

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
March 3, 2024 – 10:30 am

Third Sunday in Lent

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 quiet time)*

*Introit Let Us Build a House MV #1 vs 1

*Call to Worship

Into the house of God we are called to enter,
to worship and receive the gift of grace.

As we step towards this sacred space,
we acknowledge all that can distract or exploit.

God calls upon us to cleanse our houses of all that does not find its source in God's love.

Together we give ourselves in worship and right relations with our neighbor. Let us worship God.

*Hymn Creating God, Your Fingers Trace VU #265

Prayer of Approach

O God of temples and tables turned over, we enter this sacred space of worship seeking your transformation and healing. Make us ready for the kind of turned upside down world you are seeking to build among us. We have come to this place of worship to be changed, so turn over our tables and make us whole. In the name of Jesus our savior.

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 19 VU #740-741

*Hymn O, A Song Must Rise MV #142 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

Hymn O, A Song Must Rise MV #142 vs 3

Call to Transformation and New Life

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Holy God, there are times when we choose to bring our folly and the many reckless ways of exploiting folk into your house. Often time, without our even knowing it. And so, when our houses of worship need change or when we have wandered

Prayer for Transformation and New Life (continued)

from your ways, help us to turn towards you. Not because of what we can gain from you, but because your love is a gift unearned and unwavering. Grant us your grace, in the name of Christ. 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, whose richness is not found at the tables of those willing to exchange goods for the sake of acquiring earthly riches, but rather is found at the table of extravagant love for neighbor, our love for all persons. Use these gifts for the building of your beloved community here on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture

Exodus 20:1-17
John 2:13-22

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

***Hymn** Jesus Christ is Waiting VU #117

***Extinguishing of the Christ Candle**

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction** Throughout These Lenten Days and Night
VU #108 v. 1

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

Bulletins: Today's bulletin is placed in loving memory of Leith Andrews by Kevin and Susan Andrews and Family.

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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. All are welcome.

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.

Election of Elders – Today is the last day to cast your ballot for four new elders. Election box and ballots are in the foyer.

Scents-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.

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.

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.

FundScrip – Janet will be placing an order today. The next order date is March 17th. 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%

FündScrip

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.

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.

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 – Remember your pull tabs!! George Mason is collecting pop can pull tabs which are then given to the Daughters of the Nile women's organization. The funds go to the Shriners Hospital in Montreal where they are used to buy reading materials for children in the hospital. Your pull tab collections can be dropped off at the church. Thank you.

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.

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 on Sunday, March 3rd, at 2 pm. Hosts Jacinta MacDonald and the Winsloe United House Band welcome special guests Ricky and Sandra Jones. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.