

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

Sixth 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.

The Community Gathers

Prelude

Gathering Solo by Soloist Sadie Ghiz, Soprano
"Morning Has Broken" by Yusef Islam

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** Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary MV #18

***Call to Worship** (*adapted from Psalm 130*)

Out of the depths we cry to you, O Holy One. God, hear our

voices! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of our supplications!

If you, O God, should mark iniquities, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

We wait for the Divine One; our soul waits, and in the Word, we hope; our soul waits for the Holy One more than those who watch for the morning.

O creation, hope in the Creator! For with the Holy One there is steadfast love, and with God there is great power to redeem. It is the Creator who will redeem creation from all its imperfections.

***Hymn** Draw the Circle Wide MV #145

Prayer of Approach

Dear precious God, be upon us this day in our worship and praise. Strengthen our faith in the inclusive and loving teachings of Christ and may the Holy Spirit be our guide as we pray and discern our gathering as your church to be the disciples of God's realm in the world today. We pray this in the name of Jesus the Christ.

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 130
VU #853

***Hymn** Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands VU #570 vs 1

All God's Children

Hymn Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands VU #570 vs 2

Presentation of Our Gifts

Offertory Invitation

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

***Presentation of Offering**

***Offering Prayer**

O Holy One, with gratefulness we offer and dedicate these gifts for the continuation of our work in Christ’s Name. Amen.

Listening for God’s Word

Sacred Word

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
Mark 5:21-43

Solo by Soloist Sadie Ghiz, Soprano

“Amazing Grace” – Traditional Folk Hymn & Pachelbel Canon arrangement by J. Shafferman

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to God’s Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

*Hymn Let All Things Now Living VU #242

***Changing of the Light**

***Blessing**

*Choral Benediction Go, Make a Diff’rence MV #209

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

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All of us

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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.

Today’s Bulletins are placed in loving memory of George Roy Foster. Lovingly remembered by Nathan, Debbie and Harry.

Sympathies are extended to Murray MacPherson and families on the death of his wife, Janice MacPherson.

Sympathies are also extended to Helen Godfrey and families on the death of her husband, Ronnie Godfrey.

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.

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.

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

FundScrip –. 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.

Camp Abby needs your assistance to help keep their weekly costs down. An updated itemized list of Camp Abby’s “Most Wanted Wish List” is included in this bulletin. Starred (**) items are most needed. If you can donate, please leave your items on the cart in the main foyer.

Urgent Help Request – Camp Abby’s summer program has begun and they are in need of a full-time or part-time kitchen helper, a lifeguard, and a cleaner to assist them between camps and rentals. The cleaner position would be 6-8 hrs during the weekend. If you know of anyone who would be interested or needs more information, please contact Sharon Howatt at vshowatt@edu.pe.ca or 902-432-9193 or Elizabeth Wall at 902-210-1710.

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.

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.

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

Mission & Service - Life-Changing Arts Programs for Children

For hundreds of children living in Córdoba, Colombia, arts programs supported through your Mission and Service gifts teach children about their rights, give them an opportunity to express themselves, and promote peace-making as well as gender justice.

“Providing workshops for children that teach them about their rights empowers them to think critically about themselves and their country. Through media, art, music, and theatre, they learn about important social issues, human rights, and gender equality,” says the Latin American Center for Popular Communication (CEPALC).

Children are the most vulnerable group in Colombia. Eighty-four percent of violent acts in Colombia are committed against children. Two and a half million children living there work to sustain their families. Many are forced into dangerous labour. That’s why CEPALC designs programs in sectors hardest hit by poverty and violence.

“I told my mom that we had seen some works of Mahatma Gandhi, Nelson Mandela, and Flora Tristan. I remember that they taught us that we must defend the rights of us women. What I like, in general, is that they taught us that we must make peace,” says Amelie, an eight-year-old girl who lives in Bogotá and workshop participant. “Thanks to CEPALC workshops, I’ll be a writer, and I will write things so that children will promote and defend peace, following Jesus’ examples. I will defend and promote our rights in my stories so that nobody can disrespect us or the rights that we have. When I am an adult, I won’t be doing violence against anybody.”

