

**Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
June 16, 2024 – 10:30 am**

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Happy Father's Day

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

***Call to Worship**

One: Amid life's storms, God is there.

All: What have we to fear?

One: In the darkness, God is with us.

All: Of whom shall we be afraid?

One: Rise up, people of God, for you are loved and saved.

All: Thanks be to God who cares deeply for us.

One: Let us raise our voices in praise to God

All: Let us worship God this day.

(adapted from Nancy Townley)

***Opening Hymn** Come and Find the Quiet Centre VU #374

Prayer of Approach

Mighty God, who speaks a word of peace to calm our troubled sea; Caring God, who nudges us away from fear and toward faith; Ever-Present God, who fills us with awe but also raises many questions without easy answers; open our eyes to see you in our boat today. Strengthen our hearts for the challenges that lie ahead. Open our ears during this time to hear the word you speak. Yet we know, Merciful God, that when we find that our lives are lashed by life's windstorms, we often lash out in return. When we feel lost in the midst of life's storms, we forget that there are others who also struggle. Many times, we think that we are the only ones. Forgive us when we blame you or others for our troubles. Teach us to find you in the eye of the storm. Show us the calm center that comes from a word of peace. Help us to remember that you are with us. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Time for All Ages

Hymn My Love Colors Outside the Lines MV #138

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

***Presentation of Offering**

***Offertory** Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands VU #537

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

Accept these gifts, we humbly pray, O God. Let them give you honor and glory as we serve the needs of your people. And let the called and redeemed of God say, Amen.

The Word

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 17:32-49

Mark 4: 35-41

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God!

Anthem *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

Sermon

Responding to the Word

Prayer

Be gracious, O God, and look upon your church throughout the world, guiding its search for the unity for which Jesus prayed. Rise up, O God, **and hear our prayer.**

Be gracious, O Lord, and look upon the distress of those who are persecuted for their faith; those whose path ahead seems dim; those who are victims of oppressive relationships.

Rise up, O God, **and hear our prayer.**

Be gracious, O God, and look upon the needy, that they may know the warmth of your faithfulness, that their hope may not be snuffed out like a fitful candle flame. Rise up, O God, **and hear our prayer.**

Be gracious, O God, and look upon those whom we name today(*prayer list*) and those named in our hearts, that in the darkness of their circumstance, they may feel the gentle light of your presence. Rise up, O God, **and hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, let your glory appear among us and make us sharers of your eternity with all your people as we continue to pray

with the words that Jesus taught us...

***Closing Hymn** One More Step Along the World I Go VU #639

***Benediction**

As we move forward from this time together to face the storms of life, go with the love of God in your hearts, with the peace of Christ in your soul, and in the presence of the Holy Spirit. For you go with God, the God who will not abandon you today, tomorrow, or ever. Thanks be to God. Amen.

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit, Lord.
May our lives bring Jesus to the world.
May each thought and word bring glory to your name.
Send us out in the Spirit, Lord, we pray.**

***Choral Benediction** Go in Love

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

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.

Ministers All of us
Clergy **Rev Greg Davis**
Office Hours Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
9 am – 12 pm
Office Phone 902-964-2291
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Ministry of Music **Kirk Neville**
Website <https://cquc.ca/index.htm>
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Church Office
Office Hours Wednesday & Thursday
9 am – 12 pm
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Thank You – The congregation of Central Queens United Church would like to thank Kirk Neville for leading our worship service this morning.

Life and Work of Our Church

Greg will be away from till June 24th. For any emergencies, please contact Bernie Dykerman at 902-626-6869. Kirk Neville will be leading us in worship next Sunday, June 23rd.

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.

Bookworms United - The final meeting before summer break will be held this Friday, June 21st, at 10 am at the church. We will be discussing *A Gentleman in Moscow* and *Station Eleven*. Please feel free to join us. Refreshments will be served.

FundScrip – The next order date is Sunday, June 23rd. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

Rosewood Service will be held this Thursday, June 20th, at 6:30 pm. The UCW will be leading the service.

Official Board Meeting will be held this Thursday, June 20th, at 7:15 pm at the church. All are welcome.

Financial Assistance for Camp Abby – The UCW is providing some financial assistance for children going to Camp Abby this summer. If you are considering sending your child to Camp Abby, please give your name to Velda Bertram at 902-964-2210 or Kim Rodd at 902-626-5252 by this Tuesday, June 18th.

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.

Camp Abby needs your assistance to help keep their weekly costs down. If you can donate, please leave your items on the cart in the main foyer. An itemized list of Camp Abby’s “Most Wanted Wish List” is posted by the cart.

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.

Graduates – We are in the process of gathering names of individuals who will be graduating this year. If you know of anyone graduating from high school, university or college, please submit their name to the church office (office@cquc.ca or 902-964-2221) or Greg (minister@cquc.ca or 902-964-2291) so that we can recognize their accomplishments.

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 or you can call her during office hours at 902-964-2221. Thank you.

Save the Dates – Central Queens’ Yard Sale on Saturday, August 10th, from 8 – 11:30 am. Items may be dropped off during office hours and stored in the first classroom.

Central Queens Dinner Theatre on September 12th, 13th & 14th 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.

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.

Community News

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh on this afternoon, June 16th, at 2 pm. Hosts The Four Hearts and a Jack welcome special guests The Langille Boys. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.