

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

MARCH 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Lent



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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 (*Placed during the Introit*)

*Introit

Don't Be Afraid

MV #90

*Call to Worship

And it begins.

Life is a cycle –

every moment a beginning, every moment an ending.

Life is a cycle –

ever changing, never static.

Life is a cycle –

“Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain.”

Call to Worship (Continued)

Life is a cycle –

but in all the change, from birth to death and beyond, the one constant is this:

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God!

*Hymn Love Divine, All Loves Excelling VU #333

Prayer of Approach

Write your love on our hearts,
O God of all creation.

Silence is kept

Place your call into the depths of our souls,
for we are your people, always, for you are our God, always.

Silence is kept

Let your Spirit move us, change us, drop us into the earth,
and then help us grow....

Silence is kept....

Amen and amen.

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 51:1-12 VU #776-777

*Hymn Deep in Our Hearts MV #154 vs 1, 2 & 3

All God's Children

Hymn Deep in Our Hearts MV #154 vs 4

Call to Transformation and New Life

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

God of love, we confess that our ego can all too often get in the way of our ability to serve you and others. Our false self is driven by our lack of trust in you to provide for us and be formed anew by your love. Forgive us our false ways and transform us and raise us to new life. Amen.

Words of Grace

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

*Presentation of Offering We Give Our Thanks MV #187

*Offertory Prayer

O God, you have written your promises on our hearts. May we, in return, continue to give our whole selves to your work in our world. Bless what we offer this day – gifts of our lives and of our labour. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture

**Jeremiah 31:31-34
John 12:20-33**

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

*Hymn I Am the Dream MV #106

*Extinguishing of the Christ Candle

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction** Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights
VU #108 vs 1

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

Easter Services

Maundy Thursday – March 28th at 7 pm (Communion)
Good Friday – March 29th at 10:30 am
Sunrise Service – March 31st at 6:30 am
Easter Service with Communion – March 31st at 10:30 am

Ministers

All of us

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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 for an appointment.

Broadview – It's time to renew your subscription to Broadview. Please contact Velda at 902-964-2210 to renew your subscription or for a new subscription. Subscription cost is \$30/year.

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.

Rosewood Service next Thursday, March 21st, at 6:30 pm. The UC Men will be assisting Greg with the service.

Official Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 21st, at 7:15 pm. All are welcome.

Sunday Worship Cancellations – In the event of inclement weather, an announcement will be made by radio on Ocean 100 by 9 am. It will also be posted on our website and Facebook page if our church service is cancelled.

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.

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. All are welcome.

Bulletin Deadline—Deadline for items to be placed in the bulletin is **Wednesday** evening. Bulletin items can be emailed to office@cquc.ca.

FundScrip – Janet will be placing an order today. The next order date is March 31st. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted. The March promotions are Home Hardware 4.5% and Swiss Chalet/Montana's 7%.

Sunday School has resumed. If you would like to help with this important ministry, please contact Greg at 902-964-2291 or by email at minister@cquc.ca. Help us to continue this ministry for our children.

Weekly Bulletins can be sponsored by you in celebration or remembrance of a loved one. There is a sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Cost is \$20.00.

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.

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.

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!!

Camp Abby Annual Meeting - will be held on Monday, March 25th, at North Bedeque United Church. The meeting will begin at 6 pm. Each charge is asked to send at least one rep to the meeting to gather information. For more information, please contact Sharon Howatt at vshowatt@pei.sympatico.ca.

Community News

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh today, March 17th, at 2 pm. Host Jacinta MacDonald welcomes special guests Tip-Er-Back and Colleen MacPhee. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

Chili Cook-Off – Are you ready for Unter River's first delicious, action-packed chili cook-off? Grab an apron and prepare for battle or grab a napkin and prepare for overwhelming deliciousness. This brand-new event and community supper will happen on Saturday, March 23rd, from 5 – 7 pm. Cooks can enter their chilis by signing up online via the link on the Municipal website & Facebook page or by calling the office during regular office hours. Sign up must be completed by this Wednesday, March 20th. Cook-off entrants will need to bring at least 8 cups of chili, hot and ready to serve, equipment to keep it hot and a serving spoon. A chili dinner will also be prepared for all who would rather eat than cook. Vegetarian and gluten-free options will be available. Admission by donation to the Hunter River Community Fridge or bring along a non-perishable food donation. Prizes for the cook-off will be awarded at 6:30 pm. For more information, contact the Municipal Office. (Storm Date: March 24th).

Central Queens Funeral Co-Op Annual Meeting – The Central Queens Funeral Co-op Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 6th, at the funeral home, 2538 Glasgow Road. Open House from 1- 2 pm. Meeting to begin at 2 pm. Everyone welcome. Storm date will be Saturday, April 13th, at 2 pm.

Spinal Cord Injury PEI is excited to have staff trying to reach Seniors with mobility disability, not just a Spinal Cord Injury. If you know someone with a physical mobility disability and are 55 years or older, please have them reach out to the organization at 902-370-9523 or email Glen at scipeiceo@gmail.com.

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