

Gathering for Worship

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

May 12, 2024 – 10:30 am

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Mothering Sunday



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.

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** Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying VU #400 x 2

***Call to Worship**

Young mothers

Old mothers

Grandmothers

All mothers are made in the image of God

Childless women

Menopausal women

Lesbian women

All women are made in the image of God

***Call to Worship** (continued)

Fathers
Gay men
Childless men

All men are made in the image of God

Divorced people
Married people
Single people

All people are made in the image of God

Isn't the God shown to us by Jesus amazing! Here is God who is always beyond our imagination! A God whose love knows no boundaries.

***Hymn** Memories Bright and Beautiful *written by George Mason*

Prayer of Approach

Holy One, today we pray for all who share in your creative power, your nurturing energy, your fierce protection, your unconditional love.

Whatever titles they carry, whatever genders they are, we offer this prayer for all who bear your Mothering Spirit:

Protect the protectors; comfort the comforters. Nourish those who provide nourishment for others. Grant your holy energy to those birthing new life in this world. Provide sacred rest for the weary, divine wisdom for the bewildered, grace upon grace for the broken-hearted.

For all who gasp and pant with you in life-giving labor, grant your blessing, grant your peace.

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 139

VU #861

***Hymn** Four Hugs a Day *Video* All God's Children Sing #95

All God's Children

Children may retire to Sunday School

The Pictures of You in Our Minds *written by John Harvey*

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

***Offertory** Grant Us, God, the Grace VU #540

***Presentation of Offering**

*** Offertory Prayer**

May these gifts be our testimony of our faithfulness to you, abiding God, even as we offer to you all that we are and all that we have for your glory, honour and praise. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture

Isaiah 49:14-16

Romans 8:35-39

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn** O a Song Must Rise MV #142

***Changing of the Light**

***Blessing**

Postlude

** Please stand as you are able*

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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.

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.

Annual Spring Roast Beef Take-Out Supper – Central Queens United Church is holding their annual Spring take-out hot roast beef supper on Saturday, June 8th. A tasty supper with all the trimmings including scrumptious homemade desserts! Ticket prices: Adult: \$20; Children (6-12 yrs): \$7; Children under 6 yrs: free. There will be three (3) take-out times: 3:30 pm, 4:30 pm and 5:30 pm. Tickets **must be ordered in advance** by calling Debbie at 902-964-2882 or Lois at 902-621-0669.

*****Please Note:** This dinner is take-out only. Please remain in your vehicle. Tickets will be collected, and the meals will be delivered to your car.

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.

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.

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.

Camp Abby – Please see the insert for Camp Abby’s most wanted wish list for this summer’s camping season. A copy has also been posted on the bulletin board by the office.

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.

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.

FundScrip – Janet will be placing an order today. The next order date is Sunday, May 26th. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted. The promotions for May are Boston Pizza-8%; Winners/Homesense-8%; Hello Fresh and Chef's Plate-10%.

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.

Bookworms United will be meeting this Friday, May 17th, at 10 am. at the church. We are discussing *American Dirt* and *The Nine Lives of Charlotte Taylor*. All are welcome to join us (even if you haven't read the books). Refreshments will be served.

Rosewood Service will be this Thursday, May 16th, at 6:30 pm. The Choir will be assisting Greg in leading the service.

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.

Bulletin Deadline – A reminder that the deadline for items to be placed in the bulletin is **Wednesday evening**. Bulletin items can be emailed to office@cquc.ca.

Y@R will be taking place this year from May 31st-June 2nd. To register, please follow this link: <https://ucceast.ca/82679-fsldw-youthregion>. for more info, please email Catherine Stuart, Regional Minister for Children, Youth and Young Adults at cstuart@united-church.ca, or Lisa Folkins, Director, at lisa.folkins@gmail.com.

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

Hunter-Clyde Run for the River – 5 km Walk/Run on Saturday, May 18th, at the Kent G. Ellis Park, Hunter River. Race starts at 10:30 am. Cost: \$20/person. BBQ, live music and lawn games to follow. Register in person or at <https://forms.gle/rNDinTTXo737xwSh9>.

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh on Sunday, May 19th, at 2 pm. Host Dino Dunsford welcomes special guests Louise and Jonathan Arsenault, and the Winsloe United House Band. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

Park Royal United Church Kitchen Party-Style Concert – Get your tickets for a high energy kitchen party-style concert by Dahlia Ave Band at Park Royal United Church on Saturday, May 25th, at 7 pm. This four-piece band of dynamic ladies rock out on fiddles, piano, step dancing and vocals featuring Old Time, Celtic and Acadian melodies. Tickets available at the church office (902-894-9656), at the door or through e-transfer (officeparkroyal@eastlink.ca) for \$15 each. Fudge sale in lobby.

You're invited to come to the **Brackley Beach Pancake Breakfast** on Saturday, May 25th, 7:30-9:30 am. Enjoy a relaxing and hearty breakfast of pancakes, sausage and bacon and spend time with family and friends. Adults \$10; Children \$5. 2025 Community Calendars can be ordered and please have a look at our display of handcrafted items. Proceeds are for the upkeep of the Brackley Beach Community Centre, 3330 Brackley Point Rd. For info, please call 902-218-6984.