their great-grandmother loved the church.

“The children could have gone and bought a toy or chocolate bar, but they thought about it and decided to give it to help the people of Ukraine. They were so proud when they came into the office. It was a big heavy bag of coins they carried for seven or eight blocks to get here. They were really pleased to present it,” says office administrator Linda Sharpe.

This story represents thoughtful, intentional giving at its finest. Every gift given is a treasure. Every gift given tells a story about generosity.

Thank you for supporting the work we do together as a United Church. May the story we tell in our giving and receiving bring us ever more near the heart of God.