

**Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
September 1, 2024 – 10:30 am**

Fifteenth 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.

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

Gathering Together

Lighting of the Christ Candle

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.

Bible Presentation (*Placed during the Introit*)

***Introit** Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven VU #240 vs 2 & 3

***Call to Worship**

Put your confidence in God.

Those who have God as their helper will rejoice.

God gives justice to the oppressed and food to the hungry.
God frees the prisoners and opens the eyes of the blind.

So, put your trust in God's goodness.

Let God's reign endure forever! Let us worship God.

***Hymn**

Precious Lord, Take My Hand VU #670

Opening Prayer

Eternal God, first and last, our beginning and our end, beside you there is nothing or no one greater. You gave breath to all living things. By your Spirit, you are among us still, breathing new life, turning anger into reconciliation, division into unity, grief into consolation. Through your grace, you open up new directions and new possibilities for the world you love. So, we offer you our lives and our labours in worship and in service,

joining in creation's song of praise and adoration:

Holy, holy, holy are you, O God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always.

Amen.

***Hymn**

Draw the Circle Wide

MV #145 vs 1 & 2

Listening for God's Word

Responsive Reading – Psalm 15

VU #736

Sacred Scripture

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Special Music

Sermon

Presentation of Our Gifts

Offertory Invitation

***Offertory** Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow VU #541

***Presentation of Offering**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayer for Ourselves & Others and The Lord's Prayer

Sending Forth

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

***Blessing**

***Choral Benediction** Will You Come and Follow Me
VU #567 vs 1 & 5

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.

Thank You – The congregation of Central Queens United Church would like to thank Kirk Neville for leading our worship service this morning.

Today's Bulletins are placed in loving memory of Ann Andrews. Lovingly remembered by Kevin, Susan, Ashley, Connor, Keiran and Crosby Andrews.

Life and Work of Our Church

Vacation – Greg and Ellen will be away until September 3rd. For emergencies, please contact Bernie Dykerman at 902-626-6869.

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 and order today. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted. The next order date is Sunday, September 15th.

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.

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.

Central Queens Dinner Theatre on September 12th, 13th & 14th at 7 pm. Theme is “George, Tammy and Friends”. For tickets (\$35), please call Lois at 902-621-0669. Tickets are going fast!!

Team Nights

Thursday, September 12th – Team 1

Friday, September 13th – Team 2

Saturday, September 14th – Team 3

Set Up and Take Down – Team 4

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.

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 – 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

A Request for Assistance for a Refugee Family – A government-sponsored refugee family of 6 from Syria has recently arrived in Charlottetown. They are related to a family that the Interfaith Refugee Sponsorship Group, of which a number of our churches were members, brought to Charlottetown in 2017. The family needs some items of furniture including couches, a kitchen table and chairs, small coffee tables, a TV and a microwave oven. If you can offer any of these items, please contact Mary Cowper-Smith at 902-367-2248 or at mcowper-smith@rogers.com. Many thanks!

Mission and Service – It Starts with Education

Moments of growth are at our heart.

Through your generous support of Mission and Service, our partners are nurturing seeds of wisdom and faith in communities across the globe. By supporting educational initiatives, individuals are empowered to explore their spirituality, deepen their knowledge, and build a better future for themselves and their communities.

Imagine a classroom of kindergarteners in a refugee camp where children eagerly gather to learn about the world and their place in it. Picture a young adult discovering the profound teachings of their faith for the first time, safely supported by their peers. Consider a group of parents and guardians gathered in a workshop, sharing their hopes and dreams for their communities, guided by mentors who inspire them to lead with compassion and justice. Imagine people learning and restoring lost languages to preserve precious history and culture.

These moments of growth are at our heart, and they are made possible by your compassion and generosity. As we look to the future, the impact of educational initiatives through Mission and Service partners becomes even clearer. Every lesson learned, every skill acquired, and every relationship built contributes to a larger tapestry of hope and resilience.

Whether it's a child in a rural classroom or an adult in a leadership program, the education provided through Mission and Service partners is a beacon, guiding individuals toward a path of faith, understanding, and service. Together, we are sowing the seeds of a more compassionate world. Thank you.