

**Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
June 23, 2024 – 10:30 am**

Fifth 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.

Gathering for Worship

Welcome

Acknowledgement of Territories

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.

Celebrations & Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

Bible Presentation *(Placed during the Introit)*

***Introit** Dance with the Spirit MV #156

***Greeting**

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

And also with you.

***Call to Worship**

God has called us to stand in faith.

May we find the strength to stand in the face of doubt, denial, and despair.

Christ has called us to stand against sin and evil that moves and breathes in the world.

May we find the courage to stand in spite of our fear and in the face of darkness.

The Holy Spirit has called us to stand together as God's children.

May we find the wisdom to stand united, knowing that together we find hope and truth on the way.

God of strength beyond power, of courage in the face of fear, of hope & love everlasting, we humbly enter into your presence today seeking your counsel and protection. The world is often a fear-filled place, with problems that seem so much bigger than we think that we can handle.

Remind us that with you, anything is possible, that united with our Kindred, nothing is insurmountable. By your Holy Spirit, remind us of these truths. We offer this prayer in the strong name of your son and our constant companion, Jesus Christ. AMEN

***Hymn**

Come to My Heart

VU #661

Prayer of Confession

Patient One, you call us to go to places we would rather not go, to stand against fear, sin, and darkness. We admit that sometimes we pretend not to hear you. We admit that sometimes we go our own way when the way that you call us to walk looks difficult. And we admit that sometimes we flee when you would have us stand, because we feel we don't have it in us to be who you know we can be. Forgive us, and remind us that you are with us, especially when we feel weak and afraid, that the light of Christ shines in us to show us the way. Hear us this day as we pray in his name, as we seek to live in his Way. AMEN

Assurance of God's Love

The Good News proclaimed in the Gospels and Letters alike is that no matter how far we run, no matter how lost we are, no matter how much we try to hide ourselves, God's forgiveness finds us, God's Grace welcomes us home, God's love follows us wherever we go. Thanks be to God for such love, grace, and forgiveness.

AMEN

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Offering

*Presentation of Offering

***Offering Song** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow VU# 541

*Offering Prayer

What you give us, O God, is beyond measure. In you we find our strength, our hope, our very breath, and so we long to give back of ourselves. Today we offer out of our abundance our time, talent, and treasure. Today we offer our hands and our feet. Bless all that we bring as we strive to be beacons of your love in the world. We ask this and all things in the strong name of Christ our brother.

AMEN

The Word

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Responsive Psalm 107 Parts 1 & 3 VU #831-832

Mark 4: 26-34

Anthem

God Be in My Head

Sermon

A Small Seed of Faith

Responding to the Word

Prayers of the People & Thanksgiving

***Closing Hymn** Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet VU #245

*Commissioning

We came to sit and hear the Good News.

Renewed by the Word, we rise.

We walk from this place empowered by the breath of the Spirit.

We go boldly to the dark places with light, to desperate situations with hope.

We will stand facing fear, facing doubt, facing the unknown.

We do so surrounded by God's love and grace.

*Benediction

Now go with the love of God in your hearts, the Peace of Christ in your hand, and the power of the Holy Spirit at your backs to share the good news you've heard this day.

AMEN

*Choral Benediction

Great Amen

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.

Today's Bulletins are placed in loving memory of Ivan, Helena, and Kathryn Bowman. Lovingly remembered by Doug & June MacEachern.

Ministers All of us
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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 until tomorrow, June 24th. For any emergencies, please contact Bernie Dykerman at 902-626-6869.

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.

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.

The **Spring Roast Beef Supper** profited \$7,767.78. Thank you to each and every one of you for all your hard work.

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 will resume in September with their first meeting on Friday, September 20th, at 10 am. Further information about this meeting will follow at a later date.

FundScrip – Janet will be placing an order today. The next order date is Sunday, July 7th. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

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.

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.

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.

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 Sunday, June 30th, at 2 pm. Hosts Dino Dunsford and the Winsloe United House Band welcome special guest Leon Gallant. Admission is \$15 at the door, doors open at 1:30 pm.

A Heart Full of Thanksgiving

Everyone needs someone to be thank for,
And each day of life we are aware of this more,
For the joy of enjoying and the fullness of living
Are found only in hearts
That are filled with thanksgiving.

By: Helen Steiner Rice